

Cattle and Bison Official Identification



As of November 5, 2024, all official ID tags applied to cattle and bison must be both electronically (EID) and visually readable.

Animal Identification Number (AIN)

“840” Tags



AIN eartags begin with the official country code (“840” for the U.S.) followed by 12 digits. AIN tags are available with radio frequency identification technology that allows them to be readable visually and electronically. They are currently the only type of EID tags that meet federal requirements. These tags are available to producers and accredited veterinarians, and can be obtained directly from tag manufacturers or from local CDFA District Offices. A National Premises Identification Number (NPIN) is required to order EID tags.



Note: Official Brucellosis Vaccination (OCV) orange EID “840” tags are available to accredited veterinarians for use in female cattle only.



National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) Tags

NUES tags (also called “silverbrites”) are metal eartags that are silver or orange (Brucellosis vaccination tags) in color. They begin with the state code (“93” for California), followed by three letters, and four numbers. **NUES tags applied to cattle or bison on or after November 5th, 2024, are NOT recognized as official ID.**



Note: NUES tags applied to cattle and bison prior to November 5th, 2024, will be considered official ID for the life of that animal.

USDA Approved Back Tags

USDA back tags are a form of temporary identification that can be used in lieu of official ID when cattle and bison are moving directly to a recognized slaughter facility.



These tags are available from local CDFA District Offices.

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

It is unlawful to remove official ID from an animal once applied.

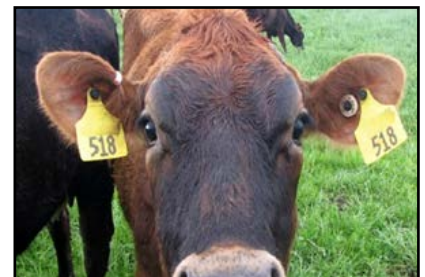
How do I obtain an NPIN?

- Visit www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/ID_Info.html
- Call (866) 325-5681
- Email PAIS@cdfa.ca.gov

Animal Health and Food Safety Services

Animal Health Branch

Headquarters - (916) 900-5002
Redding District - (530) 225-2140
Modesto District - (209) 491-9350
Tulare District - (559) 685-3500
Ontario District - (909) 947-5932



AIN 840 Tag Manufacturers

Allflex USA Inc.

(800) 989-8247

www.AllflexUSA.com

Datamars

(254) 598-3440

www.Datamars.com

Destron Fearing

(800) 328-0118

www.DestronFearing.com

Leader Products

(833) 549-1563

www.leaderproducts.com

Shearwell Data Limited

(800) 778-6014

www.shearwell.com

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(470) 210-4075

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(888) 600-9839

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