

Approved Tagging Site/Tag Distributor User Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to maintain the integrity and control of the application and distribution of official ear tags as defined by 9CFR 86.4. Please read these terms of agreement carefully.

An approved tagging site is a facility where livestock may be officially identified on behalf of the owner or person in possession, care or control of the animals when they are brought to the facility. Certain animals requiring official identification may be moved to these sites without prior official identification, provided the site can maintain the individual identity of animals until they are officially identified.

Check one: Tagging Site (Livestock Market) Tag Distributor

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name of Facility:		
Owner/Manager Name:		
Physical Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Office Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Fax:	Email Address:	

Approved Tagging Site Identification Requirements:

Current Missouri regulations require that all out of state dairy cattle and swine must be officially identified before entering the state.

- Beef Cattle - ID all cattle over 18 months of age
- Dairy cattle - all cattle, regardless of age or sex, breed or current use, that are born on a dairy farm, or of a breed(s) used to produce milk or other dairy products for human consumption, or cross bred calves of any breed that are born to dairy cattle including, but not limited to, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn, and Red and Whites.
- Sheep/Goats - ID animals of any age
- Swine - ID all swine of any age

Responsibilities of Approved Tagging Site/Tag Distributor:

1. **Ordering tags:** Official NUES tags and/or RFID tags may be ordered by calling the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory at (573) 751-3460.
2. **Applying tags:** Officially identify all animals in accordance with 9 CFR 86, including:

- Officially identify animals required to be identified before commingling with animals from different premises, or use a backtag, or other method, to accurately maintain the animal's identity until the official ear tag is applied so the official identification can be correlated to the person responsible for shipping the animal;
- Only apply official ear tags to animals not already officially identified (except as provided in 9 CFR 86.4(c));
- Do not remove official identification devices unless authorized by an animal health official (see 9CFR 86.4(d) and (e)).

3. **Distributing Tags:** Official tags may only be distributed to the end-user; the owner or person responsible for the animals tagged. Tags are not to be shared among multiple end-users.

4. **Recordkeeping:** Maintain records of official identification ear tags received and applied/distributed for a minimum of five years. Also, maintain an accurate inventory of tags and records in a secure place accessible only to tag applicator/distributor personnel. The record must include, at a minimum:

- The name, physical address, city, state and zip code of the owner or person responsible for animals tagged;
- Premises ID, if applicable
- The official identifications numbers of the tags applied/distributed associated with the owner or person responsible for the animals; and
- The date the official identification ear tags were applied/distributed.

5. **Reporting tag application:** Markets must submit records of tag application/distribution within seven business days to Missouri animal health officials. All reported information is kept secure and confidential.

6. **Security:** Ensure the security of official ear tags, application/distribution records and inventory. Limit accessibility to only tag applicator/distributor personnel. Immediately report any lost or stolen tags to Missouri animal health officials.

Responsibilities of Missouri animal health officials:

1. Oversee the administration of tagging sites/tag distributors in Missouri as agreed to by state and federal animal health officials.
2. Provide the tagging site/tag distributor, upon receipt of an order, with an adequate supply of official NUES and/or RFID ear tags.
3. Keep a record of official ear tags provided to the tagging site/tag distributor.
4. Provide a recording form for the tagging site/tag distributor to maintain as tags are applied/distributed and instructions for reporting tag application/distribution records.
5. Provide education and oversight of the distribution record system and inventory control.

TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

Failure to comply with the provisions of this agreement may result in the Department's termination of this agreement and/or refusal to accept any new or renewal agreements for the Approved Tagging Site or distributor. This agreement is valid until the State Veterinarian, or an authorized representative, determines approval must be withdrawn. Notification will be provided in writing 30 days prior to termination. This agreement will be automatically terminated with change of ownership or closure of facility.

SIGNATURES

Name of Facility

Printed Name of Owner or Manager		
Owner or Manager Signature		Date
State Veterinary Official (or authorized representative)		
Printed Name of State Veterinary Official		
Veterinary Official Signature		Date