



# Bird Industry Identification Working Group

Update and Recommendations

# Goals of the Poultry ID Working Group

- Come to consensus regarding Bird Identification Standards for Poultry
- Produce Poultry Identification Subchapter of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS)
- Implement bird identification to fulfill NAIS

# Poultry ID Working Group

## Accomplishments to date

- Two Chairs for the Working Group
  - Commercial (Alice Johnson & Michael Rybolt)
  - Noncommercial (Gary Fuchs and Murray McMurray)
- Formed Two Subcommittees
  - Group/lot Identification Subcommittee
  - Noncommercial Bird Subcommittee

# Commercial Birds

- Table-Egg Layers
- Turkeys
- Broilers
- Primary breeders
- Game fowl
- Ducks
- Geese
- Ratites



# Non-Commercial Birds

- American Poultry Association
- Society for the Preservation of Poultry Antiquities
- American Bantam Association

# Poultry ID Working Group Issues

- Many subgroups classified as non-commercial poultry
- Different basic needs of each subgroup
- Individual identification of small poultry flocks versus flock identification for disease control and trace back.
- The cost of individual identification in small flocks compared with the small value of an individual poultry unit.
- The need for complete participation of poultry owners for the program to have value.

# Poultry ID Working Group Issues (cont.)

## Live Bird Marketing System

- Multiple species
- Multiple ages
- Trace backs
- Tracking



# Animal Identification

- Individual animal identification is needed for tracking animals that are destined to be commingled with animals outside of their production system



# Poultry ID Working Group Tentative Recommendation (cont.)

- Group/Lot Identification
  - Mainly for Commercial Poultry
- Premises ID number
- Date the group was created
  - Example:



A23T567 103002

**National Premises ID  
Number**

**Date the group/lot was  
established**

# Poultry Identification Devices

- A variety of methods are used
- Must be permanent and contain the needed information to implement the plan.
- Methods include
  - Seamless leg bands
  - Wing bands
  - Tamper-proof crimp-on leg bands.
  - T-tags
  - Glued tags

# Considerations

- Breeding poultry
  - that remain in one production system
  - that is removed from the breeding farm
    - those that are marketed as a group
    - those that are sold live into a live market
- Poultry produced for meat
  - Sold directly to slaughter
  - Sold to live bird markets

# Considerations (cont'd)

- Day old poultry
  - Documentation
  - Separation of groups and sources
  - Records to be kept
- Private farms with no commingling
- Commingling external to premises
  - Exhibitions, shows, auctions, etc
  - Leverage current practice of ID, certification, and testing

# Considerations (cont'd)

- Game fowl
  - Marketing within a production system
  - Fowl released into the wild

# Chain of responsibility

- Seller will ensure all identification requirements are met on the poultry presented for sale.
- Persons or organizations presenting poultry for exhibition or similar situation must present to the management of the exhibition poultry that have been identified in accordance with the NAIS standards for poultry.
- It will be the responsibility of the show, fair, auction etc. to report to the national database.
- **The incorporation of all necessary NAIS components will be added as we determine the items necessary for proper individual identification of poultry**

# Reporting System

- Use as many existing recording and reporting options as possible.
- Continue to monitor the progress of reporting methods required
- Evaluate methods used by other species to participate in the development of a uniform system

# Financial Support

- Significant costs will be incurred by poultry producers for the implementation of this program
- Financial support to producers as well as some supporting infrastructure will be necessary