

Federal I.D. Numbers for Chickens?

S.S. # for your horse?

What if you lost the freedom to own a horse?

What if you could be fined, have your horse taken from you, or even go to jail for not registering your farm and your pony? What if to own a chicken, goat, pig, sheep, horse or cow meant that you had to:

- register your farm with the government,
- acquire a national I.D. number for each animal,
- pay to do these things,
- or else, be in violation of federal government law?
- Oh, yeah, if you take your horse somewhere for a trail ride, you'll have to report it to the government.

But they're not forcing anything, right? Isn't this is a purely voluntary system?

For now. By January 2008, though, if you've got an animal or farm, it better be registered or **you'll be breaking the law if you own even one unregistered chicken.** Why?

Their excuse is "disease prevention." The NAIS aims to track every animal to "maintain the health of the national herd". What "national herd?" What diseases?

- There has been no Foot and Mouth Disease in the US for 70 years.
- BSE (Mad Cow Disease) has never been diagnosed in humans in the United States. BSE will be eradicated in this country within the next 15 years, without the NAIS.
- Scrapie cannot be transmitted to humans.

The truth is that the National Animal Identification System isn't about preventing or controlling disease, it's about big corporate farms getting the government to protect them. From what? Lawsuits. If those farms can track the animals in their systems, they'll be able to protect themselves from lawsuits.

The NAIS will not protect you and it will cost you money. Besides,

How many hundreds of years have we and our fathers and mothers had the God-given right to raise animals? Do you want your children to have that right, too?

Call your state rep. and **demand the State of _____ draft legislation to protect you by not making this program mandatory.**

WHO'S YOUR SENATOR OR STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE?

_____ County's Senator is _____ at _____

_____ House Rep. is _____ at _____

For more info go to www.stopanimalid.org