



tag positioning key for maximum results



Producers have discovered that taking more time and care with the initial placement of tags is critical to long-term tag retention, appearance, and program integrity.

Placing tags in the slightly thicker and tougher part of the calf's ear ensures a tighter fit (reduces stem play and chance of snagging), while allowing animal growth.

Dairymen now take extra care to ensure facilities remain animal-friendly to reduce tag loss. Ensure housing facilities and holding areas are snag-free, as much as possible. String, protruding nails, cuts/holes/overlays in metal sheeting, and any other catch or rub points should be eliminated to provide the best environment.

● Panel with stem on back side of the ear ● RDIF/ black cap on the front of the ear



The Ultraflex tag is available for the button panel tag set. The plastic has been modified to be more flexible and pliable, which increases the tags durability and provides better resistance to drastic temperature changes from winter to summer. Also, the 'male' tag is a new design—more rounded in shape with a thicker stem that fits closer to the animal's ear—reducing the space between the two tags and helping to minimize the risk of getting caught on chains, feeders, bale ropes, etc., and thus avoiding chances of ripping the ear or damaging the tag.

front of tags >>



Health of Animal legislation requires that RFID button and RFID panel tags must be applied in the front of ears with the national logo facing forward as shown. These front facing tag components are easily recognized by their protruding round black caps.

The panel tag set should be located between the two main centre veins of the ear and approximately one inch closer to the head than mid-point between the tip of the ear and head. The RFID button tag with small junior panel back can be placed even slightly closer to the head.

back of tags >>



The panel tags provide ease of on-farm identification in both ears, front and back.



Please remember- Green pin is a GO in your tagger for ultraflex tags



prompt replacement of lost tags



- It is vitally important to promptly replace lost tags to ensure uninterrupted animal identification and facilitate verification by all service representatives and agencies (types of classification, milk recording, AI).
- Check that the numbering on the replacement tag matches the animal's lifetime number. Select a new tagging site if the previous hole is enlarged or on the outer surface of the ear.
- If the RFID or large panel tag is the temporary sole identification, it is advisable to attach a generic tag, a photo, or sketch for backup until the replacement is attached.
- NLID and ATQ replacement dairy tag sets (white) should be used for females at least as they carry original lifetime numbers. Single CCIA beef tags (yellow), as replacements, introduce another official number that requires cross-referencing in herd records and the national system.



NLID tags are replaced free as part of the program (animals originating in all provinces except Québec). Québec producers must contact ATQ to acquire replacement ATQ tags. For animals originating in Québec and now reside in another province, producers may contact NLID to buy replacement tags. These would carry the animal's original lifetime number and a (new, if desired) herd management number.

Properly tagged dairy animals can move off farm anywhere at any time.

Diary standard is dual/security tagging—one set in each ear at all times.



These are NLID replacement dairy tags. Note official replacements contain an "R" on the panel component.



where to order nlid tags:

All Canadian dairymen, except in Québec, order both calf and replacement tags (NLID or ATQi) through National Livestock Identification for Dairy.

TOLL FREE: 1-877-771 NLID (6543)

FAX: 1-519-756-3502

MAIL: P.O. Box 2065, Brantford ON N3T 5W5

WWW: NLID.ORG



where to order atq tags:

Livestock producers resident in Québec order both calf and replacement tags (ATQi or NLID) through Agri-Tracabilité Québec, inc. (ATQi).

TOLL FREE: 1-866-270-4319

FAX TOLL FREE: 1-866-473-4033

MAIL: 555, boul. Roland-Therrien, Longueuil, Qc J4H 3Y9

WWW: AGRI-TRACABILITE.QC.CA