Animal Disease Traceability

Overview and current updates
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• Rule passed ADAI Board
• Being implemented
• Beef cattle 18 months of age and older must be officially ID’ed at Change of Ownership
• All rodeo stock, female dairy cattle and show animals
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- Exemptions: moving directly to slaughter, commuter herds, dairy bull calves
- Other species: sheep and goats - scrapie rule
80-3-6-.40 Procedures for Livestock Identification

(1) Unless otherwise exempt, certain Livestock must be officially identified for the purpose of disease control whenever a change of ownership occurs within the state of Alabama. Official identification is a method or device approved by the USDA/APHIS Administrator and the State Veterinarian that assigns a nationally unique number to an animal or group of animals that can be traced by the State Veterinarian to the point of application or subsequent movement. In the case of ear tags, the device must bear an official number, the U.S. shield and be tamper resistant. Livestock identifiers distributed by the State Veterinarian’s office shall be assigned to a Premises ID or Farm Location number.

(2) Any person, entity, marketing agent or accredited veterinarian who distributes or applies official identification identifiers must maintain a record of names and addresses of anyone to whom the devices were distributed or applied for 5 years. The person, entity, marketing agent or accredited veterinarian applying official identifiers at change of ownership must forward a list of applied identifier numbers to the State Veterinarian’s office within 7 business days of application.

(3) An approved tagging site is a site or facility to be approved by the State Veterinarian, designed to allow for the application of official identifiers. Owners or operators of approved tagging sites must maintain records that will allow traceability of livestock after commingling and obtain a Premises ID or Farm Location number.

(4) IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AT CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP WITHIN ALABAMA. When change of ownership occurs within the State of Alabama or when certain livestock are imported into the state, official identification shall be applied to the following animals:

(a) CATTLE AND BISON. Cattle and bison, 18 months of age or older, shall be identified using an approved method of official identification. Official identification shall also be
Alabama Livestock Identification

Approved Official ID (3 Types)

- Brucellosis metal ear tag
- Brucellosis vaccination orange metal tag for heifers
- Electronic Identification

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Introduction to Animal ID
Protecting Alabama’s agriculture by safeguarding animal health and productivity is vital to the people of Alabama. Healthy livestock is one component to providing the public a safe, affordable, and wholesome food supply. Preventing the introduction of foreign animal diseases that harm both livestock and the livelihoods of producers also creates economic stability and opportunity. While ranchers and farmers work hard to protect their animals and their livelihoods, there is no guarantee their animals will be spared from disease; disease events can happen accidentally or intentionally. Rapid response systems minimize economic impact when diseases enter this country and disrupt the movement of livestock.

SUMMARY OF ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY RULE
As a proactive move, the Alabama Dept. of Agriculture & Industries has established the Animal Disease Traceability Rule. This rule will help rapidly trace animals in the event of a potential livestock disease outbreak. This will also position producers to take advantage of any possible export markets.

⇒ Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries — Rule # - 80-3-6-40.

Official ID required for:
⇒ Cattle 18 months of age or older at change of ownership.
⇒ All Female Dairy Cattle
⇒ Cattle & bison used in a rodeo, show, exhibition or recreational event.

Approved official ID
⇒ Brucellosis metal ear tag distributed by Alabama State Veterinarian.
⇒ Brucellosis vaccination orange metal ear tag for heifers distributed by the Alabama State Veterinarian or USDA/APHIS/VS
⇒ Electronic Identification (EID) purchased through approved animal identification number (AIN) manager or distributor.

Exemptions to Rule
⇒ Cattle less than 18 months of age.
⇒ Cattle sold for slaughter purposes

PREMISES REGISTRATION
Primary Contact: ______________________
Farm Name: _______________________
Secondary Contact: _______________________
Address: _______________________
County: _______________________
Phone: _______________________
Phone: _______________________
Business Type:
□ Individual □ Partnership □ Incorporated
□ Limited Liability Corp □ Non-Profit Organization
□ Limited Liability Partnership
Operation Type:
□ Producer Unit/Farm □ Market/Collections Point
□ Clinic □ Exhibition □ Laboratory □ Tagging Site
□ Non-Producer Participant □ Port of Entry
□ Quarantine Facility □ Rendering Slaughter Plant
Species: □ Cattle □ Bison □ Swine □ Sheep □ Goats
□ Horse □ Poultry □ Deer/Elk □ Llama □ Emu
Premises Address: (if different)

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TAG ORDER
Number of Tags Requested? _______________________
Tag Applicator (if available)? yes □ no □
Premises ID Number (if known) _______________________

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• Total Tags Distributed to date: 105,500
• Total Tags Distributed Jan 1 – today (4-11-13): 45,300
• Total Number of Premises - 9187