













Acceptable Forms of Official Identification

Official ID Type	Description	Species Used On	Example
USDA National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tags	Silver alphanumeric metal ear tags	Cattle, swine, and deer/elk	
USDA Brucellosis Calfhood Vaccination tags	Orange alphanumeric metal and RFID ear tags	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 approved 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) devices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “840” series RFID tags “840” series non-RFID visual tags “840” series ISO compliant microchip implants (injectable) 	Various forms, sizes, and colors are available to producers with a PIN or location ID (LID) number. Plastic: With or without RFID	All species	 
Official breed association registration tattoo, freeze or fire brand (uniquely identifying the animal) and accompanied by the animal's breed registration paperwork			