

CCIA NEWS

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Age Verification System Supports Dial-up Users

Many users of the CCIA's Age VERIFICATION program are on a "Dial-Up" rather than "high-speed" internet connection. On many websites, using dial-up can mean long wait times when downloading information as well as the concern of being periodically kicked out of the site completely.

During the creation of the CCIA's Age Verification Program, many things were taken into consideration including dial-up users. To help assist anyone using dial-up, the site was created using low resolution (to avoid waiting for

pages to download) and a way to submit data without being on-line for long periods of time was created; submitting using a data template.

Submitting Using a Data Template:

By logging onto www.canadaid.ca/info users can access a Birth Date Template and Detailed Instructions, which upon being saved to ones computer, can be filled out as time permits.

Once completed, users can log onto the www.cia.livestockid.ca

site and, once validated, can submit the entire file at once. This replaces the need to stay on the site for slightly longer periods of time as is necessary when inputting data directly on-line. Users who do not have internet access can assign a Third-Party to submit on their behalf. For more information on assigning a Third-Party, or submitting Birth Dates to this voluntary free of charge program please call the CCIA Help Desk at 1-877-909-2333 (open weekdays from 8 am - 4 pm MST)

Age Verification Numbers Still Rising

Over 3.5 million birthdates have been voluntarily submitted to the CCIA database.

DID YOU KNOW?

The CCIA office received almost 8,000 calls on our toll free number in September, and nearly 9,000 calls in October!

RFID Tag Date Arrives

As of September 1, 2006 all cattle are to be tagged with a CCIA approved RFID tag. In order to facilitate the transition to RFID, bar code tags will continue to be recognized until at least December 31, 2007 and recognized on mature breeding stock indefinitely. The CCIA Board of Directors would like to remind all Producers that it is in everyone's best interest to tag with RFID tags as soon as possible.

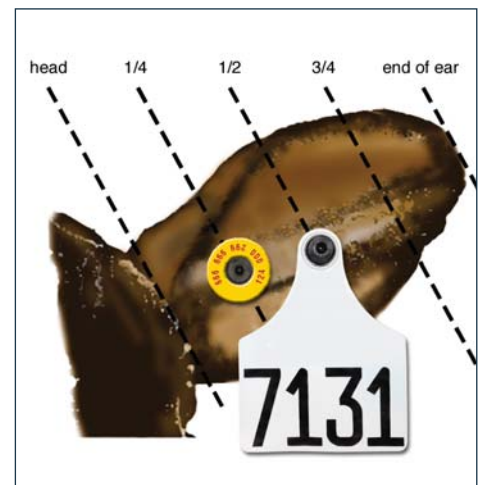


How to Achieve Optimal RFID Tag Retention

RFID tags are required to pass trial with a 99% retention rate in lab and in field. There are three things that producers can do to ensure optimal tag retention:

- Ensure proper tag applicator is being used for specific tag brand (speak with your local Dealer)
- Ensure proper backing studs are being used (tags are approved as a tag set)
- Ensure proper tagging location is utilized (see diagram)

CCIA Technical Field Specialist Tracy Gardner reminds Producers that, "CCIA Approved tags have gone through a vigorous testing process to ensure they meet all standards. However, Producers must make sure they are applying the tags correctly to achieve optimal retention."



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