



Livestock Traceability Quick Tips

WHAT TO DO? TIME PERIOD

1. PREMISES IDENTIFICATION

Obtain a premises ID (PID) number Contact your provincial dairy association or your provincial department of agriculture.

2. PREPARE FOR IDENTIFYING YOUR ANIMALS

Order your approved dairy tags Contact DairyTrace or Attestra for dairy cow/calf tags

- DairyTrace: 1-866-558-7223
- Attestra: 1-866-270-4319

Calves born on farm and destined for the beef industry may be identified with a single RFID ear tag (approved dairy tag or approved beef tag).

3. DAIRY ANIMAL BORN ON FARM

Identify your animal Must be **double-identified** with approved dairy tags (DairyTrace or Attestra)

Any calves born on farm and destined for the beef industry **may be** identified with a single RFID ear tag (approved dairy tag) – Except for provinces that require dual tagging.



Within 7 days of birth or before the animal leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first

4. TAG ACTIVATION

Once calves are identified, you need to activate their tags (For age verification)

RECORD animal birth

- Animal identification number – 15 digits
- Date of animal's birth
- PID number where the animal was born

ISO Code structure reads electronically as:

124 000 139999999

Country Unique ID number

Within 7 days of birth or before the animal leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first

REPORT animal birth to the national traceability database

- Animal identification number – 15 digits
- Date of animal's birth
- PID number where the animal was born

Within 45 days of birth or before the animal leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first

5. LOST TAGS & DAIRY ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

It is prohibited to remove, or cause the removal of, approved DairyTrace/Attestra/CCIA tags from a dairy animal

RECORD and REPORT a tag RE-ISSUE Event to the national traceability database

When you are keeping **the same** official identification number for the animal and:

- you are replacing one or both missing official dual dairy tags with newly ordered official tag(s) with the same identification number.

Re-issued dairy tags must be ordered from DairyTrace or Attestra (for Quebec farmers)

Note: white single button RFID tags for calves destined for the beef industry cannot be re-issued if lost, see tag Cross-Reference and tag Replacement options.

Apply immediately when the tag is received and report the activation of the re-issued tag(s) **within 7 days** of tag application or before the animal leaves the farm, whichever occurs first. Check that the identification number of the new tag matches the original one.

RECORD both the old and the new identification number and REPORT a tag CROSS-REFERENCE Event to the national traceability database

When **you know** the identification number of the missing tag(s) and:

- you are replacing one or both missing tags on a dairy animal with a new official dual tag set with a different identification number
- you are replacing a missing yellow button RFID tag on an animal destined for the beef industry with an official white single button RFID dairy tag
- you are replacing a missing approved white single button tag on a dairy animal destined for the beef industry with an approved white single button dairy tag with a different identification number

Replacement dairy tags must be ordered from DairyTrace or Attestra (for Québec farmers)

Within 7 days following the identification of the animal or before the animal leaves the farm, whichever occurs first

RECORD and REPORT a tag REPLACEMENT Event to the national traceability database

When **you do not know** the identification number of the missing tag(s) and:

- you are replacing both missing tags on a dairy animal with a new official dual dairy tag set
- you are replacing a missing yellow button RFID tag on an animal destined for the beef industry with a new approved white single button RFID dairy tag
- you are replacing a missing approved white single button RFID tag on an animal destined for the beef industry with an approved white single button RFID dairy tag with a different identification number

Replacement dairy tags must be ordered from DairyTrace or Attestra (for Québec farmers) and reported to the dairy breed herdbook (if registered)

NATIONAL TRACEABILITY DATABASE

I live in a province outside of Québec: [DairyTrace at portal.dairytrace.ca](https://portal.dairytrace.ca)

I live in Québec: [Attestra at simplitrace.attestra.com](https://simplitrace.attestra.com)

Dairy Breed Herdbook: contact your breed association



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5. LOST TAGS & DAIRY ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION (CONTINUED)	
<p>The animal is identified with two official US tags starting with "840" (RFID button and visual panel tags)</p>	Please refer to factsheet for information on lost «840» tags (approved US tags) – <i>Identification of Animals Imported from the USA</i>
6. DAIRY ANIMAL ARRIVES AT YOUR FARM	
Reception of an animal at the farm Animal move-in	
<p>RECORD animal movement and REPORT to the national traceability database</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal identification number – 15 digits • Date of animal's arrival • PID number of the farm of arrival • PID number of the farm of departure • Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number
<p>RECORD animal move-in from outside of Canada and REPORT an IMPORT Event to the national traceability database</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal identification number – 15 digits • Date of animal's arrival • PID number of the farm of arrival • Location of the site the animal was kept at before it was imported (departure) • Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number
Within 7 days following the arrival of the animal or before the animal leaves the farm, whichever comes first	
7. DAIRY ANIMAL DIES AT THE FARM	
Approved DairyTrace/Attestra/CCIA tags may be removed from dead stock disposed of on-farm	
<p>RECORD animal death and REPORT to national traceability database as a TAG RETIREMENT if the animal is disposed of on farm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal identification number – 15 digits • Date of animal's death • PID number of the farm where the animal died <p><i>Note: If dead stock is picked up and leaves the farm, farmers are not responsible for retiring tags, and must not remove tags.</i></p>
Within 7 days following animal death	
8. DAIRY ANIMAL IS EXPORTED TO ANOTHER COUNTRY	
<p>RECORD animal move-out to destination outside of Canada and REPORT an EXPORT Event to the national traceability database</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal identification number – 15 digits • Date of animal's departure • PID number of the farm of departure • Location to which the animals were exported (arrival) • Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number
Within 7 days following animal loading for export	

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