



ADT/Official ID

Update to our bovine "Official Identification" tag programs:

ADT is now in full effect with the transition date of March 11th past us. As we move forward there are questions that continually come up, so we've put together some information to help as we go through this process. Our goal is to work within the framework of the rule, understanding that slightly different translations will exist.

840 tags are now more popular than ever, with the ADT rule in effect. These tags can be electronic identification (EID) or visual. 840 is the international code for the United States and these are considered "official" under the ADT rule. (A premises number is required when ordering.)

900 series tags are what we've produced as our primary EID product for years. These tags are designed for in-herd use when producers don't require official tags. They will continue to be produced at the request of producers; however, they are no longer accepted as official identification under the new rule.

840 Advantages

- Make you "official identification" compliant at time of application
- Can be applied in herd so you're prepared for out of state movements
- Can be ordered through standard distributions channels by producers
- Can be drop shipped throughout the US
- Allflex handles management of premises number validation
- Allflex manages transfer of 840/premises number allocations to USDA database
- Reduces the need to warehouse and inventory "official" tags
- Increases efficiency due to our ability to manage program tags

State vs National Programs

ADT is a national program that is in place for all states. Some may add to their own state requirements, however, the umbrella program is the ADT program through USDA APHIS. If you have questions about specific receiving state requirement talk to your state vet or animal health officials.

USDA Traceability Website www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/

[State Animal Health Officials 2014](#)

ADT Rule

Effective March 11, 2013 USDA is changing the individual identification requirements for cattle and bison moving interstate. Official identification includes: orange brucellosis vaccination tags, USDA silver tags, and 840 RFID tags. Registered breed association tattoos or tags, and brands registered with the state brand board may be used if accepted by both the state of origin and the state of destination.

For cattle, the following animals must be identified with official ID ear tags:

- All sexually intact cattle and bison 18 months of age
- All female dairy cattle of any age
- All dairy males (intact or castrated) born after March 11, 2013
- Cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo, shows, exhibition, and recreational events

*Feeder cattle of beef breeds less than 18 months of age are not included in this requirement. Official identification includes: orange brucellosis vaccination tags, USDA silver tags NUES tags and 840 RFID tags. Registered breed association tattoos or tags, and brands registered with the state brand board may be used if accepted by both the state of origin and the state of destination.

For more information (click here) [ADT Made Easy...](#)

[Drovers CattleNetwork interview - A flexible, regional animal traceability system](#)

Additional Resources

- USDA Traceability Website: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/>
- Final Rule Q & A: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/rule_movement_general.pdf
- USDA ADT Materials and Guides by species: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/materials.shtml>

Swine

[Swine Identification 101: Understanding Swine Ear Tag Requirements](#)

[Allflex USDA Swine Premises Tag](#)

[Allflex Swine Official Identification Guide](#)

840 Official ID

Resource Information links

[USDA 840 AIN Device Manager Information](#)

Allflex 840 Tag Information

[Visual 840 Tags](#)

[RFID 840 Tags](#)

840 Official RFID Matched Sets – Includes visual and RFID tags that are approved by USDA and carry the 15-digit National Animal Identification Number and the US shield.

- Note: also available with visual tags that do not carry the 15-digit National Animal Identification Number or the US shield.

[840 Official HDX Matched Sets](#)

[840 Official FDX Matched Sets](#)