

**Animal ID and Information Systems Council
Report**

2019 NIAA Annual Conference

Wednesday, April 10, 2019



The Animal ID and Information Systems Council met on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. during the 2019 NIAA Annual Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, with approximately 90 people present. Dr. Boyd Parr served as Co-Chair and was assisted by David McElhane since Mr. Glenn Fischer could not be present.

The Animal ID and Information Systems Council session focused on Animal Disease Traceability and the emerging opportunities as traceability moves forward toward RFID tags and eCVIs. The following speakers presented relevant information pertaining to ADT:

Mr. Gregory Ibach – Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA presented “USDA Update on ADT”

- Addressed recent issues of importance to animal ag e.g. natural disasters, new livestock section of the Farm Bill and foreign & emerging diseases before addressing ADT specifically.
- Rolled out the first copies of a new USDA Factsheet “Advancing Animal Disease Traceability: A Plan to Achieve Electronic Identification in Cattle and Bison,” that includes USDA’s timeline for moving to RFID as the only official identification for cattle that are now required to be officially identified.
- Expressed the commitment of USDA to continue to move forward the improve electronic data exchange of essential traceability data. Also indicated a goal of having full electronic traceability on cattle imported from Mexico within a year.
- Suggested a role for NIAA to assist with improving producer level buy in for the importance of traceability. USDA will test modules that allow producers to role play difference scenarios of slow moving and fast-moving disease with and without effective identification during the Thursday workshop on ADT.

Jack Shere, PhD – Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services (VS), Chief Veterinary Officer, USDA presented “Current ADT Update (TPM Results, Usage of CVIs, Gaps and More)”

- Presented the timeline for moving to RFID tags in more detail.
- Showed the improvement over the past four years in trace performance measures in all states.
- Continued emphasis on electronic Certificates of Veterinary Inspection
- Described the AHER (Animal Health Event Repository) system as well USDA efforts to facilitate interfaces allowing seamless transfer of the minimal information required directly from programs like USAHerds.
- Announced that an updated ADT General Standards Document is in the final steps of approval. A draft of the updated document has already been provided to industry.
- Announced that final details are being worked out to provide limited numbers of RFID tags at a discount through states for animals that are expected to move across state lines that require individual official ID during the transition to RFID tags.

Tony Frazier, DVM – State Veterinarian, Alabama Department of Agriculture presented “Transition to EIDs: Cost Share and Other Issues”

- Reported on the work of the National Assembly EID Working Group that has been working weekly with USDA on these specific issues:
 - Transition to EID technology
 - Cost Share Program

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Resolutions Review:

- All 5 resolutions reviewed with no action on any of them
 - i. ID4 – Livestock Movement Web Portal, adopted in 2014, was allowed to sunset with no official action
- No further actions, amendments or new resolutions.

Animal ID and Information Systems Council Session adjourned at 11:15

