

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.

USDA Authorized Manufacturers

Allflex—Tom Polich - 559-783-6989

Destron Fearing—Tom Polich - 559-783-6989

EZid—Elsie McCoy—970-351-7701

Temple Tags—Tyler Brown -

816-807-8902/254-982-4212

Y-TEX—Tom Feeney—303-809-3335

Z-Tags—Stephanie Mareira - 480-223-4265

Distributors

If you would like to have the Silver Metal tag delivered to you at no cost, please call the USDA-APHIS District office at 505-761-3172 or the USDA Area Identification Coordinator at 505-220-4473.

The Department does not endorse any particular manufacturer or distributor. Contact manufacturer to find the local distributor in your area.



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 US.

**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.



Orange Brucellosis or 'Bangs' Tags

This orange metal tag must be applied by accredited veterinarians when they vaccinate calves for brucellosis, also called Bangs.



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 also can serve as "one tag fits all" for producers.



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 Eartagging System (NUES) tags themselves. Producers interested in obtaining NUES eartags must contact their State or Tribe animal health official.

