

Listening Sessions to Inform Public of Animal Identification System

The USDA will hold listening sessions in seven states to address concerns and discuss solutions regarding the National Animal Identification System.

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The USDA is seeking to inform stakeholders, like small farmers and producers, about the National Animal Identification System and to hear concerns and possible solutions to those concerns.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that the USDA will hold a series of listening sessions on the National Animal Identification System (NAIS).

The sessions will include information about the current program as well as testimonies and a question-and-answer time for the public. The information and ideas will help Secretary Vilsack in making future decisions regarding animal identification.

The meetings will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time with registration one hour prior to each meeting.

Eight states will hold the meetings: Thursday, May 14: Harrisburg, Pa. Monday, May 18: Pasco, Wash. Wednesday, May 20: Austin, Texas Thursday, May 21: Birmingham, Ala. Friday, May 22: Louisville, Ky. Wednesday, May 27: Storrs, Conn. Monday, June 1: Greeley, Colo.

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