

Put tags to work for you

WHY DO YOU NEED TO TAG YOUR LIVESTOCK?

- Gives you the edge when marketing your cattle
- Aids in animal health emergencies and disease investigation
- Cattle 18 months and older must have individual ID to move interstate

WHERE CAN YOU GET TAGS?

Visual and RFID tags are available from the manufacturers and/or distributors listed below.

MANUFACTURERS

Allflex 724-494-6199

Destron Fearing 724-494-6199

EZid 877-330-3943

Y-TEX 888-600-YTEX

Z-tags 800-511-4744

DISTRIBUTORS

WV Department of Agriculture
Animal Health Division
304-558-2214

Valley Vet Supply
800-419-9524

Jeffers
800-533-3377

Southern States
866-372-8272



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OFFICIAL ID OPTIONS

840 Tags *

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

* 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 stop using their current supply and order 840 tags in the future. Please contact Burke Friend with the WVDA Animal Health Division 304-269-0598.

Orange Brucellosis or 'Bangs' Tags **

This orange metal tag must be applied by accredited veterinarians when they vaccinate calves for brucellosis, also called Bangs.

** Cattle don't need a metal tag and a RFID tag, only one is required. Please contact Shelly Lantz with the WVDA Animal Health Division 304-558-2214.

Brucellosis RFID or EID Tags

This orange RFID 840 tag also must be applied by an accredited veterinarian when calves are brucellosis (or Bangs) vaccinated. Because it is an 840 tag, it can also serve as "one tag fits all" for producers. Please contact Burke Friend with the WVDA Animal Health Division 304-269-0598.

Silver or "Brite" or NUES Metal Tags

Historically used by accredited veterinarians for disease testing and programs. USDA now gives states and tribes the option and flexibility, to allow producers to apply the National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tags themselves. Producers interested in obtaining NUES eartags must contact their State or Tribe animal health official. Please contact Shelly Lantz with the WVDA Animal Health Division 304-558-2214.



Cattle & Bison

Official identification required for:

- All sexually intact cattle and bison 18 months of age or over;
- All female dairy cattle of any age and all dairy males born after March 11, 2013;
- Cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo, recreational events, shows and exhibitions

Cattle & Bison

Official identification not required for:

- Beef cattle under 18 months of age (feeder/stocker cattle)
 - Will be considered through a separate rule making.
 - No timeline currently established
- Cattle moving directly to slaughter
 - USDA backtags
- Cattle moving to Tagging Sites (approved tagging livestock markets/stockyards)

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Movement documentation:

- ICVI (health certificate) required, unless:
 - Moved **directly** to slaughter or **directly** to an approved livestock facility then directly to slaughter, **and**;
 - Accompanied with **owner shipment statement (OSS)** for the movement from the farm to slaughter or farm to approved livestock facility.
 - OSS not required for movement from an approved livestock facility to slaughter.



OWNER-SHIPPER STATEMENT

This form is limited to use for interstate movement as follows:

- Farm of origin directly to slaughter
- Farm of origin directly to an approved livestock tagging site
- Dealer's premises directly to slaughter

Address animals moved from:			
Premises _____	City _____	State _____	
Destination:			
Owner name:			
Owner mailing address:			
Address: _____	City: _____	State _____	Zip _____
Shipper name:			
Shipper address:			
Address: _____	City: _____	State _____	Zip _____
Species and number of each:			
Cattle <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Swine <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Horses <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Other _____
Signature:			
_____ OR _____		_____	
Owner		Shipper	

- Animals are being shipped directly to an approved tagging site for ID.
 or
 Official ID for each animal in the shipment as required in 9 CFR is recorded below.

Please indicate species by C –cattle, SW –swine, H – horse, O - other

*A separate listing of official animal identification numbers may be attached to this form.

Animal Disease Traceability



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