

Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies



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Current Livestock Traceability Requirements: How they affect your Agricultural Societies



What is traceability?

Traceability is the ability to follow an item or group of items-including animals, plants, food products and agricultural inputs-from one point in the supply chain to another.

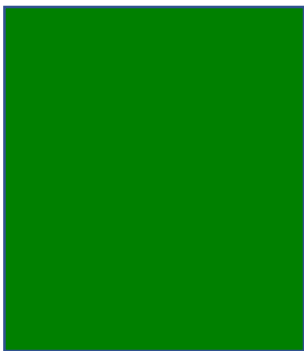
A traceability system provides timely, accurate, and relevant information to enhance emergency management, market access, industry competitiveness and consumer confidence.



- Animals - whether they are part of livestock shows, 4-H Programs, educational or any other livestock displays are a very important and integral part of many of our Fairs.
- The current Traceability Requirements that are already in place are placing a financial and volunteer burden on our Ontario Fairs and have numerous fairs, particularly our smaller fairs, wondering if they can continue to have any animals at their Fair. The proposed amendments to the Traceability Requirements could be the final straw.
- We are very concerned about what this could mean to our Fairs and their ability to survive. Livestock is a big draw for many people and if the fairs no longer have livestock shows, 4-H programs, educational or any other livestock displays then we have a real concern that attendance will decrease and put the viability of our fairs in question.



- There could be additional impact on our rural communities due to the loss of venues for 4-H and other livestock shows.
- The current Federal Livestock Traceability Requirements apply to dairy and beef cattle, sheep, bison or pigs - including farmed wild boar or pot-bellied pigs.
- The proposed amendments would add goats and deer to the list of animals requiring approved tags.
- The amendments would also add additional reporting and recording requirements



- If your Agricultural Society has any of those species on their premises during their fair OR if you rent/lease/loan your fairgrounds for any event or show that involves any of the listed species being on your premises you must be compliant with the Requirements.
- In the event of a violation against a regulatory requirement four (4) enforcement actions may be taken under the program:
 - 1) seizure and detention (in the event of falsified tags)
 - 2) letter of non-compliance
 - 3) notice of violation (with or without an administrative monetary penalty)
 - 4) prosecution
- The current Federal Livestock Traceability Requirements are not new - for example the requirements for Dairy and Beef cattle has been in effect since 2000. .

- One thing that is very clear is that some agricultural organizations and/or their employees and/or members - do not have a clear understanding or have incorrect perceptions of what their members' responsibilities are regarding exhibiting at our fairs.
- We need to make a concerted effort to educate all these organizations and their membership - about their responsibilities when exhibiting at our Fairs to lessen the burden upon our Agricultural Societies. We also need to get their support to get changes made to the current and proposed Traceability Requirements.
- There was an article in an Eastern Ontario Ag paper this summer that spoke of several dairy calves from one family showing at a fair. Apparently, none of the calves had approved tags. It appears that several agricultural organizations and the owners should have realized and/or had the opportunity to ensure that these calves were tagged properly before they arrived at the Fair. I don't believe the Fair had the appropriate tags to apply to the calves, so they were in violation. If the calves had been properly tagged before leaving their farm, it would not have been an issue for the Agricultural Society.

Health of Animals Act XV 175 (1) and 175.01 (1)



175 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Part, every person who owns or has the possession, care or control of a bison, bovine or ovine or of the carcass of a bison, bovine or ovine shall ensure that it is identified by an approved tag that is applied to it before it is removed from a site.



175.01 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, every person who owns or has the possession, care or control of a pig shall ensure that it is identified by an approved tag that is applied to it before it is removed from a site.

• **WHAT THE RULES STATE**

What does this mean to your Fair?

- This means that any of the following animals - cattle (dairy or beef), sheep, pigs or bison must have an approved tag or identifier before it leaves the farm.
- It also means that those same animals must have an approved tag or identifier before it can leave your Fairgrounds .



