

What is the Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) Amendment?

Do my cows need EID or RFID tags?

This fact sheet contains information from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture regarding Electronic ID tags and the USDA APHIS Animal Disease Traceability final rule effective November 05, 2024



NUES tag – also referred to as a “Brite tag”



EID (electronic ID) or RFID (Radio Frequency ID)
Also referred to as an “840 tag”

USDA Amends Traceability Regulations for Certain Cattle and Bison Moving Interstate

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), amended a 2013 rule to put in place technology to facilitate rapid response to foreign animal diseases.

What is different about this amendment than the 2013 rule?

- The only difference from the 2013 rule is that official ID tags applied after November 05, 2024 will need to be electronically readable in addition to the tag number being visible on the tag.

What cattle are impacted by this amendment?

The new amendment covers the same classes of animals impacted by the 2013 ADT rule.

- Cattle tagged after November 05, 2024
- Cattle travelling interstate (crossing state lines)
- Dairy cattle of any age
- Beef cattle 18 months or older and sexually intact
- Cattle of any age used for rodeo, exhibition, or recreational events

What about animals already tagged with a Brite tag?

- A NUES tag (Brite tag) will be recognized as official ID for the life of the animal if the tag was applied before November 05, 2024.

Why did USDA amend the traceability rule to include EID?

- APHIS believes that electronic ID will be critical to safeguard animal health and increase accuracy of animal movement records during an outbreak of a foreign animal disease. Quickly being able to determine where animals are and where they have been will decrease the amount of producers impacted by a disease outbreak and get cattle and commerce moving again as efficiently as possible.

How much will EID tags cost?

- EID tags are currently available at no cost to producers through the State Veterinarian’s office
- EID tags can also be purchased directly from manufacturers

To order EID tags in NC

- Phone: (919) 707-3250
- Email: ncfarmid@ncagr.gov

For more information on EID from USDA APHIS



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<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/traceability>