

# Getting Started

*The National Animal Identification System offers a number of opportunities for accredited veterinarians to participate—as an animal health advocate, as a trusted source for up-to-date information and advice, and as a pioneer in the use of modern technologies that enhance the United States’ ability to respond to animal diseases.*

This Toolkit is comprised of two sections:

## Information for You

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- **Introduction to NAIS:**  
Find out why NAIS is necessary and how it benefits participants.
- **How NAIS Works:**  
Learn about the three components of NAIS—premises registration, animal identification, and animal tracing—and the role you can play in each.

## Tools You Can Use

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- **Scenarios:** Use the time you spend with your clients to explain why NAIS participation is critical to disease preparedness.
- **NAIS Materials:** Deliver basic NAIS information to your clients using simple background materials.

This Toolkit will prepare you to:

- **Discuss NAIS with livestock producers and animal owners** on farm visits, in your clinic, or at meetings. You can take advantage of the time you spend with your clients to explain why their participation is critical to disease preparedness.
- **Incorporate NAIS into your daily practice.** Learn how to assist clients in obtaining a premises identification number or serve as a manager/reseller of NAIS-approved animal identification devices/tags.
- **Identify opportunities to use NAIS** to improve the United States’ ability to respond to animal diseases and to support marketing and value-added programs.