Health of Animals Act XV 178 (1)

178 (1) Subject to section 183, no person shall apply or cause the application of an approved tag issued under subsection 174(1) to an animal or the carcass of an animal that is not on the site in respect of which the approved tag was issued.



- WHAT THE RULES STATE

What does this mean to your fair?

- This means a tag or identifier that is applied to an animal must have been issued to the site where the animal is currently located. i.e. farm or fairgrounds
- So if an animal without a tag is allowed admittance to your fairgrounds or loses a tag on your fairgrounds - the tag that is applied to it must have been issued to your premises.
- The owner or exhibitor **CAN NOT** apply one of their tags to their animal while on your fairgrounds.



IMPORTANT - Your Fair is not in violation of the Act if they do not have tags for any of the following species: dairy or beef cattle, sheep, pigs (including farmed wild boar or pot-bellied pigs) or bison that are present on your fairgrounds.

- **HOWEVER - if you allow one of the listed species to enter your Fairgrounds without the approved tag or identifier OR if one of those animals loses a tag on your premises or fairgrounds - you MUST have the approved tag or identifiers that WERE ISSUED to your Agricultural Society to apply to that animal and the tag must be replaced immediately.**
- **If you don't - you are in violation of the Act and CFIA can issue you a 'letter of non-compliance' or a 'notice of violation'.**
- **If your Agricultural Society allows one of those animals to leave your fairgrounds without an approved tag or identifier, you are in violation of the Act and CFIA can issue you a 'letter of non-compliance' or a 'notice of violation'.**

Health of Animals Act XV 175.1(1)

175.1 (1) Subject to subsection (2), the operator of a site who removes or causes the removal of an ovine 18

months of age or older from the site shall keep a record of

(a) the identification number on the approved tag that is applied to the ovine;

(b) the date of removal;

(c) the reason for removal; and

(d) the name and address of the owner or person having the possession, care or control of the ovine at the destination

to which it is removed.

(3) The operator of a site who receives or causes the reception of a bred ovine shall keep a record of

(a) the identification number on the approved tag that is applied to the ovine;

(b) the date of reception; and

(c) the name and address of the owner or person who had the possession, care or control of the ovine at the site from which it was removed.

(4) Every person who is required to keep a record under this section shall keep the record for a period of at least five years.



• WHAT THE RULES STATE

What does this mean to your Fair?

- This means that the owner and the Agricultural Society must
- keep records on the movement of any sheep over the age of 18 months that enter and leave their Fairgrounds. These records must be kept for at least 5 years.
- **If you don't - you are in violation of the Act and CFIA can issue you a letter of non-compliance' or a 'notice of violation'.**
- You could require sheep exhibitors to provide a completed manifest to cut down on your workload - there are samples in the documentation we sent out earlier. It is also on our website.



Health of Animals Act XV 175.2(1)

175.2 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Part, if a pig is transported from one site to another, the operator of the departure site, within seven days after the pig's departure, and the operator of the destination site, within seven days after the pig's reception, shall report the following information to the responsible administrator:

- (a)** the location of the departure site and the location of the destination site;
- (b)** in the case of the operator of the departure site, the date and time that the conveyance carrying the pig left the departure site and, in the case of the operator of the destination site, the date and time that the conveyance arrived at the destination site;
- (c)** in the case of the operator of the departure site, the number of pigs loaded onto the conveyance and, in the case of the operator of the destination site, the number of pigs and pig carcasses that arrived at the destination site; and
- (d)** the licence plate number or, if there is no licence plate, other identification of the conveyance.

•WHAT THE RULES STATE

What does this mean to your Fair?

- This means that the owner and the Agricultural Society must report movement and keep records on the movement of any pigs that enter and leave their Fairgrounds within the specified time frame. These records must be kept for at least 5 years.
- **If you don't - you are in violation of the Act and CFIA can issue you a 'letter of non-compliance' or a 'notice of violation'.**
- You could require pig exhibitors to provide a completed manifest to cut down on your workload - there are samples in the documentation we sent out earlier. It is also on our website.



