



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

Thank you for your interest in obtaining Official Identification Devices (tags) for your cattle. Official tags are available from private manufacturers as well as from USDA. Private manufacturers offer several different types of Official radio frequency identification device (RFID) tags. RFID button tags are available from United States Department of Agriculture for use in breeding and replacement cattle, cattle moving interstate and those being tested or vaccinated for program diseases, such as Tuberculosis or Brucellosis. These tags are distributed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry (DAI).

Producers who are interested in purchasing tags should contact their animal health product supplier. A listing of manufacturers of Official Identification devices can be viewed on the USDA website at: www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/. Specific link is:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/ADT_device_ain.pdf

All Official ID devices (tags) are assigned to a Premises Identification Number (PIN) that you provide to the supplier. The tags will be assigned to your specific premises for use on animals originating on that premises. To apply for a Premises Identification Number, producers can either print the application from the Divisions' website, www.FDACS.gov/ai or contact our office to have a form sent to them. Producers who may have a PIN, but do not know the number, can contact our office and we will look the number up.

Producers can contact the Division of Animal Industry District Supervisor to request RFID tags at no charge. The tags must be picked up at the district office or another location within the district. District staff will provide a tag request form for the producer to fill out and sign indicating that they agree to use the tags on their cattle only. District staff will complete the tag request form, by recording the numbers of the tags assigned, and forward the form to Ocala for data entry.

The following pages describe the various types of Official Identification tags that are available and a listing of the Division of Animal Industry district offices and contact information. Please contact the district office for your specific county if you chose to request NUES tags.

Thanks, in advance, for registering your premises and identifying your cattle!

Sincerely,

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Division of Animal Industry

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INFORMATION ABOUT OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION DEVICES “TAGS” AND OTHER APPROVED OFFICIAL ID

The USDA rule, which became effective March 11, 2013, specifies types of identification which meet the federal requirements. Beginning November 5, 2024, the rule was updated to require any Official Identification applied after this date must be both electronically and visually readable.

Low-frequency (LF) radio-frequency tags are now being made available through USDA at no charge to cattle owners. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry can assign a supply of these tags to your premises for use on your cattle. For information about these tags, you may contact the Division of Animal Industry staff listed on page 3. Additional information is available at the Division of Animal Industry’s webpage: www.FDACS.gov/CattleID or at Cattle Programs Office (850-509-8040),

Other types of Official Identification Tags are available from tag manufacturers who have been approved by USDA. These tags include combination panel (visual) tags and radio frequency identification (RFID) tags. These companies are assigned “official numbers” which they then reallocate to the purchaser of the tags. Consult your local farm/ranch supplier to ask about official ID tags. The USDA website: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/> has a listing of the types of acceptable identification which meets the federal requirements.



Breed registration brands and tattoos, which provide individual identification, may be accepted as Official Identification if the registration certificate accompanies the animal.

Official Identification Tags provided by USDA & FDACS

USDA provides an allotment of low frequency 840 RFID tags for use specifically in replacement animals and animals involved in program disease activities such as Tuberculosis testing and Brucellosis testing or vaccination. Currently, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry can assign a supply of these tags to your premises for use on your cattle. To obtain these tags, contact the District Supervisor listed below for your area. Additionally, many types of Official tags are available for purchase from your animal health products supplier.

Division of Animal Industry District Offices

District 1 (Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, Washington, and Wakulla counties)

Contact: Mr. James Pilcher; James.Pilcher@FDACS.gov
Mobile Telephone: 850-509-2704 or Office Telephone: 850-718-0459
2794 Levy Street, Suite B, Cottondale, Florida 32431

District 2 (Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Nassau, St. Johns, Suwannee, Taylor and Union counties)

Contact: Mr. Arthur Smith; Arthur.Smith@FDACS.gov
Mobile Telephone: 352-438-4703
137 SE Forestry Circle, Lake City, Florida 32025

District 3 (Alachua, Citrus, Flagler, Gilchrist, Lake, Levy, Marion, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter and Volusia counties)

Contact: Mr. Robert Capote; Robert.Capote@FDACS.gov
Mobile Telephone: 352-427-2134
22712 W. Newberry Road, Newberry, Florida 32669

District 4 (Brevard, Hernando, Hillsborough, Indian River, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk counties)

Contact: Ms. Amie Facente; Amie.Facente@FDACS.gov
Mobile Telephone: 863-993-5459 or Office Telephone: 863-578-1863
170 Century Boulevard, Bartow, Florida 33830

District 5 (Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Hardee, Hendry, Lee, Manatee and Sarasota counties)

Contact: Dr. Natalie Sallent; Natalie.Sallent@FDACS.gov
Mobile Telephone: 863-698-3839
2150 N.E. Roan Street, Suite 200, Arcadia, Florida 34266

District 6 (Broward, Dade, Glades, Highlands, Martin, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie and counties)

Contact: Ms. Amy Cepero; Amy.Cepero@FDACS.gov
Mobile Telephone: 786-229-4639
123 N.W. 36th Street, Suite 123, Okeechobee, Florida 34972

Cattle Programs Office

Contact: Mobile Telephone: 850-509-8040
Cattle Programs Office; 2232 NE Jacksonville Rd.; Ocala, FL 34470