



Acceptable Forms of Official Identification

Official ID Type	Description	Species Used On	Example
USDA approved 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) devices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “840” series RFID tags ▪ “840” series non-RFID visual tags 	Various forms, sizes, and colors are available to producers with a nationally recognized identification number (PIN or LID). Plastic: With or without RFID	All species	
USDA Brucellosis Calfhood Vaccination tags	RFID ear tags and Orange alphanumeric metal	Cattle and bison	
USDA Scrapie program serial and flock identification tags	Plastic tags, metal tags, RFID tags, or injectables used in the scrapie eradication program	Sheep and goats	
Premises identification number (PIN) tags – Slaughter Swine	Tag includes premises identification number. Various tags approved through authorized manufacturers	Slaughter swine	
USDA National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tags	Silver alphanumeric metal ear tags	Cattle, swine, and deer/elk	
Official breed association registration tattoo, freeze or fire brand (uniquely identifying the animal) and must be accompanied by the animal’s breed registration paperwork.			

For an expanded list of official eartags – criteria and options visit https://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/ADT_eartags_criteria.pdf