



# Animal Health Notes

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## New Additions

Dr. Chris Parmer has joined the Animal Industry Board as the Deputy Director of Animal Health. Dr. Parmer brings a broad knowledge of both the cattle and poultry industry. He is a DVM and holds a Master of Science Degree in Microbiology and Cell Science. Before veterinary school, Dr. Parmer was a commercial and purebred cattle producer and a poultry producer. He shares twenty-five years of being a co-owner in veterinary practice with his wife, the other Dr. Parmer.

## Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

South Dakota is currently accepting paper or electronic CVIs for animal imports. An Import Permit is required when using the paper form; however, in most cases, it is not required with an acceptable electronic version (Global Vet Link, VSPS, Vet Sentry, Sale Time Systems, or VET CVI). Remember to check with the destination venue within the state; some shows require an Import Permit to accompany the electronic CVI.

Official identification is required for Recreational and Exhibition Cattle regardless of age, breed, or sex.

A negative tuberculosis test within 12 months is required for Recreational Cattle.

Check with the state of destination for CVI requirements on exported animals. Helpful Links: [State Veterinarians](#) and [Interstate Movement](#)

## New Forms

A state electronic tuberculosis testing form and Brucellosis Vaccination Form are now available on the website under [Forms](#) or [Veterinarians](#).

## Programs Available

[U.S. SHIP](#) – Swine Health Improvement Plan

[NPIP](#) – National Poultry Improvement Plan

For more information, contact the AIB.

## Official RFID tags available from USDA at no cost to Veterinarians

Official Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) ear tags are available for accredited veterinarians at no charge through USDA APHIS. Both orange and white RFID “840” tags may be used in cattle and bison as an alternative to the metal orange and silver official tags. Accredited veterinarians may use orange RFID tags as official tags for calfhood brucellosis vaccination. White RFID tags provided by USDA are intended for use in replacement cattle and bison that are not brucellosis vaccinated.

Please contact the USDA APHIS Veterinary Services office in Pierre, SD (605-224-6186) when ordering RFID tags. Be prepared to give the premises identification number (PIN) when ordering. If a PIN is needed, contact the SD AIB.

Records of any official tags applied to client animals or redistributed to clients must be maintained. Official tag distribution and recordkeeping information can be found on the [SDAIB website](#).

## Anaplasmosis

*Anaplasma marginale* is the causative agent of Anaplasmosis, a tick-borne rickettsial disease found in North America. Transmission is commonly through the *Ixodes scapularis*, a Dermacentor spp tick. Vaccination does not prevent the infection or carrier animals. The disease is most often severe or fatal in cattle greater than two years of age. Disease prevention is the primary focus, reducing transmission through biting insects and avoiding transmission through commonly used instruments while working cattle.



CDC: *Ixodes scapularis* (Blacklegged Tick)