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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Animal identification (ID) refers to marking individual or groups of farm animals so that they can be tracked from birth to slaughter. Animal ID is one segment of meat traceability, generally the tracking of identifiable products through the entire marketing chain to the ultimate consumer. Animal ID and meat traceability have been suggested as potentially useful tools in animal health, food safety, quality assurance, or country-of-origin labeling programs. No nationwide comprehensive U.S. animal ID system is yet in place, although many producers do keep records on each of their animals for herd management purposes and/or as part of animal disease programs. Interest in a comprehensive system has intensified in the wake of such developments as discoveries of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE or mad cow disease ) in several North American cows, debate over mandatory country-of-origin labeling (COOL) for meats and other products, and ongoing concerns about bioterrorism. A government-industry group worked for several years on a national animal ID system, with animal health its primary purpose. In 2004, USDA took the lead in this effort, shortly after the...



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