

Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets Food Safety & Consumer Protection Division

## **Notice for Cattle Producers: Questions and Answers**

Beginning November 5, 2024, there will be only one USDA-official tag type approved for cattle. USDA's final rule for cattle ID requires all official tags applied to cattle after November 5, 2024 to be both RFID and visually readable. Vermont will no longer be supplying silver metal National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES or 'brite') tags for use in cattle.

## What does this mean for you as a producer?

If you apply eartags as official identification to cattle, you need to use RFID tags starting November 5, 2024. Cattle born in the USA will need 840 eartags.

## What are RFID tags?

RFID tags are electronic identification tags that can be scanned from a distance, as well as read visually. They come in several different shapes,









Can state metal tags still be used



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