

Identification Requirements: Beef Cattle

All intact male and female beef cattle 18 months and older require individual ID. These IDs must be recorded on or attached to the CVI, with a few exceptions (see "Exceptions" below).

Accepted forms of ID:

Official ear tags (Orange or Silver USDA tags, 840-RFIDs).

Non-Accepted forms of ID:

Registration tattoos or other breed association identification

Brands from state other than Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington or Wyoming.

Exceptions:

Cattle entering an Approved Tagging Site do not require ID. A list of these facilities can be obtained by calling (208) 332-8540.

Brands may be used, if the animal is originating in Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington or Wyoming.

The brand must be common to all animals listed and registered to the consigning owner.

- If brands are used for ID, the animals must still have individual ID tags present. The CVI must note that all animals have individual IDs. A current brand inspection must accompany the shipment.

Cattle may be shipped with a USDA-approved backtag directly to an approved slaughter establishment, to be slaughtered within 3 days.

All intact male and female dairy cattle, as well as all dairy steers born after 3/11/2013, require individual ID. These IDs must be recorded on or attached to the CVI, with a few exceptions (see "Exceptions" below).

Identification Requirements: Rodeo and Show Cattle

All cattle being used for Rodeos or other timed events and shows or exhibitions require individual ID. These IDs must be recorded on or attached to the CVI.

Accepted forms of ID:

Official ear tags (Orange or Silver USDA tags, 840-RFIDs).

Non-Accepted forms of ID:

Registration tattoos or other breed association identification

Brands

Identification Requirements: Dairy Cattle

Accepted forms of ID:

Official ear tags (Orange or Silver USDA tags, 840-RFIDs).

Non-Accepted forms of ID:

Registration tattoos or other breed association identification
Brands

Exceptions:

Dairy steers must have ID present, and the CVI must note that the IDs are present. Individual IDs for dairy steers do not need to be recorded on the CVI.

Cattle entering an Approved Tagging Site do not require ID. A list of these facilities can be obtained by calling (208) 332-8540.

Cattle may be shipped with a USDA-approved backtag directly to an approved slaughter establishment, to be slaughtered within 3 days.