


Livestock Traceability Quick Tips



WHAT TO DO?		TIME PERIOD
1. PREMISES IDENTIFICATION		
Obtain a premises ID (PID) number	Contact your provincial dairy association or your provincial department of agriculture.	
2. PREPARE FOR IDENTIFYING YOUR ANIMALS		
Order your approved dairy tags	Contact DairyTrace or Attestra for dairy cow/calf tags <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DairyTrace: 1-866-558-7223 Attestra: 1-866-270-4319 Calves born on farm and destined for the beef industry may be identified with a single RFID ear tag (approved dairy tag or approved beef tag).	
3. DAIRY ANIMAL BORN ON FARM		
Identify your animal	Must be double-identified with approved dairy tags (DairyTrace or Attestra) Any calves born on farm and destined for the beef industry may be identified with a single RFID ear tag (approved dairy tag or approved beef tag) – Except for provinces that require dual tagging. 	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 Date of animal's birth PID number where the animal was born 	Within 7 days of birth or before the animal leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first Within 45 days of birth or before the animal leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> ISO Code structure reads electronically as: 124 000 139999999 Country Unique ID number </div>
REPORT animal birth to the national traceability database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal identification number – 15 digits Date of animal's birth PID number where the animal was born 	
5. LOST TAGS & DAIRY ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION		
It is prohibited to remove, or cause the removal of, approved DairyTrace/Attestra/CCIA tags from a dairy animal		
RECORD and REPORT a tag RE-ISSUE Event to the national traceability database	When you are keeping the same official identification number for the animal and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> you are replacing one or both missing official dual dairy tags with newly ordered official tag(s) with the same identification number. Re-issued dairy tags must be ordered from DairyTrace or Attestra (for Quebec farmers) <i>Note: white single button RFID tags for calves destined for the beef industry cannot be re-issued if lost, see tag Cross-Reference and tag Replacement options.</i>	Apply immediately when the tag is received and report the activation of the re-issued tag(s) within 7 days of tag application or before the animal leaves the farm, whichever occurs first. Check that the identification number of the new tag matches the original one.
RECORD both the old and the new identification number and REPORT a tag CROSS-REFERENCE Event to the national traceability database	When you know the identification number of the missing tag(s) and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> you are replacing one or both missing tags on a dairy animal with a new official dual tag set with a different identification number you are replacing a missing yellow button RFID tag on an animal destined for the beef industry with an official white single button RFID dairy tag you are replacing a missing approved white single button tag on a dairy animal destined for the beef industry with an approved white single button dairy tag with a different identification number Replacement dairy tags must be ordered from DairyTrace or Attestra (for Québec farmers)	Within 7 days following the identification of the animal or before the animal leaves the farm, whichever occurs first
RECORD and REPORT a tag REPLACEMENT Event to the national traceability database	When you do not know the identification number of the missing tag(s) and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> you are replacing both missing tags on a dairy animal with a new official dual dairy tag set you are replacing a missing yellow button RFID tag on an animal destined for the beef industry with a new approved white single button RFID dairy tag you are replacing a missing approved white single button RFID tag on an animal destined for the beef industry with an approved white single button RFID dairy tag with a different identification number Replacement dairy tags must be ordered from DairyTrace or Attestra (for Québec farmers) and reported to the dairy breed herdbook (if registered)	

NATIONAL TRACEABILITY DATABASE

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Dairy Breed Herdbook: contact your breed association

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5. LOST TAGS & DAIRY ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION (CONTINUED)	
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>
6. DAIRY ANIMAL ARRIVES AT YOUR FARM	
Reception of an animal at the farm Animal move-in	
RECORD animal movement and REPORT to the national traceability database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal identification number – 15 digits Date of animal's arrival PID number of the farm of arrival PID number of the farm of departure Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number
RECORD animal move-in from outside of Canada and REPORT an IMPORT Event to the national traceability database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal identification number – 15 digits Date of animal's arrival PID number 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
	Within 7 days following the arrival of the animal or before the animal leaves the farm, whichever comes first
7. DAIRY ANIMAL DIES AT THE FARM	
Approved DairyTrace/Attestra/CCIA tags may be removed from dead stock disposed of on-farm	
RECORD animal death and REPORT to national traceability database as a TAG RETIREMENT if the animal is disposed of on farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal identification number – 15 digits Date of animal's death PID number of the farm where the animal died <p><i>Note: If dead stock is picked up and leaves the farm, farmers are not responsible for retiring tags, and must not remove tags.</i></p>
	Within 7 days following animal death
8. DAIRY ANIMAL IS EXPORTED TO ANOTHER COUNTRY	
RECORD animal move-out to destination outside of Canada and REPORT an EXPORT Event to the national traceability database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal identification number – 15 digits Date of animal's departure PID number of the farm of departure Location to which the animals were exported (arrival) Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number
	Within 7 days following animal loading for export

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