

# Livestock Traceability Quick Tips

WHAT TO DO? TIME PERIOD

#### 1. PREMISES IDENTIFICATION

Obtain a premises ID (PID) number

Contact your provincial dairy association or your provincial department of agriculture.

#### 2. PREPARE FOR IDENTIFYING YOUR ANIMALS

Order your approved dairy tags

Contact DairyTrace (NLID)/ATQ for dairy cow/calf tags

- DairyTrace: 1-866-558-7223 or NLID: 1-877-771-6543
- ATQ: 1-866-270-4319

Calves born on farm and destined for the beef industry may be identified with a single RFID ear tag (approved dairy tag or approved beef tag).

#### 3. DAIRY ANIMAL BORN ON FARM

Identify your animal

Must be **double-identified** with approved dairy tags (DairyTrace (NLID)/ATQ)

Any calves born on farm and destined for the beef industry **may be** identified with a single RFID ear tag

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Within 7 days of birth or before the animal leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first

#### **4. TAG ACTIVATION**

Once calves are identified, you need to activate their tags (For age verification)

**RECORD** animal birth

**REPORT** animal birth

- Animal identification number 15 digits
- Date of animal's birth
- PID number where the animal was born
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ISO Code structure reads electronically as:

124 000 139999999

Country Unique ID number

Within 7 days of birth or before the animal leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first

Within 45 days of birth or before the animal leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first

Apply immediately when the tag is

received and report the activation

of the re-issued tag(s) within 7 days of tag application or before

the animal leaves the farm, whichever occurs first. Check that

the identification number of the

new tag matches the original one.

## 5. LOST TAGS & DAIRY ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

It is prohibited to remove, or cause the removal of, approved DairyTrace (NLID)/ATQ/CCIA tags from a dairy animal

RECORD and REPORT a tag RE-ISSUE Event to the national traceability database

to the national traceability database

**RECORD and REPORT** 

a tag REPLACEMENT Event to

the national traceability database

to the national traceability database

When you are keeping **the same** official identification number for the animal and:

 you are replacing one or both missing official dual dairy tags with newly ordered official tag(s) with the same identification number.

Re-issued dairy tags must be ordered from DairyTrace (NLID) or ATQ (for Quebec farmers)

Note: white single button RFID tags for calves destined for the beef industry cannot be re-issued if lost, see tag Cross-Reference and tag Replacement options).

RECORD both the old and the new identification number and REPORT a tag CROSS-REFERENCE Event

When you know the identification number of the missing tag(s) and:

• you are replacing one or both missing tags on a dairy animal with a new official dual tag set with a different identification number

- dual tag set with a different identification number

   you are replacing a missing yellow button RFID tag on an animal destined for the beef industry
- with an official white single button RFID dairy tag

   you are replacing a missing approved white single button tag on a dairy animal destined for the
- you are replacing a missing approved white single button tag on a dairy animal destined for the beef industry with an approved white single button dairy tag with a different identification number

Replacement dairy tags must be ordered from DairyTrace (NLID) or ATQ (for Québec farmers)

When you do not know the identification number of the missing tag(s) and:

- you are replacing both missing tags on a dairy animal with a new official dual dairy tag set
- you are replacing a missing yellow button RFID tag on an animal destined for the beef industry with a new approved white single button RFID dairy tag
- you are replacing a missing approved white single button RFID tag on an animal destined for the beef industry with an approved white single button RFID dairy tag with a different identification number.

Replacement dairy tags must be ordered from DairyTrace (NLID) or ATQ (for Québec farmers) and reported to the dairy breed herdbook (if registered)

Within 7 days following the identification of the animal or before the animal leaves the farm, whichever occurs first

#### NATIONAL TRACEABILITY DATABASE

I live in a province outside of Québec: DairyTrace at portal.dairytrace.ca

I live in Québec: ATQ at simplitrace.atq.qc.ca

Dairy Breed Herdbook: contact your breed association



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#### 5. LOST TAGS & DAIRY ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION (CONTINUED)

The animal is identified with two official US tags starting with "840" (RFID button and visual panel tags)

Please refer to factsheet for information on lost «840» tags (approved US tags) - Identification of Animals Imported from the USA

#### 6. DAIRY ANIMAL ARRIVES AT YOUR FARM

Reception of an animal at the farm I Animal move-in

**RECORD** animal movement and REPORT to the national traceability database

- Animal identification number 15 digits
- · Date of animal's arrival
- PID number of the farm of arrival
- PID number of the farm of departure
- Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number

**RECORD** animal move-in from outside of Canada and REPORT an IMPORT Event to the national traceability database

- Animal identification number 15 digits
- · Date of animal's arrival • PID number of the farm of arrival
- · Location of the site the animal was kept at before it was imported (departure)

· Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number

7. DAIRY ANIMAL DIES AT THE FARM

Approved DairyTrace (NLID)/ATQ/CCIA tags may be removed from dead stock disposed of on-farm

**RECORD** animal death and **REPORT** to national traceability database as a TAG RETIREMENT if the animal is disposed of on farm

- Animal identification number 15 digits
- · Date of animal's death
- PID number of the farm where the animal died

Note: If dead stock is picked up and leaves the farm, farmers are not responsible for retiring tags, and must not remove tags.

# 8. DAIRY ANIMAL IS EXPORTED TO ANOTHER COUNTRY

**RECORD** animal move-out to destination outside of Canada and REPORT an EXPORT Event to the national traceability database

- Animal identification number 15 digits
- · Date of animal's departure
- PID number of the farm of departure
- Location to which the animals were exported (arrival)

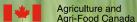
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animal loading for export

animal death

arrival of the animal or before