

Animal ID and Information Systems Council Report

2018 NIAA Annual Conference

Wednesday, April 11, 2018



The Animal ID and Information Systems Council met on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. during the 2018 NIAA Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, with approximately 140 people present. Mr. Glenn Fischer and Dr. Boyd Parr served as Co-Chairs.

The Animal ID and Information Systems Council session focused on Animal Disease Traceability and the emerging opportunities in implementing such systems. The following speakers presented relevant information pertaining to ADT and the work of the Cattle Traceability Working Group (CTWG):

Jack Shere, PhD – Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services (VS), Chief Veterinary Officer, USDA, presented “Current ADT Update”

- Looking for the industry to bring direction and consensus to USDA to engage and support the implementation of a critically important ADT program.
- Framework has been developed in collaboration with key stakeholders; build a foundation over time (Phase 1), then move on to other additive initiatives.
 - Starting point has been Adult/Dairy Cattle moving into Interstate Commerce (2013)
 - Flexibility for States and Tribes to implement.
 - 2017 Analysis revealed gaps and challenges; strong desire to work with industry to close gaps without an imposition of a mandatory scheme.
- Consensus point is to move to electronic ID and systems for Cattle to enable timely, efficient and effective traceability; this will be driven by industry, and USDA will assist with studies/pilots to aid with development of further industry consensus to lead to regulations.
 - An additive USDA proposal may be to collect a piece of tissue at slaughter as ID device is read and retired as a ‘reference sample’ (cross-referenced to Live Animal ID).
- All ADT records should represent/correlate to the birth premises.
- Imported Cattle and Feeder Cattle implementation will be part of future discussion.
- USDA desire to build portal system to access animal data in State and Private databases in the case of a disease event.
- Discussed current Mexico and Canada Electronic ID and Data Collection projects/studies.
 - Canada – 3 studies using LF – considered successful.
 - Mexico – 5 studies using LF and UHF – reports being compiled.
- Panel Discussion: “USDA/NIAA Cattle Traceability Working Group”
- Moderator: Dr. Nevil Speer – U.S. Operations / AgriClear, Inc.
- Jack Shere, PhD- Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services(VS), Chief Veterinary Officer, USDA
- CTWG Task Group Chairs:
 - Ms. Kathryn Britton – Senior Director, IMI Global (Information & Liability)
 - Mr. Glenn Fischer – President, Allflex USA, Inc. (Collection Technology)
 - Mr. Nephi Harvey – Chief Technology Officer, Fort Supply Technologies, LLC (Data Storage & Access)

- Mr. Joe Leathers – General Manager, 6666 Ranch (Responsibilities & Opportunities)
- Stressed that CTWG is not beholden to any organization, but more broadly to all industry. Further, no organization will be directed by the CTWG work – it is intended to be driven by the will of the industry and put forward as a proactive approach to bring some tangible progress to Animal Disease Traceability.
- A key principle is that producers will have choice – for technology, data storage/access, etc. It is their system...
- Specific Task Groups presented progress of the discussion of their respective groups.
- Biggest challenge is developing consensus around what we can do – not what we cannot.
 - The successes have been in creating Focus.
- Communication will be critical going forward: the value, the successes.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Resolutions Review:

- Three resolutions to be reviewed (as they have reached 5 year review threshold)
 - i. ID1 – Outreach/Education for ADT - Reaffirmed
 - ii. ID2 – Slaughter Surveillance and ID Collection - Amended to include use of tissue collected at slaughter cross-referenced to animal ID. Reaffirmed as Amended
 - iii. ID3 – Traceability Funding – Reaffirmed
- No further actions, amendments or new resolutions.

Animal ID and Information Systems Council Session adjourned at 11:05:

