

# Cattle Identification and Exhibition

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# Why is Identification necessary?

- Protect reputation and value of Florida cattle
- Enable quick response to animal disease threats
- Aid producers in complying with federal rule
- Why do different classes of animals have different requirements?
  - Requirements based on RISK

# Florida Cattle ID Rule 5C-31 F.A.C.

- Rule Development is a Process
  - Draft Rule published March 2013
  - Rulemaking Workshops – May and June 2013
  - Rule - published January 30, 2014
  - Effective Date – February 19, 2014
  - Draft Amendment Published April 2014
  - Workshop May 1, 2014
  - Amended Rule To be Published June 2014
  - Effective Date - TBA (Fall 2014)

# Florida Cattle Identification Rule

- Requires individual Official identification for all cattle 18 months of age or older moving within the state
- Allows exemptions
  - Direct to slaughter
  - Direct to an Approved Tagging Site
  - From pasture to pasture under same ownership as part of normal ranching management without commingling of cattle

# Federal Animal Disease Traceability Rule

## 9 CFR 86

- Final Rule on Traceability for Livestock Moving Interstate
- Federal Rule
  - Published January 2013
  - Effective March 11, 2013
  - Enforcement date – some aspects are beginning to be enforced
- Requires Official Identification and documentation for all types of livestock moving interstate
- Allows State Animal Health Officials to have additional requirements

# Federal Traceability Rule

- Requires individual Official identification and specific documentation for the following cattle **moving interstate**:
  - Beef Cattle 18 months of age and older
  - All Dairy Cattle
  - **Exhibition and Rodeo animals of all ages**
- Allows exemptions:
  - Direct to slaughter
  - Direct to an Approved Tagging Site
  - Memorandums of Understanding between States and/or Tribes

# What is Official Identification?

An individual animal identification that uniquely identifies the animal, the owner, the premises of origin or the premises where the animal was uniquely identified, and the state in which the official individual identification was applied, and

- (a) Is approved by the United States Department of Agriculture in accordance with 9 C.F.R. § 86.4(a)(1) as incorporated in 5C-31.005, F.A.C., or
- (b) Is submitted to the Department and verified by the Department as meeting the requirements for official individual identification such that state officials can determine the herd in which the animal was officially identified.

# Examples of Official Identification

All USDA approved devices can be viewed USDA website  
[www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability)

- Calfhood vaccination tags



- “Brite” silver metal tags





# Examples of Official Identification

- “840” RFID tags – electronic ID
- Registration tattoo or brand, if accompanied by registration papers



# Official Documentation for Federal Rule

- Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection - OCVI
  - “Health Certificate”
  - Accredited Veterinarian issues the certificate
  - Must include specific information
  - Official – must be kept on file by issuing vet and state animal health officials for 5 years
- Requirements are determined by **Destination**
  - Destination state or states
  - Destination venue
    - Fair
    - Show

# Shows and Exhibitions

- Show steers at Florida Fairs?
  - **Most are less than 18 months of age**
  - **No enforcement of the >18 month old steers**
    - Low Risk population – easily traceable
- Show heifers at Florida Fairs?
  - **If registered, registration papers and registration ID in Florida**
  - **Official ID required for interstate movement and if over 18 months intrastate**
  - **Recommend Official ID for all replacement heifers**
- Show cattle for out of state exhibition?
  - **Federal Rule applies**
  - **Official identification required for ALL**

# What about ?

- *Only selling weanling / yearlings or cull cows directly to slaughter*
  - No requirement for ID in calves <18 months
  - No requirement for cows directly to slaughter
- *Selling cattle at Livestock Markets*
  - No official ID required for adult cattle sold directly to slaughter
  - If sold other than to slaughter - -
    - Market/Tagging Site can tag on behalf of seller or buyer
    - Buyer of unidentified cattle may be responsible to ensure Official ID is applied within 7 days

# Impact of the Florida Rule

- Cattle over 18 months of age moving within Florida must bear individual Official Identification
  - Exemptions
    - Direct to Slaughter
    - Direct to an Approved Tagging Site
    - Same ownership – No commingling
- Official ID must be present, but no documentation required
  - Do not have to read the tag for intrastate movement
  - **FAIR RULES or EXHIBITION Facility may require a Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with individual ID listed**

# Obtaining Official Identification

- Approved manufacturers of 840 tags
  - Many name brands
  - Many options available
- “Brite” tags at NO CHARGE
  - Distributed by FDACS-DAI District Offices
  - Tag Application Pliers
    - HASCO Style 49/56SA (better model)
    - Loaners, local supply stores, livestock markets
- Approved Tagging Sites
  - May charge a fee for their service
  - Cattle owner must provide Premises Identification Number or Application for Premises Registration

# National Uniform Eartagging System

## “Brite” Tags

- Require Premises Identification Number (PIN)
  - Application (form No. FDACS 09215)
  - Allocated by USDA Database
  - Example – 006VA0Q
- Request Form for tags
  - Form No. FDACS 09246
  - Must be signed to acknowledge
- Quantities of 25 to 5,000
  - Over 1000 are direct shipped from warehouse
- Only for use on cattle on that premises

# What should Producers do now?

- Premises Registration
  - Get a PIN
  - Wallet sized card with PIN
- Request “Brite” tags - or purchase Official ID Tags
  - Apply when convenient
  - No recordkeeping required if producers tag their own cattle
  - Records are recommended as part of normal business practices







## QUESTIONS?

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