Quick Reference Guide

WHAT YOU NEED TO BE
COMPLIANT

- ❖ Ensure your fairground is registered for a PREMISES ID#
- ❖ Register your Agricultural Society with CCIA and/or PigTRACE
- ❖ Purchase required approved tags for cattle (dairy and beef), sheep, bison and pigs
- ❖ Ensure any animal on your fairgrounds that requires a tag has one
- ❖ Record and/or report replacement tags
- ❖ Record and/or report sheep & pig movements
- ❖ Record and/or report animal deaths on fairgrounds

•WHAT YOU NEED TO BE COMPLIANT

We recommend posting your PID# at livestock entry gates and on livestock buildings on your fairgrounds, as well as in your fair prize book, on your livestock entry forms and on your website.

PREMISES ID - CURRENT

Agricultural Societies will require a Premises Identification Number (PREMISES ID#) to report a traceability event. Dairy Breed exhibitors require your Premises ID# for their records

PREMISES ID - FUTURE

There are proposed regulations that, if approved, would mean you will require a Premises ID# to report traceability events to applicable agencies and/or be able to purchase approved tags.

HOW TO GET A PREMISES ID

There is no cost to get a PREMISES ID. If you don't have one, PigTRACE, CCIA or the provincial government will assist you with getting one at no charge.

• WHAT YOU NEED TO BE COMPLIANT AND PROTECT YOUR FAIR

Ensure any animal on your fairgrounds that requires a tag has one

- The OAAS **VERY STRONGLY** recommends that Agricultural Societies implement a policy that a listed animal is not permitted to enter their premises/ fairgrounds **unless the animal has an intact, undamaged approved RFID tag or identifier** **NO tag - No entry!**
- We have included the terms ‘intact, undamaged’ as a damaged tag is more likely to be lost.
- We suggest that you clearly state in your Prize book, on livestock entry forms, and on your website that you **WILL NOT** allow the listed species on your Fairgrounds without an intact, undamaged approved RFID tag or identifier

