

# Livestock Traceability Quick Tips



WHAT TO DO?		TIME PERIOD
<b>1. PREMISES IDENTIFICATION</b>		
<b>Obtain a premises ID number (PID)</b>	Contact your provincial dairy association or your provincial department of agriculture	
Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta producers already have their premises identification number		
<b>2. PREPARE FOR IDENTIFYING YOUR ANIMALS</b>		
<b>Order your approved dairy tags</b>	Contact NLID/ATQ for dairy cow/calf tags NLID 1 877 771-6543 ATQ 1 866 270-4319 For young calves to be sold within 14 days, you may order an approved RFID beef tag. Contact CCIA 1 877 909-2333 or local tag dealers	
<b>3. DAIRY ANIMAL BORN ON FARM</b>		
<b>Identify your animal</b>	Must be <b>double-identified</b> with approved NLID/ATQ tags  Any calves born on farm and destined for the beef industry <b>may be</b> identified with a single RFID ear tag (approved beef tag) – Except for provinces that requires dual tagging	<b>Within 7 days of birth</b> or before the animal leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first
<b>4. TAG ACTIVATION</b>		
Once calves are identified, you need to activate their tags (For age verification)		
<b>RECORD animal birth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animal identification number – 15 digits</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">ISO Code structure reads electronically as:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>124 000 299999999</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓                      ↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Country    Unique ID number</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date of animal's birth</li> <li>Premises identification number where the animal was born</li> </ul>	<b>7 days of birth</b> or before it leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first
<b>REPORT animal birth</b> to the national traceability database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animal identification number – 15 digits</li> <li>Date of animal's birth</li> <li>Premises identification number where the animal was born</li> </ul>	<b>45 days of birth</b> or before it leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first
<b>5. DAIRY ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION &amp; LOST TAGS</b>		
It is prohibited to remove, or cause the removal of, approved NLID/ATQ/CCIA tags from a dairy animal		
<b>The animal is identified only by a NLID/ATQ electronic button tag (RFID) or NLID/ATQ visual panel tag</b>	Order a replacement tag, a new visual panel tag or electronic button tag (RFID) from NLID (or ATQ in Quebec) with the same number as the remaining tag	Apply immediately when the tag is received & check that the number of the replacement tag matches the original one
<b>The animal is identified with two official US tags starting with "840"</b> (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>	

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<b>5. DAIRY ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION &amp; LOST TAGS (CONTINUED)</b>	
<p><b>The animal is not identified with two official tags</b> (NLID/ATQ electronic button tag (RFID) and visual panel tags) or</p>	<p>The owner must purchase a set of approved dairy tags from NLID (or ATQ in Quebec) or use a set from their inventory and report the tag replacement to the national traceability database and dairy breed herdbook (if registered)</p>
<p><b>The dairy animal is identified with an RFID beef tag</b> (yellow CCIA button)</p>	<p>Replacing two lost tags requires the animal's owner to report both animal identification numbers and replacement date to the national traceability database and dairy breed herdbook (if registered) so the numbers can be cross referenced</p>
<p><b>Lost both official tags</b> or</p>	<p>If the animal loses its RFID beef tag, replace with another beef tag from your inventory and report the tag replacement to the national traceability database so the numbers can be cross referenced</p>
<b>6. DAIRY ANIMAL ARRIVES AT YOUR FARM</b>	
Reception of an animal at the farm   Animal move-in	
<p><b>RECORD animal movement and REPORT</b> to the national traceability database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ATQ in Quebec</li> <li>• CCIA in all other provinces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal identification number – 15 digits</li> <li>• Date of animal's arrival</li> <li>• Premises identification number of the farm of arrival</li> <li>• Premises identification number of the farm of departure</li> <li>• Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number</li> </ul>
<p><b>REPORT animal move-in from outside of Canada</b> (Import Event)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal identification number – 15 digits</li> <li>• Date of animal's arrival</li> <li>• Premises identification of the farm of arrival</li> <li>• Location of the site the animal was kept at before it was imported (departure)</li> <li>• Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number</li> </ul>
<b>7. DAIRY ANIMAL DIES AT THE FARM</b>	
Approved NLID/ATQ/CCIA tags may be removed from dead stock disposed of on-farm	
<p><b>RECORD animal death and REPORT</b> to the national traceability database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ATQ in Quebec</li> <li>• CCIA in all other provinces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal identification number – 15 digits</li> <li>• Date of animal's death</li> <li>• Premises identification number of the farm where the animal died</li> </ul>
<b>8. DAIRY ANIMAL IS EXPORTED TO ANOTHER COUNTRY</b>	
<p><b>REPORT animal move-out to destination outside of Canada</b> (Export Event)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal identification number – 15 digits</li> <li>• Date of animal's departure</li> <li>• Premises identification of the farm of departure</li> <li>• Location to which the animals were exported (arrival)</li> <li>• Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number</li> </ul>
<p>* If the premises identification number is not allocated in the province you are in, provide the name and address of the location</p>	

**NATIONAL TRACEABILITY DATABASE: CCIA – [www.clia.livestockid.ca](http://www.clia.livestockid.ca) or ATQ – [www.atq.qc.ca](http://www.atq.qc.ca) for Quebec farmers**  
**DAIRY BREED HERDBOOK: contact your breed association**

