

CATTLE OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION OPTIONS



Official Identification (ID)

is a device or identification mark approved by the USDA which provides a unique identification number for the individual animal. Official ID devices must be tamper evident and bear the U.S. shield.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE OFFICIAL ID.

How to obtain a National Premise ID Number (NPIN) for 840 tags?

Kentucky producers should call 502-573-0282 or email statevet@ky.gov

Animal Identification Number (AIN, 840) Tags



Tags begin with the official country code (840 for U.S.), followed by 12 digits. These tags can be Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) devices or be visual only. AIN tags are issued to accredited veterinarians by the State Veterinarian Office. **Producers can purchase from an authorized tag manufacturer or an accredited veterinarian who is qualified as a Tag Manager.** A National Premises

Identification Number (NPIN) is required to purchase '840' tags or devices.

White 840 RFID (Female Cattle Only)



White 840 RFID Tags can be ordered from the State Veterinarian office by accredited veterinarians and producers with an official premises identification number.

These Tags begin with the official country code (840 for U.S.), followed by 12 digits, special sales, upon request.

NUES 9 / Silver Tags



Accredited veterinarians and markets can order free silver metal National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) tags from State Veterinarian's offices.

These tags start with the state code (61 for KY), followed by three letters and four numbers. **USDA proposes to phase out these tags, and switch to RFID.**

Brucellosis Tags (Female Cattle Only)



Orange RFID AIN tags are only provided by the State Veterinarian Office to accredited veterinarian for application at time of brucellosis vaccination of heifers. Tags begin with the official country code (840 for U.S.), followed by 12 digits.

www.kyagr.com/statevet/animal-movement.html
for additional information

USDA Approved 840 Tag Manufacturers

- ◇ Allflex USA Inc.
800-989-8247
www.AllflexUSA.com
- ◇ National Band & Tag Company
859-261-2035
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