• WHAT YOU NEED TO BE COMPLIANT AND PROTECT YOUR FAIR

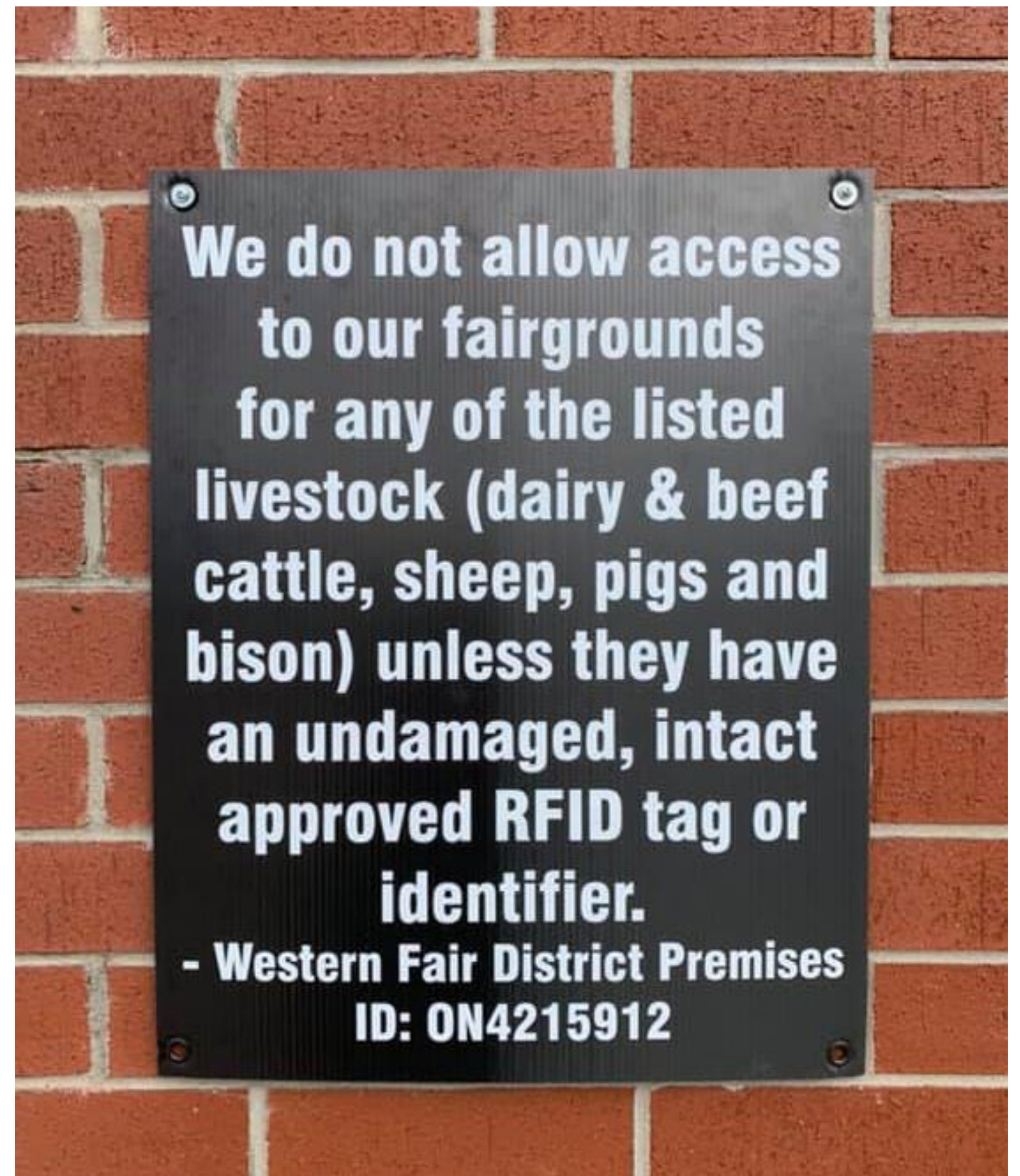
- We sent packages to each fair last year regarding the Agricultural Societies' responsibilities to remain compliant with Livestock Traceability requirements. The information is also located on our website under the "Member Services" tab - Livestock Traceability Information
- Please ensure that your Livestock Committee gets a copy of this information and are aware of your Agricultural Society's policies regarding Livestock Traceability.
- Ensure that your volunteers that are working on the gates or with any livestock i.e. 4-H programs, livestock shows, animal displays or petting zoos are aware of their responsibilities under Livestock Traceability.

• WHAT YOU NEED TO BE COMPLIANT AND PROTECT YOUR FAIR

- If you adopt the “**NO tag - No entry!**” policy - ensure that one of your volunteers or a representative of the 4-H or Livestock show is verifying that no animals are allowed off the trailers or trucks if they don't have an undamaged RFID tag or identifier.
- Post signs at gates where livestock enters - that state “**NO tag - No entry.**”
- Notify any organizations that show dairy or beef cattle, sheep, pigs or bison on your premises that they must ensure that **ALL animals entering your premises and taking part in their activity will not be allowed on your premises if they do not have the approved tag.** This includes any organizations holding livestock or 4-H shows, sales, calf rallies, meetings, etc.

Western Fair District

Here is an example of the sign that Western Fair District posted informing exhibitors that their animals must have an undamaged, intact approved RFID tag or identifier or they won't be allowed access to their fairgrounds.



