

Free RFID Cattle Ear Tags from CDFA

Free Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Cattle Ear Tags Available Through CDFA



Producers are encouraged to use electronic identification (ID) tags through a program offered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the California Department of Agriculture (CDFA). The USDA is providing states (CDFA) with no-cost, official 840 series, low radio frequency identification (RFID) half duplex button cattle ear tags. These tags are intended to be used in dairy and beef herd replacements with a focus on those producers not currently using RFID tags.

RFID tags are considered official ID. Official ID is required to move an animal interstate or when testing or vaccinating for regulatory purposes (e.g., Tuberculosis test, Brucellosis vaccination, Trichomonosis test). Additionally, RFID tags can be incorporated into many herd management software packages if a compatible reader is available.

There are two types of RFID tags being distributed through CDFA:

- White RFID tags are available to producers through their veterinarians with no restrictions.
- Orange RFID tags are available to private veterinarians only and can be applied at the time of Brucellosis vaccination.

The CDFA Animal Health Branch (AHB) is managing the distribution of RFID tags in California through the district offices. Producers are encouraged to speak with their herd veterinarian or their local CDFA AHB district office about the use of RFID tags. Tags may be requested by contacting district offices or emailing evet@cdfa.ca.gov.

Locations and contact information for CDFA AHB district offices can be found on the AHB webpage: www.cdfa.ca.gov/ah.

Sacramento Headquarters: 916-900-5002
Redding: 530-225-2140
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