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World Farmers address

FIPA IFAP Animal Identification and Traceability

FARMERS are the primary users and beneficiaries of the systems

Animal health, farm management, efficient disease surveillance (prevention and control), prompt emergency response, and support for the implementation of disease eradication programmes.

Improved herd management at farm level: production and productivity recording, quality control, efficient breeding and genetic improvement, feed and drug medical supply regulation, ownership rights protection.

Prevention of safe food withdrawal: faulty products from the market, prevention of animal contamination and correction of problems of the economic business-consumers' confidence by providing information on the origin of the meat and animal products.

Contribution to sustaining international market access, providing a basis for certification for animal and animal product exports and eliminating possible unjustified or illegitimate trade barriers.

Facilitation of development and implementation of programs, measures and policies including payments of premiums and monitoring of compensation. The databases often associated with these systems generate reliable statistics on the livestock sector.

Farmers require simple and workable animal identification and traceability systems

Animal identification and traceability systems are often associated with technical difficulties, significant cost implications - especially for smallholder farmers, increased demands for documentation, other administrative burdens and increased liability.

Farm animal identification and traceability systems must be simple, non prescriptive, workable and adapted to the size and nature of the farm business.

The approach used for farm animal traceability and identification should be defined following the results of an assessment of the risks to be addressed and also based on a cost/benefit analysis. This analysis should be specific to the different species, examine the differences between small and large-scale producers and encompass marketing firms, processing facilities, consumers and government.

Any animal identification and traceability system adopted should be uniform within a specific country for each animal to facilitate international trade and should be suitable to ensure transparency and reliability.

Governments' role and responsibilities

IFAP believes that it is the governments' responsibility to provide a clear regulatory framework, enforcement, coordination, and technical and - at least in the starting phase - financial support.

Governments must ensure that animal traceability and identification - whether legally set or voluntary initiatives - work effectively and reflect national realities.

Governments should also ensure that the required investments are affordable and do not disadvantage producers with complex systems.

It is important that the related costs are spread throughout the whole food chain, businesses (from carrying out of the costs, but are not the only ones benefiting from the system, farmers should have the flexibility to develop localised systems.

Governments should provide a clear framework for data ownership, accessibility and confidentiality.

Capacity building, research and development

A weak institutional environment and lack of clear policies on these systems are obstacles faced by farmers in many countries, especially farmers in developing countries and economies in transition.

IFAP calls for increased capacity building efforts for improving technical and institutional capacity in developing countries to cope with traceability requirements. IFAP also calls for increased awareness raising initiatives and research and development of effective and accessible systems for farmers.

Broad dialogue and partnerships farmers have to be involved in consultations

For transparent and legitimate rules and for effective development and implementation of strategies, broad dialogue and partnership between all involved stakeholders are essential. This includes livestock producers, processors, retail and distribution chains, trading partners, consumers, researchers, veterinarians and governments.

IFAP calls for increased participation of farmers' organisations in the national and international consultation processes and decisions on the means and ways to attain standards and systems.

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- Animal identification and traceability systems: tools for farmers
- Farmers need simple, workable and not prescriptive systems
- IFAP supports **OIE** and **Codex** for internationally harmonized minimum standards
- Broad dialogue and partnership needed: **farmers** have to be involved in consultations
- Increased awareness-raising, capacity building, research and development



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Policy Brief
World farmers call for animal identification and traceability systems adapted to their needs



As many cases, efforts have been conducted to reach a consensus of animal origin throughout the entire food chain, and have resulted in ongoing to increased systems of identification and traceability of farm animals. In addition to these developed and existing systems that include individual ear tags, passports, tattoos and central databases, the approaches for animal identification and traceability often involve tagging the animals in certain situations. These systems are required to address individuality of the animals across all sectors, systems for animal identification and traceability do not vary.

Animal identification and traceability systems management tools for farmers.

However, across the world, questions that remain of farm animal identification and traceability systems are: how can they be better adapted and improved? The key questions are:

- Animal identification and traceability systems help farmers to improve herd management in the farm sector. The systems facilitate the recording and tracking production and production, health, genetic, reproductive information, feeding and genetic management information, and other information.
- These systems support farmers in increasing their economic value, with environmental, providing value adding and farm.
- Animal identification and traceability systems are also important tools in risk management for animal health. They help to identify disease outbreaks and prevent their spread, and to monitor and control the spread of diseases.
- The systems help to improve the quality of the products and services provided to consumers.
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Los agricultores en el mundo reclaman sistemas de identificación y trazabilidad de los animales adaptados a sus necesidades



Los productores de origen animal a lo largo de todo el mundo reclaman y se han unido para reclamar un sistema de identificación y trazabilidad de los animales adaptados a sus necesidades. Los agricultores en el mundo reclaman sistemas de identificación y trazabilidad de los animales adaptados a sus necesidades. Los agricultores en el mundo reclaman sistemas de identificación y trazabilidad de los animales adaptados a sus necesidades.

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Les agriculteurs du monde réclament des systèmes d'identification et de traçabilité des animaux adaptés à leurs besoins



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