

# Livestock and Poultry Official Identification

## Cattle: USDA approved official eartags

### National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tags



*Brucella* vaccinates — front



*Brucella* vaccinates — back



13 Silver tags issued to veterinarians — front



13 Silver tags issued to veterinarians — back



13 Silver tags issued to dealers -front



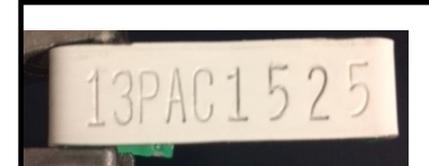
13 Silver tags issued to dealers — back



NUES tag issued in another state



13Y tags issued by Dairy One



Producer Tag

### 840 tags (for animals born in the US only)



This tag has both a 15-digit 840 RFID and a herd management number (12345) built in



Radio frequency 840 tags



Visual-only 840 tag with herd management number built in



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**Cattle: Official ONLY if applied *prior to March 11, 2015***

USA and Manufacturer coded 900 series tags



985 RFID tag

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The complete number is "958 120 025 956 764"



982 RFID tag and visual tag matched set with built-in herd management number (7131)

**Official ONLY if applied prior to March 11, 2015**

The complete number is "982 000 020 974 380"



AIN tag with truncated number. The zeroes that would have made this a 15-digit number have been omitted from the tag

**Official ONLY if applied prior to March 11, 2015**

The complete number is "USA 000 067 221 854"



FAIR tag with truncated number, distributed by the Holstein Association. The zeroes that would have made this a 15-digit number have been omitted from the tag and 9070 is a herd management number

**Official ONLY if applied prior to March 11, 2015**

The complete number is "USA 000 070 381 703"



FAIR tag with truncated number, distributed by the Holstein Association. The zeroes that would have made this a 15-digit number have been omitted from the tag and 262 is a herd management number

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The complete number is "USA 000 068 649 420"



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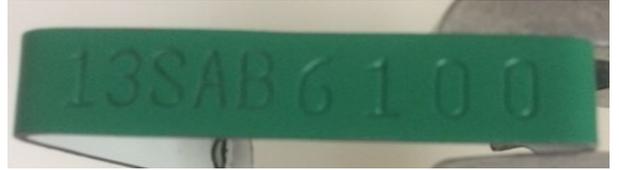
**Cattle: Official for animals born in Canada '124' tags**



ALL cattle born in Canada will have a 15 digit RFID tag that begins with the numbers '124'.

If an animal loses its 124 tag, it should NEVER be replaced with an 840 tag.

**NOT official**

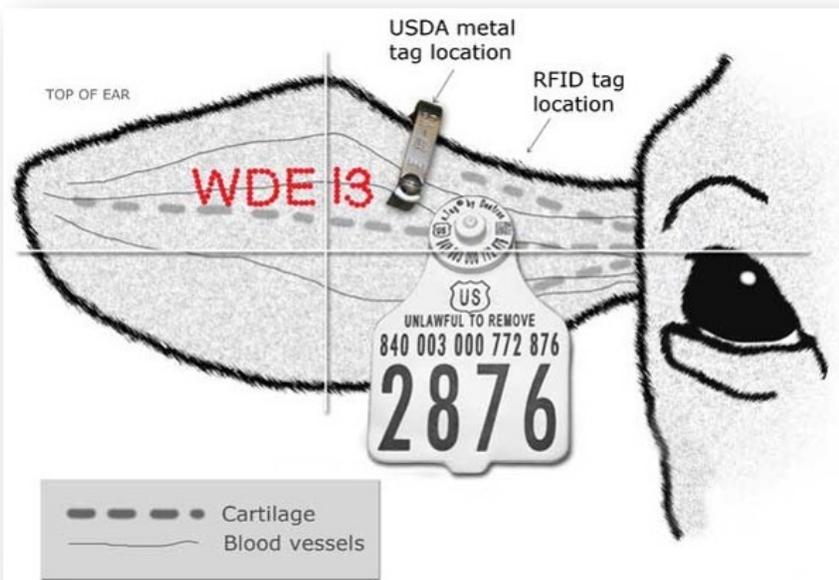


13 green tags issued to VT livestock dealers and markets.

Green slaughter tags indicate slaughter only animals.



**Herd management tags are not official. This animal needs a NUES or an 840 tag.**



Tag application diagram for tattoo, metal tag, and RFID tag.



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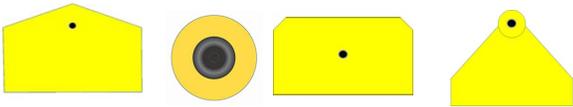
## Swine: USDA approved official eartags

840 tags

For swine born in the US only. See examples in "Cattle" section.

