

Free Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Tag Information

1. The USDA is providing a limited number of official 840 RFID tags to each state for distribution. Once the Texas tag allotment is depleted, no additional tags will be provided to the state.
2. Only Texas accredited veterinarians and cattle producers may order the free RFID tags from the Texas allocation.
3. These RFID tags are only intended for use in replacement stock.
4. There are both white "840" button tags and orange "840" calfhoo vaccination (OCV) button tags available. All RFID tags are low frequency tags. Veterinarians may receive both white and orange tags, while cattle producers may only receive white tags.
5. RFID tag inventory may include more than one brand of tags. A specific brand cannot be requested.
6. Tag order requests must be in multiples of 100.
7. The delivery date cannot be guaranteed and is dependent on inventory and logistics. When RFID tags are in stock, orders will be made available for pick up at a TAHC regional office.
8. A Premises Identification Number (PIN) or Location Identification Number (LID) is required to order the free RFID tags. To obtain a PIN or LID, email animal_id@tahc.texas.gov or call 512-719-0733.
9. A universal tagger is recommended for applying RFID tags.
10. Only one official RFID tag (white or orange) is allowed on any one animal. RFID tags should be applied near the middle of either the animal's left or right ear. See diagram for reference.
11. Accredited veterinarians who receive free RFID tags must keep record of the tags they distribute and the records must be submitted to the TAHC monthly. Records must include tag numbers, distribution dates, names, and addresses of the individual cattle owners that received the tags.

Exceptions:

- Veterinarians who are AIN device managers and enter their records directly into the AIMS system.
- Veterinarians applying RFID tags as part of regulatory testing or calfhoo vaccination will enter their records on official test or vaccination charts to submit directly to the TAHC.

To request free RFID tags contact the
TAHC Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) Department
512-719-0733
animal_id@tahc.texas.gov
Texas Animal Health Commission
2105 Kramer Lane Austin, TX 78758



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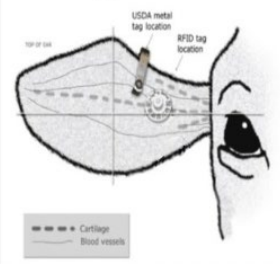


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Button-style tags provided:



RFID tag placement:



Resources Available

[How to Obtain Premises IDs](#)

[Acceptable Forms of Official ID](#)

Veterinarians interested in RFID consultations or on-site training may call 512-719-0733.

Questions

TAHC: 512-719-0733

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