• WHAT YOU NEED TO BE COMPLIANT AND PROTECT YOUR FAIR

- If an animal without a tag is allowed access to your Fairgrounds or loses their RFID tag on the fairgrounds, a new approved tag or identifier that is registered to the Agricultural Society's fairgrounds must be applied immediately.
- We recommend neither you, nor your volunteers, staff or anyone aside from the owner of the animal applies the tag for health, safety and liability reasons. The owner will be responsible for providing the pliers/taggers and a means to restrain the animal for the same reasons.
- Should you charge for replacement tags?
We were advised by the Minister of Agriculture's office that an Agricultural Society could charge a fee for a replacement tag due to the cost and extra work involved.
I would suggest that you list the cost for replacement tags on your entry form and Prize list book.

•WHAT YOU NEED TO BE COMPLIANT

Record/report replacement tags, animal movements, and/or animal deaths on fairgrounds

Replacement tag - When an Agricultural Society provides a replacement ear tag to an animal that has lost or does not have an approved tag, they must record the following information:

- a) the number of the new approved tag; and
- b) enough information about the origin of the animal to enable the origin to be traced

Note: information on replacement ear tags for pigs must also be reported to PigTrace

Animal Movement - Agricultural Societies must record animal movement from and to the farm of origin and the Fairgrounds for Sheep over 18 months and all Pigs.

Note: Pig movement must also be reported to PigTrace within the required timeframe.

Animal Death - Agricultural Societies must keep records if any animal dies on their fairgrounds.

Note: Pig Deaths must also be reported to PigTrace





Rules

Regulations

IMPORTANT NOTE

It appears that these same regulations apply if you rent/ lease/loan your fairgrounds for any event or show that involves either cattle (dairy or beef), sheep, pigs or bison being on your premises.



■ **POLICY - NO TAG - NO ENTRY**

Implement a policy that an animal is not permitted to enter your premises/fairgrounds unless the animal has an intact, undamaged approved tag or identifier.

■ **POST PREMISES ID#**

Post your PREMISES ID# at livestock entry gates and on livestock buildings on your grounds, as well as in your fair prize book, on your livestock entry forms and website.

■ **BETTER RATES FOR TAGS**

Please advise breed organizations that you are purchasing replacement tags for an Agricultural Society, fair or exhibition in order to take advantage of preferred rates and smaller quantities.

■ **ANIMAL ADMITTED ENTRY WITHOUT A TAG**

You must provide a new approved tag or identifier that is registered to the fairgrounds and it must be applied immediately.

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■ ANIMAL LOST TAG ON FAIRGROUNDS

Must provide a new approved tag or identifier that is registered to the fairgrounds and it must be applied immediately.

■ NO TAG

Implement a policy that states if an animal does not have an approved tag, it will not be allowed to show until it is retagged.

■ FINANCIAL PENALTY

Consider creating a financial penalty for owners of animals that lose their tag on your fairgrounds or do not have a tag when they are admitted to your premises to cover the cost of purchasing replacement tags.

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■ LIABILITY

Neither you, nor your volunteers, staff or anyone aside from the owner of the animal applies the tag for health, safety and liability reasons. The owner will be responsible for providing the pliers/taggers and a means to restrain the animal for the same reasons.

■ RECORDING VS. REPORTING

There is a significant difference between recording and reporting requirements. A record is what you need to keep on file for a certain period of time, while a report needs to be submitted to the appropriate agencies.

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■ DAIRY

If a dairy animal loses their RFID tag, when the dual RFID and Visual Panel Tag set is being replaced with a NLID dairy dual tag set – both tags must be replaced.

If the NLID dual set is not available, the RFID tag may be replaced with a beef RFID tag, if a beef RFID tag is used, the current NLID visual panel tag would not be replaced.

■ MANIFESTS

Implement a policy that the owner provide the Agricultural Society with a completed copy of the appropriate record keeping template or manifest for arrival at and departure from the fairgrounds to be collected by the Agricultural Society for their records.

We have created manifest for sheep and pigs that are located on the OAAS website.

