

**Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)  
Protocol for Markets that are Approved Tagging Sites  
Beef Cattle and Dairy Cattle**

**Allows Missouri licensed livestock markets to accept beef cattle over 18 months of age without official identification or a certificate of veterinary inspection. Current Missouri regulations require that all out of state dairy must be officially identified.**

- Step 1.** Sign an Approved Tagging Site Agreement obtained from the Missouri Department of Agriculture.
- Step 2.** Ensure the identity of the animal is accurately maintained until tagging.
- Step 3.** Officially identify any unidentified animals meeting the ADT age requirement and record required information.
- a. Required information
    - i. Owner contact information
    - ii. Official identification
    - iii. Breed
    - iv. Gender
    - v. Age
  - b. Sexually intact animals over 18 months of age also require a backtag
- Step 4.** Submit information electronically to the Missouri Department of Agriculture.
- Step 5.** Have your district veterinarian approve your plan for meeting the Animal Disease Traceability requirements.

**Identification Requirements:**

Beef Cattle

- ID all animals over 18 months of age.

Dairy Cattle

- ID all dairy cattle OR
- ID all dairy females regardless of age and ID all dairy males born after March 11, 2013.

**Definitions:**

Approved Tagging Site: A premise, authorized by State animal health officials, where livestock may be officially identified on behalf of their owner or the person in possession, care or control of the animals when they are brought to the premises. The animals must be officially identified prior to co-mingling.

Dairy: Animals will be considered dairy if exhibiting traits over 50% consistent with dairy breed as determined by market veterinarian. The market veterinarian will make the determination based on his/her evaluation.