

Animal Disease Traceability
Working Group Members

- Alabama Cattlemen’s Association
- Alabama Cooperative Extension System
- Alabama Farmers Federation
 - Auburn University
 - USDA-APHIS



Approved Official ID
(3 Types)



- Brucellosis metal ear tag



- Brucellosis vaccination orange metal tag for heifers



- Electronic Identification

Alabama Livestock Identification



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Introduction to Animal ID

Protecting Alabama's agriculture by safeguarding animal health and productivity is vital to the people of Alabama. Healthy livestock is one component to providing the public a safe, affordable, and wholesome food supply. Preventing the introduction of foreign animal diseases that harm both livestock and the livelihoods of producers also creates economic stability and opportunity. While ranchers and farmers work hard to protect their animals and their livelihoods, there is no guarantee their animals will be spared from disease; disease events can happen accidentally or intentionally. Rapid response systems minimize economic impact when diseases enter this country and disrupt the movement of livestock.



SUMMARY OF ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY RULE

As a proactive move the Alabama Dept. of Agriculture & Industries has established the Animal Disease Traceability Rule. This rule will help rapidly trace animals in the event of a potential livestock disease outbreak. This will also position producers to take advantage of any possible export markets.

⇒ **Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries — Rule # - 80-3-6-.40.**

Official ID required for:

- ⇒ Cattle 18 months of age or older at change of ownership.
- ⇒ All Female Dairy Cattle
- ⇒ Cattle & bison used in a rodeo, show, exhibition or recreational event.

Approved official ID

- ⇒ Brucellosis metal ear tag distributed by Alabama State Veterinarian.
- ⇒ Brucellosis vaccination orange metal ear tag for heifers distributed by the Alabama State Veterinarian or USDA/APHIS/VS
- ⇒ Electronic Identification (EID) purchased through approved animal identification number (AIN) manager or distributor.

Exemptions to Rule

- ⇒ Cattle less than 18 months of age.
- ⇒ Cattle sold for slaughter purposes

PREMISES REGISTRATION

Primary Contact: _____

Farm Name: _____

Secondary Contact: _____

Address: _____

_____ County: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Business Type:

Individual Partnership Incorporated
 Limited Liability Corp Non-Profit Organization
 Limited Liability Partnership

Operation Type:

Producer Unit/Farm Market/Collection Point
 Clinic Exhibition Laboratory Tagging Site
 Non-Producer Participant Port of Entry
 Quarantine Facility Rendering Slaughter Plant

Species: Cattle/Bison Swine Sheep Goats
 Horses Poultry Deer/Elk Llama Emu

Premises Address: (if different)

TAG ORDER

Number of Tags Requested? _____

Tag Applicator (if available)? yes no

Premises ID Number (if known) _____