

Meetings to focus on animal disease traceability

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The United States Department of Agriculture's proposed Animal Disease Traceability System rule for improving the traceability of livestock moving interstate, is the main topic of several meetings to be held statewide.

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture will host one of the meetings at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Agriculture Vet Tech Theater.

The Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, the Nebraska Cattlemen, along with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) will be hosting the meetings.

Topics to be covered at these meetings include: what livestock may be affected, guidelines for identification, health certificates, use of brands, and discussion of traceability activities in Nebraska and what effect the proposed rule may have on the Nebraska livestock industry.

Livestock producers, veterinarians and livestock market owners are encouraged to attend.

Similar meetings may be scheduled across the state throughout the next year. For more information on the NDA's Locate in 48 Animal Disease Traceability program, call 800-572-2437.