

Progressive 15
Resolution APN-04-14
Animal Identification

Whereas, the beef, pork and lamb industry's reputation depends on consumer confidence in food safety; and

Whereas, the development of a trace-back system is crucial for disease control, production evaluation and meeting market preferences, and a mandatory national identification program is key to trace-back; and

Whereas, numerous foreign countries competing for global market share have either developed or are in the developing phase of national animal identification programs; and

Whereas, several important trading partners are demanding a national trace-back system; and

Whereas, a national animal identification program would provide the ability for the market to more efficiently implement either a voluntary or mandatory country-of origin labeling program,

Therefore, be it resolved that Progressive 15,

Supports an effective permanent mandatory animal identification program that is developed by the industry that can be implemented in the most cost efficient manner that does not inhibit or prevent commerce.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2004

Melanie Worley, Chair
Progressive 15 Board of Directors

Recommended by the Agriculture/Public Lands/Natural Resources Committee