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Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999: PowerPoint Presentation

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MANDATORY LIVESTOCK REPORTING

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BACKGROUND

- Decline in Negotiated Sales
- Increase in Marketing Arrangements
- GIPSA and GAO Studies

LIVESTOCK MANDATORY REPORTING ACT - DEVELOPMENT

- Signed into Law on October 22, 1999
- Five States Passed Price Reporting Laws
- Producer Groups and Major Packers Worked Together to Develop Language
- Strong Congressional Support Especially from Livestock Producing States

OVERVIEW OF THE ACT

- Amends the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946
- Changes AMS Voluntary Reporting For:
  - Slaughter Cattle
  - Slaughter Hogs
  - Boxed Beef
  - Lamb

OTHER PROVISIONS AND RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

- Retail Price Reporting - ERS
- Export Meat Reporting - FAS
- Export Certificates for Meat Products - FSIS
- Meat Import Data - FSIS
- Barrow and Gilt Slaughter - FSIS

OTHER PROVISIONS AND RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

- Live Animal Imports - APHIS
- Monthly Hog and Pig Inventory - NASS
- Swine Packer Marketing Contracts - GIPSA
- Trim Loss Study and Report - Unassigned

General Requirements of the Act

- Slaughter Cattle Purchases
  - Packers slaughtering 125,000 head/year
  - Approximately 50 of 800 Plants
  - Excludes Approximately 94%
  - Negotiated Trades
  - Formula Marketing Arrangements
  - Forward Contracts

General Requirements of the Act

- Boxed Beef Sales
  - 125,000 head/year
  - Current Voluntary Becomes Mandatory - Cannot Selectively Report Sales

General Requirements of the Act

- Slaughter Hogs
  - 100,000 head/year
  - Approximately 50 of 750 Plants
  - Excludes Approximately 93%
  - Negotiated Trades
  - Swine or Pork Market Formula Purchases
  - Other Market Formula Purchases
  - Other Purchases

General Requirements of the Act

- Lamb Reporting
  - Secretary has Full Discretion to Develop Regulations

General Requirements of the Act

- Preemption of State Laws
- Only Preempts Requirements for Reporting Volume and Price
- Effective with Implementation of Federal Law

IIMPLEMENTATION

- Act has a Specific Timeline
- Proposed Rule in Final Clearance
- Hiring Staff - in Progress
- Purchasing Hardware - in Progress
- Developing Software - in Progress
- Targeting Implementation for Mid to Late Summer

FUNDING

- Received $4.7 Million for FY 2000
- Requested $5.5 Million for FY 2001

Summary

- Aggressive Schedule
- Wide Producer Support
- USDA will Strive to Implement Program that will:
  - Provide Producers with Complete Market Information
  - Assure a Transparent Market Place
  - Minimize Burden on Packers