Association Tips

Traceability Factsheet for Agricultural Societies_ July 2019

1. Health of Animals Act XV requires that every person who owns or has the possession, care or control of any of the following species of animals (Cattle- dairy or beef, sheep, pigs or bison) is responsible to ensure that the animal is identified by an approved tag or identifier before it is removed from a site. (i.e. farm, fairgrounds)

2. The National and Provincial Associations of Agricultural Societies strongly suggest Agricultural Societies implement a policy that an animal **is not permitted to enter their premises/fairgrounds unless the animal has an intact approved tag or identifier.**

3. If an animal loses their RFID tag on the fairgrounds or is admitted without a tag - a new approved tag or identifier that is registered to the fairgrounds - **must be applied immediately.**

IMPORTANT: This information is an overview of your Agricultural Society's responsibilities to remain compliant with CFIA Traceability Requirements.

Please see the "*Traceability Requirements Guide for Agricultural Societies*" document for further details.

Your province may have additional regulations and protocols. Please see their website for additional information.

Please see the Health Canada Act XV for detailed information or contact your local CFIA office if you have further questions that are not answered by these documents.

Steps that Agricultural Societies are required to take to remain compliant with CFIA Traceability Requirements

IMPORTANT: See attached "*Traceability Requirements Guide for Agricultural Societies*" for specific details.

Specific page numbers are listed for each Requirement listed below.

1) Ensure Fairground has registered for Premises ID Number (PID#)

If your Fairgrounds does not have a PID# see page 4 on how to register

2) Register your Agricultural Society with CCIA and /or PigTRACE

If your Fairgrounds has not registered see pages 4 & 5 on how to register

3) Purchase RFID tags for livestock species(Dairy or Beef Cattle, Sheep, Bison or Pigs) that will be present on your Fairgrounds

See pages 5, 6 and 7 for Required tags, Contact information, etc.

a) **Beef - CCIA Allflex RFID - For more specific information and to order Beef tags see page 5 & 6.**

Traceability Factsheet for Agricultural Societies_ July 2019

b) Dairy - NLID RFID & Visual Panel dual tag sets - For more specific information and to order Dairy tags see page 6.

NOTE: If the RFID tag needs to be replaced - the included Management tag must be applied as well.

NOTE: RFID Beef tags are technically allowed to replace a missing Dairy RFID tag but is discouraged by NLID

c) Sheep - Shearwell RFID tag - For more information and to order Sheep tags see pages 6 & 7.

d) Bison - Bison RFID tag - For more information and to order Bison tags see page 7

e) Pigs - including farmed wild boar and pot-bellied pigs - Allflex RFID small tag - For more specific information and to order Pig tags see page 7.

4) Ensure that any animal on your Fairgrounds that is required to have a tag or identifier has one.

If an animal loses their RFID tag on the fairgrounds or has been allowed to enter the Fairgrounds without a RFID tag - a new approved tag or identifier that is registered to the fairgrounds - must be applied immediately.

For more specific details - see page 8 .

5) Record/ Report Replacement Tags

Agricultural Society must keep a record of the required information for any replacement tags provided for Dairy and Beef Cattle, Sheep, Bison and Pigs. .

In addition to recording Pig movement, **Agricultural Society must report the number of replacement tag within 7 days to PigTRACE**

NOTE: Records must be kept for at least 2 years for Cattle and Bison and at least 5 years for Sheep and Pigs.

(See attached forms for templates for 1) Cattle, Sheep, Bison OR 2) Pigs).

For more specific details on what information you must record and/or report - see pages 8 & 9.

Traceability Factsheet for Agricultural Societies_ July 2019

6) Record/Report Animal Movement - sheep (over the age of 18 months) and/or pigs

Agricultural Society must keep a record of the required information regarding the movement of sheep and pigs to and from the fairgrounds.

