



Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)

Official Eartags Criteria Changing Soon

Official Animal Identification is defined in title 9 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (9 CFR), part 86 - Traceability for Livestock Moving Interstate. The traceability requirements became effective March 11, 2013. Official Eartag criteria will be changing over a transition period.



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Official Eartags:

- Approved by USDA
- Tamper-evident
- Contain an official animal identification numbering system
- All Official Eartags applied after March 11, 2015 must also contain the Official Eartag Shield

Official animal numbering systems are changing:

- The recognition of manufacturer-coded numbers with the 900 series and “USA” prefix is being discontinued.
- After March 11, 2015 tags applied to animals with manufacture codes and the “USA” prefix will not be official.

Cattle producers:

If you are using electronic eartags with the 900 series, consider changing to tags with the 840 AIN.

Visual only 840 eartags and ones with the National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) number are also available as an alternative to the “USA” prefixed tag.



All Official Eartags options are listed at: www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability