



# Cattle - Official Identification Options

**Official Identification (ID)** must be a device or identification mark approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and provide a unique identification number for each animal. Official ID devices must be tamper evident and bear the U.S. shield.

**It is unlawful to remove official ID.**

**How do I obtain a National Premises ID Number (NPIN) for 840 Tags?**

- Visit [www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal Health/ID Info.html](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/ID_Info.html),
- Call (866) 325-5681, or
- Email PAIS@cdfa.ca.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 producers or USDA accredited veterinarians and can be obtained by calling an authorized tag manufacturer. A National Premises Identification Number (NPIN) is required to purchase '840' tags or devices.

## Silver 'Brite' Tags



Producers, accredited veterinarians, and markets can order free silver metal National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) tags from local CDFA Animal Health Branch offices. These tags start with the state code (93 for CA), followed by three letters and four numbers.

## Brucellosis or 'Bangs' Tags (Female Cattle Only)



Accredited veterinarians can apply orange metal NUES or RFID AIN tags at time of brucellosis vaccination in heifers. Orange metal NUES tags start with the state code (93 for CA), followed by one of three letters (V, S, or T), and four numbers.

## USDA Back Tags



USDA Back Tags are a form of temporary ID that is allowed for cattle moving directly to slaughter. These tags are acquired from local CDFA Animal Health Branch offices.

840 Tag  
Manufacturers

Allflex USA Inc.	(800) 989-8247	www.AllflexUSA.com
Anitrace	(408) 649-2225	www.Anitrace.net
Datamars	(781) 281-2216	www.Datamars.com
Destron Fearing	(651) 552-6316	www.DestronFearing.com
Erigenate	(507) 344-8005	www.Erigenate.com
Ezid Livestock Identification	(970) 351-7701	www.EZidAvid.com
Southfork Solutions Inc.	(208) 524-5801	www.SouthforkSolutions.com
Stockbrands Cos Pty. Ltd.	(503) 247-8066	www.AnimalProfiling.com
Temple Tags	(800) 433-3112	www.TempleTag.com
Y-Tex Corporation	(307) 527-6433	www.Y-tex.com
Zee Tags	+64 9 414-1790	www.ZeeTags.com