Beginning March 11, 2013, the Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) Rule goes into effect. This federal rule applies to animals moving interstate and increases the ability to trace animal movement in the event of a disease outbreak. The quicker a disease can be traced, the sooner business can return to normal.

Heifers and cows with an orange Bangs’ tag or silver metal tag are already officially ID’d. However, the new rule requires that dairy males (bull calves or steers) are required to be officially identified, too. If they are BORN after March 11, 2013, males must be officially identified.

Tagging at birth or before you sell is the quick and easy way to ensure your male calves are more marketable and eligible to move interstate.

**The Details:**

*Dairy Animals* required to be individually identified:
- All Female dairy cattle, regardless of age
- All male dairy calves born after March 11, 2013
- Sexually intact dairy animals over 18 months of age

*In addition*, beef cattle and bison are also covered:
- All sexually intact cattle and bison over 18 months of age
- Cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo, shows, exhibition, and recreational events

**The tags: (see back for ordering details)**
- 840 Tags (either visual “dangle” tags or RFID)
- Silver Metal Tags

Tag your Dairy Calves before you Sell
### Which tags work?

#### 840 Tags ** Visual Dangle, RFID, or Combo

A visual ‘dangle’ tag, ‘button’ Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) or a combination RFID/dangle, this tag has a unique 15-digit number that begins with 840 and has the official U.S. Shield. 840 tags can only be applied to cattle born in the US.

**Where to Buy:** Approved tag suppliers

**A note on 982 and 985 tags. Currently, tags that begin with 982/985 are official ID, however they will not be considered official ID in the future. Producers are encouraged to use their current supply and order 840 tags in the future.**

#### Silver/ ‘Brite’ or NUES Metal Tags

Historically used by accredited veterinarians for disease testing and programs. Producers can now order the National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tags and apply themselves.

**Where to Buy:** Rocky Mountain Regional Animal Health Lab (RMRAHL) at 303-477-0049

#### Orange Brucellosis or ‘Bangs’ Tags—heifers only

This orange tag (RFID or metal) must be applied by accredited veterinarians when they vaccinate heifers for brucellosis, also called Bangs.

**Where to Buy:** RMRAHL 303-477-0049

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### Where can you get 840 tags?

#### Manufacturers

- Allflex—Sid Howard—214-850-6190
- Destron Fearing—Sid Howard—214-850-6190
- EZid—Elsie McCoy—970-351-7701
- Temple Tags—Joe Nerud—308-461-3206
- Y-Tex—Tom Feeney—303-809-3335

#### Approved Tag Suppliers

- Animal Health Intn’l (AHI)  
  970-215-6137/303-710-1611
- Big R Stores of Colorado
- Colorado Animal Health  800-235-2636
- Colorado Cattlemen’s Assoc.  303-431-6422
- MWI Veterinary Supply  800-824-3703
- Mountain Vet Supply  970-484-2200
- Murdoch’s Ranch & Home Supply
- Pikes Peak Animal Supply  719-591-1448
- Rocky Mountain Regional Animal Health Lab  
  303-477-0049 (Silver Brite Tags only)
- South Platte Vet Supply  970-522-9469
- Z Tags  800-511-4744

Questions? Call the State Vet’s Office: 303-239-4161