

## NAIS Scratched with Pressure from Independent Cattlemen

Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack, under pressure from independent cattlemen, has rescinded the National Animal Identification System. Due to the outcry against government intervention from Kansas cattlemen and a large number of producers from across the country, Secretary Vilsack has stated that a new approach to animal ID is necessary rather than the flawed system that was pushed for so long.

Several points that will be reviewed are:

- \*animals in interstate movement
- \*a program will be administered by the states and tribal nations
- \*USDA will encourage the use of lower cost technology
- \*transparency through federal regulations and the rule making process

Promoting state sovereignty and the rights of independent cattlemen, Kansas Cattlemen's Association is happy with USDA's intent to work with a program that is U.S. producer friendly. KCA will diligently be involved in our state's program and will monitor the proceedings on upcoming legislation affecting animal ID, and with the help of R-CALF USA, will provide producers with a voice in Topeka and Washington DC.