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Livestock Premises Registration Assistance Available at Kansas FSA County Offices

MANHATTAN, KS (July 12, 2006) -- The Kansas Farm Service Agency (FSA), in partnership with the Kansas Animal Health Department (KAHD), is making premises identification registration easy and convenient for livestock producers across the state. Trained FSA staff is available at Kansas USDA Service Centers to assist livestock producers with on-line premise registration.

“This partnership with KAHD is an opportunity for FSA offices in 103 counties to assist our farm and ranch customers across Kansas,” says Bill R. Fuller, State Executive Director of the Kansas FSA. “We are very pleased to have received approval of our proposal to create this partnership between state and federal agencies.

Premise registration is the first step through the Kansas Animal Identification System (KanID) to implement the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) in Kansas. The NAIS will help protect animal agriculture by providing livestock owners and animal health officials the infrastructure to reduce the financial and social impacts of potential animal disease outbreaks. The initiative is a State/Federal/Industry cooperative program intended to identify animal premises, individual animals, and ultimately to track movements of animals in commerce.

Livestock producers in Kansas who would like FSA assistance in obtaining a premise ID should visit their local FSA office. Animals included in the KanID are bison, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, horses, poultry, deer, elk and other cervids, llamas, alpacas, and aquaculture. Information necessary to register is name, address, primary and secondary contacts, telephone numbers and in some cases, the legal description of the premise where the livestock is physically located.

While Kansas FSA staff is ready to assist producers with on-line premise registration, specific program questions should be forwarded to Bryan Rickard, NAIS Program Manager, Kansas Department of Animal Health, at 785-296-2326; or obtain information on-line at <http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/index.shtml>.

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