



ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY IN MISSOURI

Knowing where diseased, exposed and at-risk animals are, where they've been and when they may have been in contact with others is very important to ensuring a quick, effective response in an animal disease event. Animal disease traceability helps reduce the impact of disease investigations to both animals and producers.

Rules & Regulations

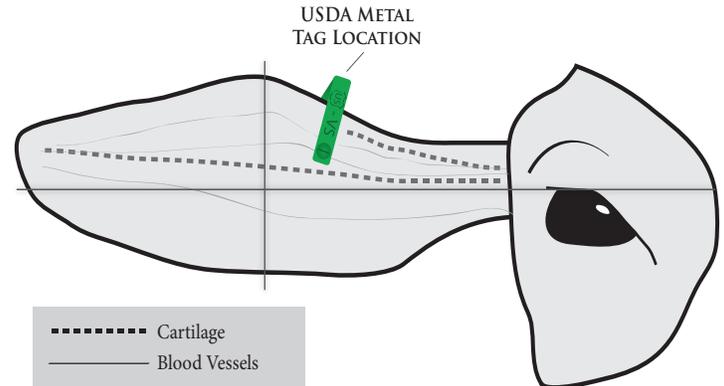
In January 2013, the USDA published new provisions regarding identification requirements for cattle moving across state lines. The rule went into effect March 11, 2013.

The Missouri Department of Agriculture continues to work with livestock markets, auction barns, commodity groups and other facilities to ensure livestock owners, marketers, haulers and others in the industry have the necessary tools to ensure Missouri remains a leader among states.

Current Regulations Include:

1. For beef and dairy cattle moving into Missouri from other states or within the state, no changes to existing rules are needed because Missouri requirements meet the new Federal requirements related to disease traceability.
2. All dairy females sold interstate and dairy males (born after March 11, 2013), must be officially identified through a licensed veterinarian and listed individually on a certificate of veterinary inspection.

Tagging Cattle



How to order ear tags:

- 1) Go to agriculture.mo.gov or call (573) 751-3377 to obtain a Premises Identification Number (PIN)
- 2) Complete a Voluntary Producer Tagging Agreement
- 3) Place your order by calling (573) 751-3377

Identification Tags

The Missouri Department of Agriculture offers official identification tags to Missouri farmers and ranchers free of charge. The tags may be used by producers to identify animals on the farm and meet the requirements for identification on cattle being transported across state lines.

Tags are available to livestock owners only and may not be sold, transferred or borrowed.

Tags are available for pick-up at the following locations once you have obtained a PIN:

Missouri Department of Agriculture Missouri Veterinary Diagnostic Lab

1616 Missouri Boulevard
Jefferson City, MO 65109
(573) 751-3377

701 North Miller Avenue
Springfield, MO 65802
(417) 895-6863

Tags can be mailed directly to producers. Shipping fees will apply.



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