



# The Goat Source

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## **What is the U. S. Animal Identification Plan?**

The U.S. Animal Identification Plan (USAIP) defines the standards and framework for implementing and maintaining a phased-in national animal identification system for the United States.

## **Who will be responsible for ID application in livestock?**

During the phase in period, animals will need to be identified as they leave whatever premises they are on regardless of where they were born. After the first few years of the program, identifying animals will be the responsibility of the “premises of birth” producers. For producers who lack equipment for individual identification, tagging stations will be available

## **What species are included in the program?**

Currently, the species include beef, dairy, swine, and sheep. It is anticipated that equine, aquaculture, poultry, goats, camelids, cervids and any other species deemed necessary to protect animal agriculture will be included in the future.

For more information go to <http://usaip.info/>

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## Feeding and Nutrition Quiz

The major source of energy in ruminant animals results from the digestion of:

- a) protein
- b) cellulose
- c) carbohydrates
- d) fats

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Hint: Out here in Colorado, water is at a premium. When you break ice out of the animals water buckets, take the ice and put it by one of your trees. They will appreciate the extra moisture.

**Answer:** c) carbohydrates form the largest part of the ruminant's diet. They are used for warming the body, energy and work. Included in this category are crude fiber (cellulose) and Nitrogen Free Extract (NFE or sugars and starches).

That's all for now! See you next month!

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