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Got to Be NC Tag Program



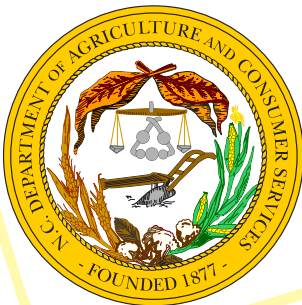
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Intentions:

This program, in addition to quality assurance measures and best management practices, will recognize the pride of North Carolina livestock producers.

The tag program allows producers to be in compliance with state and federal transportation laws in interstate travel.

The program also creates a premium for the elite livestock produced in our fine state.





How the “Got to Be NC” Tag Works

Requirements For Eligibility :

Producers wishing to participate in the “Got to Be NC” tag program will be required to complete the application form located at:

ncagr.gov/markets/livestock/nctags.htm

- Program members must be a resident of North Carolina
- Livestock qualifying for the program must be conceived and born in North Carolina
- Livestock must be identified with an official “Got to Be NC” tag purchased by the producer before they are sold



Transportation :

Utilizing official USDA recognized identification will assist producers in meeting interstate transportation regulations (pending other requirements).

Cattle : If producers already use 840 EID tags, they will be required to match the “Got to Be NC” tag with those numbers. If they do not currently use 840 EID tags the producers will be sold a combination set of two tags to be applied to each animal. (Visual and EID)

Swine : All swine will be required to have an 840 EID combo tag(one tag). Ear notches, if applicable, will be matched with the “Got to Be NC” tag.

Sheep / Goats : All producers will be required to maintain USDA scrapie approved forms of identification matched with the “Got to Be NC” combo tag.

An annual report of tags utilized is to be sent to NCDA by August 1 with corresponding forms of identification specified on the “Got to Be NC” tag report.

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North Carolina State Fair

This protocol will be recognized at the N.C. State Fair. It will replace the NC Born & Bred program.

Implementation :

Cattle / Swine : (2017) All cattle and swine exhibitors wishing to compete in the “Got to Be NC” program will be required to have their junior market animals tagged by the producer that bred and calved/farrowed that animal on their operation. All cattle and swine must have the “Got to Be NC” tag at checkpoints already established.

Sheep / Goats : Exhibitors wishing to compete in the “Got to Be NC” program in 2016, must exhibit an animal that was tagged by the producer that bred and lambed/kidded that animal on their operation. All sheep and goats must have the “Got to Be NC” tag at checkpoints already established.

In the near future there are plans to recognize these qualified animals in the junior market shows, as well as in junior breeding shows with additional awards for these “Got to Be NC” animals.

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