

Summary

NAIS is a voluntary information system that has the potential to provide producers and veterinarians with timely information in an animal health situation, support State and Federal disease response efforts, and enable the livestock and poultry industries to respond quickly and minimize the health and economic effects of animal disease outbreaks.

NAIS will allow for rapid tracing of animals in response to an animal health event involving a foreign animal, zoonotic, or domestic disease. NAIS will also help limit the scope and expense of the outbreak by minimizing the impact on domestic and foreign markets, as well as public health. USDA's long-term goal is to establish a system that can identify all premises and animals that have had direct contact with a foreign animal disease or a domestic disease of concern within 48 hours of discovery. Accredited veterinarians participate in disease eradication and control programs, into which NAIS standards are being incorporated. As this system develops and evolves, accredited veterinarians need to understand its components, remain up-to-date as information becomes available, know how it will be utilized in animal tracing, and identify opportunities to participate during the implementation and integration of NAIS.

Acronyms

AIN	Animal Identification Number
APHIS	Animal Plant Health Inspection Service
ATD	Animal Tracking Database
ATPS	Animal Trace Processing System
BSE	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
CBEP	Cooperative Brucellosis Eradication Program
COOL	Country of Origin Labeling
CVI	Certificate of Veterinary Inspection
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid
EIA	Equine Infectious Anemia
EPDs	Expected Progeny Differences
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
GIN	Group/Lot Identification Number
ID	Identification
NAIS	National Animal Identification System
NPIR	National Premises Information Repository
NPN	Non-Producer Participant
eCVI	electronic Certificate of Veterinary Inspection
OIE	World Organization for Animal Health
PIN	Premises Identification Number
PRV	Pseudorabies
PVP	Process Verified Program
QSA	Quality Systems Assessment
RFID	Radio Frequency Identification
TB	Bovine Tuberculosis
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture