



POSITION PAPERS

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ANIMAL ID

Swift & Company supports the use of a national animal identification (ID) process to help ensure the safety of the food supply, both for human and animal health. The key to the success of such a process is the adoption of an 'open architecture' approach to traceability that enables the livestock industry to utilize any of a number of workable and compatible systems that help accomplish the same goals.

Swift & Company announced its adoption of Swift Trace™, which gives Swift the ability to trace boxed product back through the entire production process, from the supplier to finished boxes.

A nationally standardized animal ID program is the most efficient and important tool to enable the U.S. livestock industry to respond effectively in the event of an emergency. In the event of an emergency, a process for animal ID would dramatically improve the response time associated with product trace-back and trace-forward to identify the root cause and define corrective actions. Accurate and timely answers to questions will help maintain customer confidence and consumer demand for products.

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