

ANIMAL ID (2001)

1. ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION EDUCATION ('01)

WHEREAS: The Animal ID Committee is in a discovery mode to obtain more information for an in-herd animal identification system that would help identify additional profit opportunities for South Dakota producers; and

WHEREAS: We find it necessary to continue educational opportunities for producers to learn more about all animal identification systems, the importance of data collection systems, and the use of such systems to improve management and marketing decisions; and

WHEREAS: Animal identification systems assist producers by providing source and process identification to ensure better management of a Beef Quality Assurance program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The South Dakota Stockgrowers Association advocates member education dealing with all non-ownership animal identification systems.

2. SEPARATION OF ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING ('03)

BE IT RESOLVED: The South Dakota Stockgrowers Association Board of Directors demands that U.S. animal ID be kept a completely separate issue from Country of Origin Labeling, as was the original intent of the law.

3. MANDATORY ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION ('04)

WHEREAS: There is not sufficient evidence to indicate that a new mandatory national identification system would track livestock any more efficiently or quickly than those identification systems already in place.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The South Dakota Stockgrowers Association opposes a mandatory national identification system for livestock.

4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ('07)

WHEREAS: The National Animal Identification System (NAIS) calls for the collection of information on people's property: land, animals and personal and business dealings; and

WHEREAS: This information is entitled to protection under the U.S. Constitution and State laws.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That any information collected under NAIS be Intellectual Private Property.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That any release of a person's intellectual property whether intentional or accidental, non-health purposes be grounds for a cause of action against the entity responsible.

5. PREMISES REGISTRATION ('07)

WHEREAS: Existing systems for identification of premises and cattle, including brands, are effective for disease control; and

WHEREAS: Changes to optimize existing systems can be accomplished by state authorities without implementation of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS); and

WHEREAS: The implementation of NAIS, whether by the federal or state governments, raises concerns about the impact on private property, privacy and the ability to conduct business.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The South Dakota Stockgrowers Association opposes any government action that funds or mandates premises registration and individual or industry participation in NAIS or SDNAIS.

6. Animal Disease Traceability ('11)

WHEREAS: The USDA/APHIS proposed rule for Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) does not recognize the hot iron brand or tattooing as official animal identification.

WHEREAS: The USDA/APHIS proposed rule for Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) includes identifying livestock of all ages, not just the breeding herd.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The South Dakota Stockgrowers Association opposes the USDA/APHIS proposed mandatory Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) rule.

7. Animal Disease Traceability as NAIS ('11)

WHEREAS: The South Dakota Stockgrowers Association views the USDA/APHIS Animal Disease Traceability rule to be just as onerous as the National Animal Identification System (NAIS).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: All policy referring to National Animal Identification (NAIS) will apply to the Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) rule.

8. Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (14')

WHEREAS: The Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef has proposed the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) to promote a system of full-chain traceability.

WHEREAS: The SAI is using the same business model that was used to vertically integrate the poultry and swine industries.

WHEREAS: The South Dakota Stockgrowers Association believes that SAI will lead to a fully vertically integrated livestock industry.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The South Dakota Stockgrowers Association opposes the SAI as defined by the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef.