

# ATTENTION LIVESTOCK OWNERS and FRESH FOOD CONSUMERS

## **DO YOU PURCHASE LOCALLY GROWN EGGS, MEAT OR MILK OR DO YOU GROW YOUR OWN?**

Do you know that the USDA plans to make every owner of even one horse, cow, pig, goat, sheep, chicken, turkey, pigeon, llama, alpaca register in a government database and subject their property and animals to Federal and State surveillance? It's called the **National Animal Identification System (NAIS)** and under the present USDA plan, it will be mandatory by *January 1, 2008*. There is also a state level equivalent in every state. Most states are implementing their plans now on a voluntary basis but all will have to abide by the mandatory requirements.

**EVERY OWNER MUST OBTAIN a 7-digit USDA ID number** keyed to Global Positioning System satellite surveillance coordinates, with all the property and owner's information stored in a USDA database. There is no guarantee to the confidentiality. Do you accept this invasion of your privacy?

**EVERY ANIMAL MUST BE TAGGED** with an approved tag (they suggest a Radio Frequency tag or chip), readable at a distance, with a 15-digit USDA ID number. All costs associated with labeling animals are the responsibility of the owner. Big Agri-Corps get to use one ID for 10,000 or more animals. Small farmers and homesteaders will be forced to track every single animal. Is that fair?

**OWNERS MUST REPORT**, within 24 hours, every sale or purchase of an animal, every death or slaughter, every missing animal, every placement or loss of an ID tag, and every time an animal leaves or returns to the owner's property. That includes taking your animal to the vet, going on a trail ride with your horse, going to a 4-H show, when your goat gets out of its fence, when one of your chickens gets killed by a fox or hawk, etc. Can you imagine filing hundreds of 'event' reports per year?

**PENALTIES for non-compliance of up to \$1,000 per day.** You might not register, but if you go to the vet with your animal (or have them come to your farm), and it doesn't have the proper identification, the vet will have to report you by law. This is a violation of the 1st, 4th, 5th and 14th Amendments of our Constitution. These penalties are in addition to the annual fees that every Premise ID will require.

The paperwork involved with NAIS will drive small farmers out of business, destroy the Buy Local movement and prevent us from raising our own food without government interference.

There are **NO EXEPTIONS!** Under NAIS you will be required to register, tag and report your animals even if you just have a single chicken for eggs.



Get the facts at <http://NoNAIS.org> and educate yourself by reading the USDA's "Draft Program Standards" and "Draft Strategic Plan" at <http://www.animalid.aphis.usda.gov> on the web. You will see that this plan was developed by the livestock "Industry" and RFID tag equipment companies. **Call and write your representatives and ask them to protect you by not making this program mandatory. Make your opposition known!**