Animal Disease Traceability
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- Alabama Cooperative Extension System
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Alabama Livestock Identification

Approved Official ID
(3 Types)
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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

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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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Number of Tags Requested?___________

Tag Applicator (if available)?______yes______no

Premises ID Number (if known)___________