In addition to recording Pig movement, **Agricultural Society** must report the movement (arrival & departure of pigs within 7 days to PigTRACE

NOTE: Records must be kept for at least 5 years for Sheep and Pigs.
(See attached forms for templates for 1) Sheep, OR 2) Pigs).

For more specific details on what information you must record and/or report - see pages 10 & 11.

7) Report/Record Animal Death on Fairgrounds

Agricultural Society must keep a record of the required information for the death of any animal (Dairy and Beef Cattle, Sheep, Bison and Pigs) on their premises.

In addition to recording a pig death, **Agricultural Society** must report the departure of the pig carcass within 7 days to PigTRACE. They must also create a Manifest to accompany the pig carcass.

NOTE: Records must be kept for at least 2 years for Cattle, Bison and Sheep and at least 5 years for Pigs.
(See attached forms for templates for 1) Cattle, Sheep, Bison OR 2) Pigs).

For more specific details on what information you must record and/or report - see page 11.

We provided this letter to our Agricultural Societies as an example to send to their Exhibitors

Traceability Responsibilities for Owners and Exhibitors showing or displaying their livestock on Fairgrounds

Please be advised that any person that exhibits or displays any of the following Livestock - Cattle, Sheep, Pigs (including farmed Wild Boar or pot-bellied pigs), or Bison on an Ontario Fairgrounds must abide by the following Traceability Requirements:

- A) The Health of Animals Act XV requires that every person who owns or has the possession, care or control of any of the following species of animals (Cattle - dairy or beef, sheep, pigs or bison) is responsible to ensure that **the animal is identified by an approved tag or identifier before it is removed from a site.** (i.e. from home farm or fairgrounds)
- B) Agricultural Societies are required to ensure that all the livestock mentioned above **must have an approved RFID tag or identifier at all times while on their Fairgrounds.**

Therefore, we are implementing the following policies:

- 1) **We will not allow access to our fairgrounds for any of the listed livestock (dairy & beef cattle, sheep, pigs and bison) unless they have an undamaged, intact approved RFID tag or identifier.**

This includes any listed livestock being shown in Livestock Shows, 4-H Programs, Petting Zoo / Family Farm or other educational animal displays.

- 2) **It is your responsibility to ensure that all tags on your animals are undamaged and applied properly prior to leaving your property and prior to unloading your animals once you arrive on the Fairgrounds.**

- 3) **If an animal loses a tag while on our fairgrounds, you must immediately notify the Agricultural Society and retag it with an approved RFID tag or identifier that has been provided by our Agricultural Society.**

IMPORTANT: re Dairy Animals - If you are provided with replacement NLID tags - the Owner is responsible for notifying the appropriate agency with the numbers.

- 4) **Animals that have lost a tag may not be allowed to show unless it has been retagged.**

- 5) **It is strongly recommended that Owners or Exhibitors and NOT Agricultural Society volunteers or staff apply the replacement tag due to safety, health and liability issues.**

NOTE: Owners are required to bring their own taggers/pliers to apply replacement tags and equipment to restrain the animal, if required.

IMPORTANT: Owner should contact the Agricultural Society to find out what type of tags will be provided so they can ensure they have the appropriate tagger/plier, if required.

CURRENT Requirements for fairgrounds, exhibition halls, rodeos

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Livestock Identification and Traceability Program

Please note new regulations are currently being drafted. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the CFIA website (www.inspection.gc.ca/traceability).

