



### **ADT Rule Change Information**

- New rule goes into effect **November 5, 2024**
- Official ear tags must be visually and electronically readable
  - Only electronic IDs (EID) meet this requirement
- Cattle with existing metal tags are grandfathered in
- EID changes only apply to new tags being applied

### **Accepted Forms of Official Identification**

- Official Ear Tags
  - Tags with US Shield, beginning with “840” (see photo)
  - Metal tags applied **BEFORE** November 5, 2024
  - **DOES NOT** include RFID tags that start with 9 (900 series tags)

White: Standard EID Tag



Orange: Brucellosis EID Tag

### **Types of Cattle Required to have EID Tags**

- **Beef Cattle**
  - 18 months of age or older
  - At change of ownership within the state of Alabama (AL Code Section 80-3-6-.40)
- **Dairy Cattle**
  - Female dairy cattle of any age
  - Male dairy cattle born after March 11, 2013
- **Cattle of any age being used for shows, exhibitions, rodeos, or recreational events**
- **Cattle vaccinated for brucellosis are required to have an official ID, even if not crossing state lines (see photo)**
- **Some regulatory tests, such as bulls tested for trichomoniasis, also require official ID**

### **Changes to Official ID Tags**

- Official ear tags applied after the rule goes into effect must be readable visually & electronically
- **DOES NOT** require that producers or veterinarians purchase RFID readers because the tags are visually readable

### **More Information**

- It is illegal to remove an official tag
- No information other than the tag number is stored within the tag
- Excludes any cattle or bison that are going directly to slaughter

### **Contact Us**

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