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Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 54-702 to 54-702.01

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54-702. Voluntary national uniform system of animal identification; department; powers

The Department of Agriculture may, within the framework and consistent with standards of the National Animal Identification System, cooperate and coordinate with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture and other local, state, and national agencies and organizations, public or private, to define premises where livestock are located, to develop a voluntary premises registration system for Nebraska, and to implement other state components of a voluntary national uniform system of animal identification. If the department implements such a system, the department shall also develop and facilitate a process of withdrawal of registration that would remove premises identifiers from its data base. Written confirmation shall be sent upon withdrawal of registration from the department's data base. The department shall cooperate with the United States Department of Agriculture in the process to withdraw registrations.

54-702.01. Uniform system of animal identification; information; restrictions on disclosure; violations; penalty

(1) Any information that a person provides to the Department of Agriculture for purposes of premises registration or otherwise for voluntary participation in or compliance with a uniform system of animal identification shall not be subject to public inspection pursuant to sections 84-712 to 84-712.09. The department and its employees or agents shall not disclose such information to any other person or agency except when such disclosure:

- (a) Is authorized by the person who provides the information; or
- (b) Is necessary for purposes of disease surveillance or to carry out epidemiological investigations related to incidences of animal disease.

(2) The department may disclose information as authorized by this section subject to any confidentiality requirements that the department determines are appropriate under the circumstances.

(3) Any person who violates this section shall be subject to prosecution and penalty for official misconduct pursuant to section 28-924.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the department from discussing, reporting, or otherwise disclosing the progress or results of disease surveillance activities or epidemiological investigations related to incidences of animal disease.