Cattle - bison – sheep		
Have you received an animal that was not bearing an approved tag? or Have any animal or its carcass lost its approved tag while at the Fair/Exhibition/Rodeo site?	No	Move to next question.
	Yes	Identification requirements Record keeping requirements
		You are responsible to ensure the animal is bearing its approved tag at all times while on your site and must apply an approved tag to the animal immediately upon the arrival of the animal at the site. The operator of the fairground may arrange that the owner of the animal not bearing an approved tag immediately identifies it. Approved tags may be purchased through authorized dealers and must have been issued to your site, not to the animal's farm. ✓ The number of the approved tag you've applied. ✓ Enough information about the origin of the animal (or its carcass) to enable the origin to be traced. These records must be kept for a minimum of 2 years.
Will sheep 18 months of age or older leave your Fair/Exhibition/Rodeo site for a destination other than an abattoir.	No	Move to next question.
	Yes	Record keeping requirements
		✓ The number of the approved tag. ✓ The reason and date of departure. ✓ The contact information (name and address) of destination site. These records must be kept for a minimum of 5 years.
Have any animal died while at the Fair/Exhibition/Rodeo?	No	Move to next question.
	Yes	Record keeping requirements
		✓ The death of the animal. ✓ Its approved tag number. These records must be kept for a minimum of 2 years.
Will you be disposing of the carcass of a dead animal at your Fair/Exhibition/Rodeo site?	No	Move to next question.
	Yes	Movement reporting requirements
		You must report the approved tag number of any carcass being disposed of at your site.
Where do I submit information? Who are the responsible administrators?	Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) by visiting the Canadian Livestock Tracking System at www.ccia.livestockid.ca or Agri-Traçabilité Québec (ATQ)	

The objective of the national Livestock Identification and Traceability program is to provide accurate and up-to-date livestock identity, movement and location information to mitigate the impact of disease outbreaks, food safety issues and natural disasters. This brochure provides an overview of federal livestock identification and traceability requirements. Provincial and territorial requirements may also apply. The guidance in this brochure is not a substitute for the law. Therefore, it is important for regulated parties who use this guidance to apply it in accordance with and within the context of the applicable sections of Part XV (Animal Identification) of the Health of Animals Regulations. For additional information on the regulatory requirements and on Canada's Livestock Identification and Traceability Program, please visit the CFIA website: www.inspection.gc.ca/traceability. Or for the full brochure related to fairs and exhibitions including definitions, please visit http://inspection.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-animals-animaux/WORKAREA/DAM-animals-animaux/text-texte/terr_anima_trace_req_description_intermediate_1399043127151_eng.pdf

•WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

WHERE WE STAND

- Legislation on hold until after the election. The proposed changes to the Livestock Traceability Requirements to be published in the Gazette in winter 2020. Haven't heard any updates

What the OAAS is doing

- The OAAS will be sending notification to 4-H Ontario and various livestock organizations we have **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** to all our Agricultural Societies that all listed species - dairy and beef cattle, sheep, pigs and bison must have an approved tag prior to being allowed on their Fairgrounds.
- We will ask them to ensure that all of their membership is fully aware of their responsibility to ensure that any of these species is properly tagged **PRIOR** to them leaving the farm
- We will continue to work with our provincial counterparts and CAFE to present our concerns to CFIA that the proposed changes continue ensure Livestock Traceability without harming the viability and future of our Agricultural Societies
- Contacting Provincial and Federal Members of Parliament and Ministers to put forth our concerns about the current and proposed requirements and ask for their support

•WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

- Working with other agencies (i.e. DFO, Livestock Breed organizations, 4-H) to ask for their support for our proposal for changes to the current and proposed Federal Livestock Traceability Requirements.
- We need to impress upon them that if the responsibilities for replacement ear tags and recording and reporting from the current and proposed Requirements is not shifted away from the Agricultural Societies that it is very possible that our facilities may not be available in the future for their 4-H programs, livestock shows, sales or other activities involving livestock
- CAFE - IGAC, RIC, regular meetings with all stakeholders



What you can do

BE COMPLIANT

Be compliant and follow the rules, share any issues with the OAAS.

STAY INFORMED

Watch for updates and information on OAAS's website and emails for calls to action.

CALLS TO ACTION

Take action to contact your MP, Minister of Agriculture and Prime Minister when requested by the OAAS

CONSISTENT

Use our consistent messaging and context.

Questions?



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