



Animal Disease Traceability

Acceptable forms of official identification: As of October 4, 2012

- USDA alphanumeric National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tags (USDA silver metal ear tags)
- USDA brucellosis calfhood vaccination tags (USDA orange RFID and alphanumeric metal ear tags)
- Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) tags, including 9-digit American ID number
- Official breed association registration tattoo (uniquely associated with an animal)
- Official breed association registration freeze or fire brand (uniquely identifying the animal)
- USDA approved 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) tags for official identification of individual animals. Four forms of official AIN tags are available:
 - * Manufacturer code prefix "900" series RFID tags only acceptable if traceable back to herd owner.
 - * USA prefix RFID tags
 - * Country code prefix "840" series RFID tags. (Producers who use the "840" series must have their premises registered.)
 - * Country code prefix "840" series non-RFID tags. (Producers who use the "840" series must have their premises registered.)
- A commercially produced cattle-style clip, flap or button tag that identifies the owner and includes a unique animal number in the herd.
- The TAHC also is considering approval for other types of identification.