

# USDA REMINDER

## 2024 Final USDA ADT Rule:

On May 9, 2024, USDA- APHIS published into the Federal Register the Final Animal Disease Traceability Rule [“Use of Electronic Identification Eartags as Official Identification in Cattle and Bison”](#) making visually and electronically readable tags the only form of official ear tag identification for sexually intact cattle and bison 18 months of age and older, all rodeo, exhibition cattle, and dairy cattle moving interstate. This new rule will become effective **November 5, 2024**. **USDA’s Final 2024 Animal Disease Traceability rule only changes the type of ear tag that can be used, it does not change the class of animals that are required to be tagged.**

Additional changes to 9 *CFR* §86 include the following:

- Additional recordkeeping requirements for the retrieval of official identification distribution records, certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) within 48 hours of the request made by federal or state animal health officials.
- Clarification on how dairy breeds are defined.
  - Dairy Cattle as defined in 9 *CFR* §86.1: “All cattle, regardless of age or sex or current use, that are of a breed(s) or offspring of a breed used to produce milk or other dairy products for human consumption, including, but not limited to, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn, and Red and Whites.”
- Additional information can be found at:
  - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## How to Obtain EID Tags:

1. Register for a Premises Identification Number:
  - a. [SD | Register Premises](#)
2. See below for South Dakota’s tag allotment distribution **OR** order approved RFID tags from your preferred manufacturers or distributors:
  - a. Approved RFID tags can be found at: [Approved Official EID Devices](#)
  - b. Be sure to select the appropriate tags for the appropriate species (cattle and bison).
3. Additional information on official ID and traceability can be found at:
  - a. [APHIS Animal Disease Traceability](#)

## USDA Tag Allotment Information:

1. SD had a limited number of EID tags allotted to the state for fiscal year 2024 (Oct 1-Sept 30).
  - a. All fiscal year 2024 tags have been assigned. Current tag orders have a backorder that is expected to gradually fill through December.
  - b. We have a waitlist for fiscal year 2025 EID tags contingent upon budget approval.
  - c. Contact the VS area office at [vssd@usda.gov](mailto:vssd@usda.gov) or **605-224-6186** to get on the waitlist for these tags or to check your backorder status.