



National Animal ID Tags Now Available

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USDA has released official Animal Identification Numbers (AIN) as part of the National Animal Identification System. Tags are available to livestock producers who want to voluntarily participate in the program. An official tag must contain a picture of the U.S. shield, start with the number 840 and include the words, "Unlawful to Remove." Producers who have already registered their premises can get the official tags by visiting the **USDA AIN Web site:**

http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/animal_id/purchase_tags.shtml

Select the desired tag from the available list, then call the manufacturer, distributor or seller listed there and order the tags. Official AIN tag numbers will be linked to your premises. It is recommended animals be tagged prior to leaving the premises for sale or commingling at a different location.

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