

Farmer's Field Guide

To The "National Animal Identification System" (NAIS)
First Edition

12 Questions To Ask Public Officials

- No. 1 What is the legal nature of the contract that I enter into when I sign up for a U.S. Premises Identification Number?
- No. 2 If I want to, can I rescind that contract at any time?
- No. 3 Does the U.S. Premises Identification Number "cloud" the title to my property?
- No. 4 When I get a U.S. Premises Identification Number, does my farm become subject to the regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture?
- No. 5 What is the legal nature of the contract that I enter into when I buy a tag or RFID-chip with the U.S. Animal Identification Number on it?
- No. 6 Does the U.S. Animal Identification Number attached to my animal restrict my ownership of that animal?
- No. 7 When I attach a tag or RFID-chip with the U.S. Animal Identification Number to my animal, does my animal become subject to the regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture?
- No. 8 Do U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations preempt all State and local laws and regulations that are in conflict with the USDA's regulation?
- No. 9 Who owns the information that I am being asked to give to the National Animal Identification System about my farm and animals?
- No. 10 Is the Department of Homeland Security in charge of enforcing the Animal Health Protection Act of 2002?
- No. 11 Is the National Animal Identification System authorized for general, public use by the Office of Management & Budget (OMB)?
- No. 12 What gives the U.S. Department of Agriculture enforcement authority in this State?