



USDA 840 tag

This form of permanent identification is approved by the ADCA to meet the registration requirements. It is another option besides tattooing. You do not need to tattoo AND use a USDA 840 tag. It is one or the other.

Using 840 series USDA tags gives you compliance with the USDA Country of Origin Label (COOL) laws. These tags signify to buyers that the animals were born in the USA. Unique ID numbers are stored in and printed on each single use tag. Your farm premise ID number is assigned to the tag number series being shipped to you, and the information is held in the NAIS database. Each tag can be visually verified by looking at the printed tag ID number or be automatically verified with use of a reading device.

These tags can be purchased online through established supply companies that record your farm and numbers with the USDA office for you.

Purchasing USDA tags requires a Premise ID which can be obtained through your state's animal health department.

You use a regular ear tagging gun to put these in.