

General Instructions and Important Points - Producer

Official identification tags that are distributed to you are for your animals ONLY. DO NOT share these tags with any other producer, a friend, your neighbor, etc.!

Tag Placement

- RFID tags (840 tags) are to be placed in the left ear, one per animal. Each tag should be placed in the middle third of the ear, between the upper and lower ribs of cartilage. The button (female portion) of the tag should go inside the ear, and the male portion of the tag should pierce the ear from the back. Pictured below is the paired visual and button tag set (visual tags are optional for the producer).



- Metal tags (silver, “brite” or NUES tags) may be placed in either ear, one per animal. Each tag should be clipped onto the upper edge of the ear close to the base.



Once the tags are placed –

- Federal law requires that all animals crossing state lines be accompanied by a health certificate (also known as a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, or CVI). Any licensed, accredited veterinarian can provide this paperwork for you.
- You should keep excellent herd records so that you can identify which official identification tag was placed in each animal. This is important in the event of a disease trace so that movements of each individual animal can be apparent.

Questions

- If you have any questions about official premise identification numbers, please contact Shelly Lantz at 304-558-2214.
- If you have any questions about ADT, please call Jayme Zirkle at 304-644-7361.
- If you need more tags, please call the Guthrie office at 304-558-2214 and ask to speak with Greg in the laboratory.