**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

**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 Jayme Zirkle with the WVDA Animal Health Division at 304-644-7361.

**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 Jayme Zirkle with the WVDA Animal Health Division at 304-644-7361.

**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 Ear Tagging 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.