

Got Dairy Calves?



New Rules for Tagging and Identifying Dairy Animals

On March 11, 2013, the Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) Rule went into effect. This federal rule applies to animals moving *interstate* and increases the ability to trace animal movement in the event of a disease outbreak. The quicker a disease can be traced, the sooner business can return to normal.

Heifers and cows with an orange Bangs' tag or silver metal tag are already officially ID'd. However, the new rule requires that **dairy males** (bull calves or steers) are required to be officially identified, too. If they are *BORN* after March 11, 2013, males must be officially identified.

Tagging at birth or before you sell is the quick and easy way to ensure your male calves are more marketable and eligible to move interstate.

The Details:

Dairy Animals required to be individually identified:

- All Female dairy cattle, regardless of age
- All male dairy calves born after March 11, 2013
- Sexually intact dairy animals over 18 months of age

In addition, beef cattle and bison are also covered:

- All sexually intact cattle and bison over 18 months of age
- Cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo, shows, exhibition, and recreational events

The tags: (see back for ordering details)

- **840 Tags** (either visual "dangle" tags or RFID)
- **Silver Metal Tags**

Tag your Dairy Calves before you Sell

WHICH TAGS WORK?

840 Tags ** Visual Dangle, RFID, or Combo

A visual 'dangle' tag, 'button' Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) or a combination RFID/dangle, this tag has a unique 15-digit number that begins with 840 and has the official U.S. Shield. 840 tags can only be applied to cattle born in the US.

Where to Buy: Approved tag suppliers

**A note on 982 and 985 tags. Currently, tags that begin with 982/985 are official ID, however they will not be considered official ID in the future. Producers are encouraged to use their current supply and order 840 tags in the future.



Silver/'Brite' or NUES Metal Tags

Historically used by accredited veterinarians for disease testing and programs. Producers can now order the National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tags and apply themselves.

Where to Buy: Rocky Mountain Regional Animal Health Lab (RMRAHL) at 303-477-0049



Orange Brucellosis or 'Bangs' Tags—heifers only

This orange tag (RFID or metal) must be applied by accredited veterinarians when they vaccinate heifers for brucellosis, also called Bangs.

Where to Buy: RMRAHL 303-477-0049



Will your Ranch Tag work? No, you need an 840 tag or an orange or silver metal tag.

WHERE CAN YOU GET 840 TAGS?

APPROVED TAG SUPPLIERS

Animal Health Intn'l (AHI)

970-215-6137/303-710-1611

Colorado Animal Health—800-235-2636

Colorado Cattlemen's Assoc.—303-431-6422

Global Animal Management—800-259-3888

Mountain Vet Supply—970-484-2200

MWI Veterinary Supply—800-824-3703

Rocky Mountain Regional Animal Health Lab

303-477-0049 (Silver Brite Tags only)

MANUFACTURERS

Allflex—Sid Howard—214-850-6190

Destron Fearing—Sid Howard—214-850-6190

EZid—Elsie McCoy—970-351-7701

Temple Tags—Joe Nerud—308-641-3206

Y-Tex—Tom Feeney—303-809-3335

Z-Tags—Bill Stevenson—541-954-6272

SUPPLIERS CONT.

South Platte Vet Supply—970-522-9469

Questions? Call the State Vet's Office: 303-239-4161