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 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 WIXYZ1234
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
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• Location or Flock based numbering system
  – Scrapie tags
  – Example: MN38418 4605
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Reusable tags are not official
Which Eartags will be Official if applied after March 11, 2015?
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AIN tags applied after March 11, 2015 must have the 840 prefix.