



# Canadian Cattle Identification Agency

# CCIA NEWS

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## Age Verification:

### What you should know about recording your herd's birth date information

Age Verification (AV) is a voluntary, free of charge birth date data program under the CCIA's National Traceability program. Since its inception, the AV program has enhanced Canada's international recognition and ensured the industry's integrity.

With many of Canada's international trading partners now requesting birth date information as a pre-requisite for export, the need for AV is as significant as ever. By accurately recording and submitting birth date information to the Canadian Livestock Traceability System (CLTS), producers are increasing potential access to domestic and international markets and building upon the credibility and value of Canada's animal identification and traceability program.

To ensure that proper information is recorded and provided to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and/or CCIA, producers are encouraged to document the following information:

- 1) Tag numbers and associated birth dates for all calves born as reported in the CCIA system.
- 2) Method that has been used to determine the birth date of the calf/calves (i.e. a calving start date, that being the date at which the first calf in a group of calves was born, or the actual birth date of a calf)
- 3) If available, supporting information such as bull in/out dates, weaning weight, weaning date, artificial insemination date, bull exposure date, etc.
- 4) If applicable, the name, address and contact information of the Third Party who has been given access to a producer's account in order to submit birth date information to the database on their behalf.
- 5) If a tag has been lost, the calf must immediately be re-tagged with another CCIA approved tag, and a cross-reference with the birth date information must be recorded and reported to the CCIA database.

**Producers should keep copies of their AV records for at least six (6) years, or the same length of time they keep their tax records.**

## Register your Premise ID

The CCIA is encouraging every producer in Canada to obtain a Premises Identification (Premises ID) number by reporting the legal land description of your home quarter or operation in the CLTS. Premises ID will provide the CFIA and/or CCIA with specific location information if an animal health or food safety issue should ever arise. To submit Premises ID information, go to [www.clia.livestockid.ca](http://www.clia.livestockid.ca).

## Logging into the CLTS for the first time?

### Be sure to validate.

The CLTS has been created using an account-based system. What this means is that the first time a producer uses the CLTS system, they will be required to set up a username and password. When validating an account in the CLTS, the producer is required to provide a minimum of two fields, i.e. their CCIA PIN number and a tag number. Additionally, each account can have one or more users registered with access to the account. To set up multiple users, login to the CLTS, click on "My Account" and follow the prompts under the "Users" tab.

## Who we are

The CCIA exists to establish a highly effective national cattle identification program to trace and eliminate source of disease and food safety concerns in the Canadian cattle herd. As an industry led organization, we offer animal identification and traceability programs such as Age Verification and Premises ID through the Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS). For more information on the CCIA and our programs, visit

[www.canadaid.ca](http://www.canadaid.ca)

# Age Verification Birth Certificates

The CLTS provides producers with the capability to create printable birth certificates, which can then be attached to their shipping manifest as proof that they are shipping age verified animals. It is important that each step is completed when printing an animal's birth certificate, and to ensure this, producers are reminded to click on the Latest Birth Date Certificate link when on the Birth Date Certificate webpage (see diagrams below).

## Incorrect

Canadian Cattle Identification Agency Canadian Livestock Tracking System

Home My Account Events Search Reports Admin Contact Us Help Logout

General Users Premises Inventory > for Account: CANADIAN CATTLE IDENTIFICATION AGENCY

Birth Date Certificate

Certificate Details

Certificate Type: Birth Date Certificate  
 Certificate ID: AC3338LUUGA  
 Latest Birth Date Certificate: [BirthCertificate-AC3338LUUGA](#)  
 Created By: Tracy Gardner for CANADIAN CATTLE IDENTIFICATION AGENCY (A2257493)  
 Date Created: 25-May-2006 09:18 MDT

Click on this link to access correct Birth Date Certificate

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## Correct

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Birth Date Certificate

Birth Date Certificate  
 Certificate ID: AC3338SPXV  
 Audit Status: No Audit Findings  
 Date Generated: 29-Dec-2005 12:15 MST  
 Generated By: Data Provider

This Certificate was created for:  
 Data Provider: 3  
 Suite 300, 491 9TH Avenue SW  
 Calgary, AB  
 Canada, T2T 4M5

State	Start Tag #	End Tag #	Birth Date	Age (Months)	Comments	Qty
	00000012400009999450	00000012400009999455	22-May-2004	19		5
<b>Total:</b>						<b>5</b>

\*The age of an animal is calculated based on a 30 day month.

The information supplied on this form was obtained from the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency Database and represents the birth date on file as of 29-Dec-2005 12:15 MST.

The signature below certifies that the Animals associated with this certificate have the listed Animal Identification number tags and that the Birth Dates were obtained from the Canadian Cattle Identification Database by an authorized Representative of Data Provider 3 as indicated by the signature below.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that the information provided to CCIA is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 at \_\_\_\_\_ this Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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## Tagging Reminder

The CCIA Board of Directors would like to remind all producers, as per CCIA policy, as of September 1, 2006 all cattle leaving their herd of origin are required to be tagged with a CCIA approved RFID tag. To facilitate the transition to RFID technology, bar code tags will continue to be recognized until at least December 31, 2007, and in mature breeding stock indefinitely.

As the demand for RFID increases within the industry, it is in the producer's best interest to begin tagging all their animals with RFID tags as soon as possible.

## Export vs. Retirement

Producers are responsible to report (*within 30 days*) the date and tag number of an animal that has died on their property. However in the case that an animal is slaughtered within Canada, the CCIA requires that the packing plant report (*within 30 days*) the retirement information into the database, including the tag number of the animal and the date of slaughter. These are referred to as a **Retirement Event** within the CLTS.

Similarly, if an animal is transported out of the country, the CCIA requires that exporters submit the animal's tag number and date of processing for export to the database within 30 days. This is referred to as an **Exported Event** within the CLTS.

After the required information is reported to the national database, a transaction ID number will be given which can be used to check the status of the transaction and ensure that the information has been successfully uploaded to the database and/or find out if any errors have occurred. (Please allow up to 12 hours for system to process transaction before checking its status). Once the transaction for the event being reported has been confirmed as a successfully uploaded event in the system, the used tag can be discarded.



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