



SD ANIMAL INDUSTRY BOARD

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AIN "840" Tag Distribution Guidance for Accredited Veterinarians **As of November 2024**

Animal Identification Number (AIN) or "840" tags can be used whenever official individual animal identification is needed. These tags use a standardized 15-digit numbering system – the first three numbers are always "840". The "840" tags may only be applied to animals born in the USA and must be associated with a premises identification number (PIN).

Veterinarians and producers may purchase AIN tags from tag manufacturers and livestock supply companies. A list of approved tags can be accessed [here](#).

A premises identification number (PIN) is needed prior to purchasing tags. PINs are available through the SD Animal Industry Board (SDAIB) [link to PIN information](#)

If funding allows, USDA RFID tags may be available for use in cattle and bison at no cost through the SD USDA APHIS Veterinary Services office in Pierre (605-224-6186)

840 AIN tag distribution or application must be recorded. Options for recording include:

- Send tag distribution/application information within 30 days to SDAIB (please use this [template](#) and send to aibmail@state.sd.us)
- Maintain complete and readily accessible tag distribution/application records in-clinic for a minimum of 5 years.

840 AIN tags applied to heifers as official calfhood vaccination tags must continue to be recorded on a VS Form 4-26 Brucellosis Vaccination Record and submitted within 30 days to the USDA APHIS Veterinary Services office in Pierre (314 S. Henry St., Ste 100, Pierre, SD 57501).