



Livestock Traceability Quick Tips

WHAT TO DO?		TIME PERIOD
1. PREMISES IDENTIFICATION		
Obtain a premises ID number (PID)	Contact your provincial dairy association or your provincial department of agriculture	
Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta producers already have their premises identification number		
2. PREPARE FOR IDENTIFYING YOUR ANIMALS		
Order your approved dairy tags	Contact NLID/ATQ for dairy cow/calf tags NLID 1 877 771-6543 ATQ 1 866 270-4319 For young calves to be sold within 14 days, you may order an approved RFID beef tag. Contact CCIA 1 877 909-2333 or local tag dealers	
3. DAIRY ANIMAL BORN ON FARM		
Identify your animal	Must be double-identified with approved NLID/ATQ tags Young calves to be sold within 14 days may be tagged with approved RFID beef tags (yellow CCIA button) * Except for Quebec farmers	Within 7 days of birth or before the animal leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first
4. TAG ACTIVATION		
Once calves are identified, you need to activate their tags (For age verification)		
RECORD animal birth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal identification number – 15 digits <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">ISO Code structure reads electronically as:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">124 000 299999999</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓ ↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Country Unique ID number</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date of animal's birth Premises identification number where the animal was born 	7 days of birth or before it leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first
REPORT animal birth to the national traceability database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal identification number – 15 digits Date of animal's birth Premises identification number where the animal was born 	45 days of birth or before it leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first
5. DAIRY ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION & LOST TAGS		
It is prohibited to remove, or cause the removal of, approved NLID/ATQ/CCIA tags from a dairy animal		
The animal is identified only by a NLID/ATQ electronic button tag (RFID) or NLID/ATQ visual panel tag	Order a replacement tag, a new visual panel tag or electronic button tag (RFID) from NLID (or ATQ in Quebec) with the same number as the remaining tag	Apply immediately when the tag is received & check that the number of the replacement tag matches the original one
The animal is identified with two official US tags starting with "840" (RFID button and visual panel tags)	Please refer to factsheet for information on lost «840» tags (approved US tags) – <i>Identification of Animals Imported from the USA</i>	

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5. DAIRY ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION & LOST TAGS (CONTINUED)

<p>The animal is not identified with two official tags (NLID/ATQ electronic button tag (RFID) and visual panel tags) or</p>	<p>The owner must purchase a set of approved dairy tags from NLID (or ATQ in Quebec) or use a set from their inventory and report the tag replacement to the national traceability database and dairy breed herdbook (if registered)</p>	<p>7 days following the identification of the animal or before it leaves the farm, whichever comes first</p>
<p>Lost both official tags or</p>	<p>Replacing two lost tags requires the animal's owner to report both animal identification numbers and replacement date to the national traceability database and dairy breed herdbook (if registered) so the numbers can be cross referenced</p>	
<p>The dairy animal is identified with an RFID beef tag (yellow CCIA button)</p>	<p>If the animal loses its RFID beef tag, replace with another beef tag from your inventory and report the tag replacement to the national traceability database so the numbers can be cross referenced</p>	

6. DAIRY ANIMAL ARRIVES AT YOUR FARM

Reception of an animal at the farm | Animal move-in

<p>RECORD animal movement and REPORT to the national traceability database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATQ in Quebec • CCIA in all other provinces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal identification number – 15 digits • Date of animal's arrival • Premises identification number of the farm of arrival • Premises identification number of the farm of departure • Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number 	<p>7 days following the arrival of the animal or before it leaves the farm, whichever comes first</p>
<p>REPORT animal move-in from outside of Canada (Import Event)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal identification number – 15 digits • Date of animal's arrival • Premises identification of the farm of arrival • Location of the site the animal was kept at before it was imported (departure) • Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number 	

7. DAIRY ANIMAL DIES AT THE FARM

Approved NLID/ATQ/CCIA tags may be removed from dead stock disposed of on-farm

<p>RECORD animal death and REPORT to the national traceability database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATQ in Quebec • CCIA in all other provinces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal identification number – 15 digits • Date of animal's death • Premises identification number of the farm where the animal died 	<p>7 days following animal death</p>
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8. DAIRY ANIMAL IS EXPORTED TO ANOTHER COUNTRY

<p>REPORT animal move-out to destination outside of Canada (Export Event)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal identification number – 15 digits • Date of animal's departure • Premises identification of the farm of departure • Location to which the animals were exported (arrival) • Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number 	<p>7 days following animal loading for export</p>
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* If the premises identification number is not allocated in the province you are in, provide the name and address of the location

NATIONAL TRACEABILITY DATABASE: CCIA – www.clia.livestockid.ca or ATQ – www.atq.qc.ca for Quebec farmers
DAIRY BREED HERDBOOK: contact your breed association

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