

# WVDA/USDA Cattle Identification Requirement Summary

Effective March 11, 2013

*BEEF CATTLE*: Sexually intact beef cattle 18 months and older must have official identification when moving interstate or through a WV livestock market.

*DAIRY CATTLE*: The following cattle of all dairy breeds, including crossbreds, must have official identification when moving interstate or through a WV livestock market:

- Sexually intact dairy females of any age,
- Dairy bulls over 18 months of age and
- Dairy males (bulls and steers) born after March 11, 2013

*SLAUGHTER CATTLE* may move for immediate slaughter-directly & within 3 days - with an approved USDA back tag.

Stockyards and facilities designated as "*Approved Tagging Sites*" may receive cattle requiring identification and apply official identification tags. The tagging site may charge for this service.

*Official USDA NUES metal ear tags* are available free from the West Virginia State Veterinarian's Office to producers. WVDA requires a premises identification number (PIN) when distributing NUES tags to producers. For PIN information and ear tags call (304) 558-2214, 8 am- 4 pm ET, Mon- Fri.