

PREMISES ID

Protecting Animals,
Providing Privacy,
Promoting Confidence

After premises are identified, animal identification will be integrated into the system, making the ultimate goal of animal tracking possible. The sooner animal health officials can identify infected and exposed animals and premises, the sooner they can contain the disease and stop its spread.

USDA and APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) are aware of producers' concerns about confidentiality of information. Only public health officials are slated to have access to the information, and the agencies are working to assure appropriate protection of the information in the NAIS system from public disclosure.

Protecting American animal agriculture from domestic or foreign disease threats is in everyone's interest—from the producer to the consumer. Premises ID will help uphold the reputation of the U.S as having healthy animals and will promote continued confidence in American agricultural products and animals.



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Make the Future Better—Now!



For ALL the right reasons...

Why NAIS?

Livestock production is vitally important to the U.S. and Colorado's economy. Today's global market and the number of animal disease outbreaks reported around the globe the past decade, dictate a definite need for quick and accurate traceability back to the point of introduction.

| National Animal Identification | | |
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| Contact Name | _____ | |
| Business Name | _____ | |
| Mailing Address | _____ | |
| Business Organized As (Choose ONE only): | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporated Company | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company | <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State or Federal Government Entity | | |
| Business Type (Select all that apply): | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> Market/Collection Point | <input type="checkbox"/> Production Unit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition | <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Producer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Port of Entry | <input type="checkbox"/> Rendering | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarantine Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slaughter Plant | <input type="checkbox"/> Tagging Site | |
| Phone () _____ | Cell Phone () _____ | |
| Fax () _____ | Alternate Phone () _____ | |
| E-Mail Address _____ | | |
| Physical Address (if different from Mailing Address) | | |
| City _____ | CO _____ | Zip _____ |
| County _____ | Driving Directions _____ | |
| GPS Coordinates: Latitude _____ Longitude _____ | | |
| Type of Livestock on Premises: | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture (Fish & Shellfish) | <input type="checkbox"/> Beef Cattle | <input type="checkbox"/> Bison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Cattle | <input type="checkbox"/> Camelid (Llama & Alpaca) | <input type="checkbox"/> Caprine |
| OFFICE USE ONLY ***** | | |
| Account # _____ | User Name _____ | |
| PIN _____ Password _____ | | |

The National Animal Identification System (NAIS) provides the means to do just that. A unique seven-character alphanumeric number is assigned each animal premises. That is the first component needed to identify animals that have had contact with a foreign or domestic disease concern within 48 hours. This will limit the scope of outbreaks and ensure they are contained as quickly as possible.

This, in turn, will minimize the effect on livestock markets and ongoing agricultural commerce. Your participation in this currently voluntary system will help USDA and Colorado maintain the health of all of Colorado's livestock.

Key Components

NAIS is being established through a phased-in approach by implementing three key components:

- ⇒ Premises Identification
- ⇒ Animal Identification
- ⇒ Animal Tracking

What Is a Premises?

Premises are any location/site where livestock and poultry are **born, handled, housed, managed, marketed, processed, or exhibited.**

Who Needs a Number?

All livestock and poultry locations in the production chain need a premises ID number. If you have any questions, call the Colorado Animal ID toll free number: **1-877-842-0102**, and we'll be happy to assist you.

Required Information for Premises Registration

- Name of Entity
- Owner or Contact Person
- Address (Mailing & Physical)
- Telephone numbers (Owner & Contact)
- Operation Type
- Type of Livestock on Premises

Is It Mandatory?

Right now premises identification is voluntary; however, USDA has established a timeline to require all premises to be identified by January 2009.

What Do You Do?

It takes only a few minutes of your time to fill out a Premises Registration Card and return it (postage paid) to us. It's that simple. If you prefer, you can call the toll free line and register your premises with our representative over the phone. Either way, it takes only a few minutes of your time. Colorado, like the other 49 states, is linked to a USDA system that issues the premises numbers through each state. You receive your premises identification number via email, postal service, or over the telephone.



What Happens Next?

The size and scope of NAIS demand a cooperative effort. The NAIS is a continually evolving system of industry and government partnerships with the ultimate goal of an efficient and effective system that will contain and eliminate diseases that could affect all species in the U.S.