








# Livestock Tagging Requirements for Markets

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Official ear tags have a US shield.



If official ID is applied to an animal at a market, the tag information must be recorded in the records.

Sheep & Goats	Wethers ≥ 18 months old Females: All Ages Intact Males: All Ages	<b>Must have a scrapie tag</b> Scrapie tags: plastic, metal, various colors: Look for US shield  	
	Wethers < 18 months	No official ID tag required	
Scrapie Tags	Metal tags are free for markets/dealers. Contact BOAH: 877-747-3038		
Cattle	Dairy: All Ages (including crosses) Beef: ≥ 18 months old	<b>Must be official ID tag:</b> Look for the US shield <b>Electronically AND visually readable</b> with 15-digit 840 number <b>NOTE:</b> Cattle sold for slaughter only do NOT require an official eartag Button or bangle tags <span style="float: right;">EID metal tag</span>   	
	Beef: < 18 months old	No official ID tag required	
	Sexually intact cattle > 18 months old sold for slaughter: Use a USDA backtag	Oval tag: state code (32 for Indiana), market code (letters), and 4 numbers 	
Swine	Feeder Pigs: < 180 lbs., sold to a farm	Official ID: Swine metal eartag (smaller than cattle tag) 32=IN code, 2 letters, 4 numbers	
	Market Pigs: to slaughter	Individual ID required Tattoo or Official backtag	<b>Slaughter swine use a white USDA backtag</b> Round tag: state code, letters, and 3 or 4 numbers 
	Sows/Boars: must be sold for slaughter only	Official backtag OR PIN ear tags (applied by the owner, various colors)	
ID Tags for Cattle & Swine	Backtags for Slaughter Animals	USDA backtags and glue Cattle = Yellow/White tag Swine = White tag	Free USDA Veterinary Services, Indiana office: 317-347-3100
	Official ID Tags	Metal tags	Order from National Band & Tag Co. 859-261-2035
		840 tags	Order from an Allflex Distributor



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