

**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)  
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## TAG ORDER

Number of Tags Requested? \_\_\_\_\_

Tag Applicator (if available)?  yes  no

Premises ID Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_