

# Official Eartags

- Tamper evident
- Imprinted with
  - An official identification number
  - Official eartag shield
    - All tags manufactured after March 11, 2014
    - All tags applied after March 11, 2015
    - State postal abbreviation may be used instead of “US” inside the shield
      - Applicable to tags purchased by the State from approved tag manufacturers



Official Eartag  
Shield



# Official ID Numbers / Eartags

- National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) Tags
  - 9 characters (primarily used for cattle)
  - Prefix: State/Tribe numeric or alpha code
 Example: 35ABC4275 or WXYZ1234



# Official ID Numbers / Eartags

- National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) Tags
  - 8 characters (primarily used for species with smaller ears)
  - Prefix:
    - State/Tribe numeric code for Swine, Cervids
      - Example: 23BG0575
    - State/Tribe alpha code for Sheep and Goats (scrapie tags)
      - Example: WICA4275



# Official ID Numbers / Eartags

- Animal Identification Number (AIN) Tags
  - 15 characters with 840 as the first 3 digits  
Example: 840 003 123 456 789
  - USA and Mfr. code (900 series) prefixes also official through a transition period
    - Manufactured before March 11, 2014 and applied before March 11, 2015
      - Tags that meet this criteria are official for the life of the animal

Note: AIN tags with the 840 and Mfr. codes may contain a radio frequency (electronic) transponder



# Official ID Numbers / Eartags

- AIN Eartags with the USA prefix
  - During the transition period eartags with USA plus 8 or 9 digits are also official
    - Manufactured before March 11, 2014 and applied before March 11, 2015



# Official ID Numbers / Eartags

- Location or Flock based numbering system
  - Scrapie tags
  - Example: MN38418 4605





# Which Eartags are Official?

(Manufactured before March 11, 2014 and Applied Before March 11, 2015)

1



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# Which Eartags are Official?

(Manufactured before March 11, 2014 and Applied Before March 11, 2015)

Reusable tags are not official





# Which Eartags will be Official if applied after March 11, 2015?

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# Which Eartags will be Official if applied after March 11, 2015?



AIN tags applied after March 11, 2015 must have the 840 prefix





# Safeguarding Animal Health