'124' tags for swine born in Canada

The tags will be yellow, white, or pink and in one of the following approved shapes:



Grandfathered in: Manufacturer coded 900 series tags.

**Only official if applied to swine prior to March 11, 2015.**

See examples in "cattle" section.

NUES tags



Start with 13 and are followed with two letters and four numbers. Issued to at no charge to producers, veterinarians, and livestock dealers.

**EAR NOTCHES ARE NOT OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOR VT FAIRS AND SHOWS. An official ear tag must be applied and recorded on the CVI.**

**Ear notches and tattoos *may be* official for interstate movement IF the notches and/or tattoos are also recorded in breed registry papers that accompany the animal. Always check with the state of destination regarding their requirements.**



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## Sheep and Goats: Official Identification

Per Vermont state regulations, any sheep or goat that is presented at a fair/show/exhibition or that is transferred to a new owner must be officially identified.

White plastic or metal - applied to sheep/goats that meet the requirements to move for any purpose.



White metal Scrapie tag, begins with state postal code followed by two letters and four numbers.

XX represents the state postal code

Electronic ID if the flock is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program



### Blue Slaughter Only / MEAT Tags



Only blue tags may be applied to animals whose flock of origin is unknown



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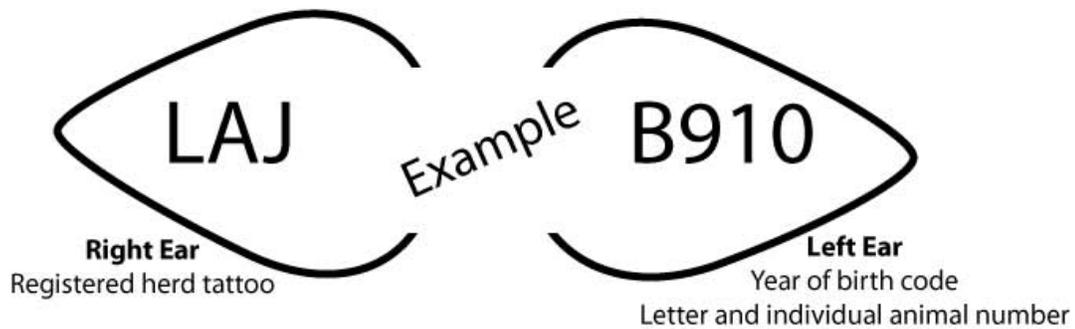


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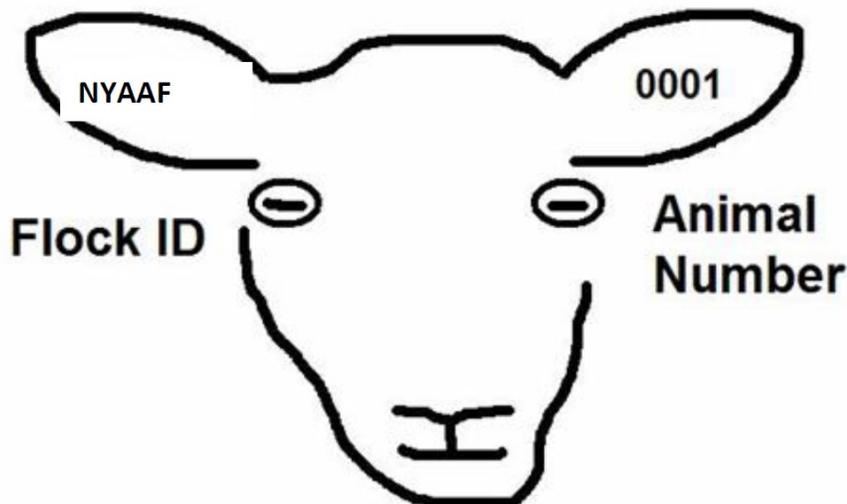
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### Official Tattoos

Legible official registry tattoos that have been recorded in a sheep or goat industry association's book of record may be used when the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate .



Legible USDA assigned flock ID tattooed in one ear and up to four numbers or letters (each animal unique) in the other ear, or tail web if a LaMancha type goat.



Producers may also purchase '840' tags without flock identification numbers. See "cattle" for examples.



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## Horses:

A complete written description on the CVI which matches the EIA test record is sufficient.

- Tattoos and microchips, if any, should be included.
- Horse sketches (on the EIA test record) and descriptions should reference color pattern, hair whorls, chestnuts, scars, and other markings as necessary to uniquely identify the horse. **“Bay, no markings” is not an acceptable description for a CVI or an EIA test record.**

An electronic CVI is ideal because it can incorporate digital photographs as well as EIA test results and vaccination history. More information is available at Global-VetLink: <https://www.globalvetlink.com/>

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## Poultry:

Identification devices or methods approved for use in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), such as sealed and numbered leg bands or wing bands.

Leg bands



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