



# Livestock Auction Market Animal Health Notes

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**Welcome** to the first edition of SDAIB Auction Market Animal Health Notes – a monthly newsletter for auction market inspecting veterinarians. We hope to provide timely updates and information in support of the work you do at the auction market.

## **Change-of-ownership report**

The [SDAIB change-of-ownership report template](#) has been recently updated to allow for recording multiple official tags per animal in the official ID column. With the increase in use of RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) tags, auction market veterinarians are beginning to process adult cattle officially ID'd with both a metal (NUES) tag and a RFID tag.

When entering multiple tags in the official ID column, please use a / or – or , to separate the numbers. Note that a comma (,) separation may not allow for accurate uploading of ID's into the VSPS CVI format whereas a forward slash (/) will allow for accurate upload. (Thank you to Dr. Wes Wood for that tip!)

As a reminder, the "Search" tab in the template allows you to use backtag numbers from a group of cattle to generate a list of official ID's for CVI's or other purposes.

## **Transition to RFID tags**

On July 6, 2020, USDA APHIS published a notice and request for public comments on a proposal to transition to using only radio-frequency identification (RFID) tags as official identification in cattle and bison. Public comments were accepted through October 5, 2020.

USDA has not yet published a response to the comments. Both the metal tags and the "840" RFID tags may continue to be used as official identification. Both types of official ID are available to accredited veterinarians through the USDA APHIS VS office in Pierre, SD (605-224-6186).

## **Traceability note: Adult feeding/breeding cattle from out-of-state**

Adult feeding/breeding cattle moving directly from a farm or ranch of origin in a neighboring state to a SD auction market (approved tagging site):

- May travel to the market without a CVI and be officially ID'd upon arrival at the market.
- The interstate health inspection requirement is performed by the inspecting veterinarian at the market.
- Official identification and seller information is captured at the market using the change-of-ownership report and auction market records.

Adult feeding/breeding cattle moving into a SD auction market from a non-neighboring state or from another auction market are required to have a CVI with official ID listed.

Adult cattle that move from the market to a farm/ranch/feedlot in SD are not required to have a CVI. However, those that are of out-of-state origin must be officially ID'd and recorded on a change-of ownership report.

Adult cattle that move from the market to another state require a CVI, official ID, and any other requirements of the state of destination.

**Thank you!** We appreciate the work you do in your role as an auction market inspecting veterinarian. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. We welcome any suggestions you may have for future topics.

