



# proAction® Traceability 101

## proAction® Traceability 101: Tag Retention

There are several factors that are significant for achieving good tag retention:



### Tag Positioning

- Black buttons (female part) must be positioned in the front of the ear, where they are protected by the curvature of the ear. This is also a “Health of Animals” requirement.
- Tag between the two main centre veins in the ear, in the first third of the ear next to the head
- To avoid infection, it is recommended that the application site be free of foreign debris prior to placement of tags on the animal
- Always dip tags in antiseptic solution prior to application
- When applying replacement tags, it is better to use a new hole

### Take Your Time

More time and care taken with initial placement of tags is critical to long-term tag retention, appearance and program integrity.

### Use a good applicator and pin

- Use the applicator recommended by the manufacturer – Red Allflex Universal Tagger – and make sure it is in good condition
- Remember that the **GREEN** pin must be used for Ultraflex dairy identifiers

### Housing Environment

- Examine facilities carefully to look for catch areas
- Remove such hazards as nails, exposed metal sheeting, open-ended pipes, damaged feed troughs and bale string that can be tag traps



**Taking extra care to ensure facilities remain animal-friendly helps to reduce tag loss.**

Holstein Canada / NLID are continually working with our manufacturer Allflex to ensure reliable tags are produced to meet the needs of Canadian dairy producers. If you are experiencing tag loss, we would like to hear from you to get an understanding of the circumstances related to the lost tags and, if possible, obtain those tags from you. To discuss your concerns or experiences related to tag retention from tags ordered through NLID contact Linda Markle at 1-855-756-8300 ext. 272.

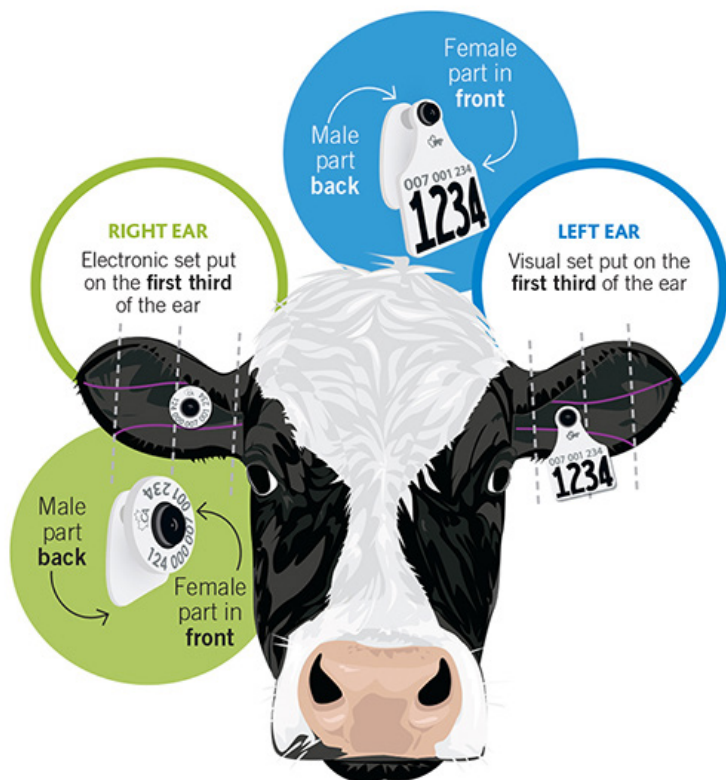
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