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Animal disease traceability is essential for protecting animal health, safeguarding the livestock industry and responding to disease outbreaks in a timely and effective manner. The ability to quickly identify and trace livestock movement is vital in decreasing the spread of infectious diseases and maintaining domestic and international market confidence in US animal agriculture.

Furthermore, ongoing coordination between APHIS, states, tribes, and industry partners is critical to maintaining a functional and successful tracking system. Extending approval of this information collection will ensure disease preparation coherence and support continued efforts to document disease-free regions, which are critical for safeguarding and increasing the marketability of US livestock.

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