Livestock Traceability

These records are critical to maintaining records for biosecurity purposes in the case of a national cattle disease outbreak, and for the accuracy of the registration books.

ANIMAL BIRTH RECORD | TAG ACTIVATION (RECORD 1)

Calves must be tagged and births recorded <u>within 7 days of birth</u>, or before the animal leaves the farm, whichever occurs first. **The full 15-digit electronic ID must be recorded.**

- Heifer calves must be dual tagged with approved NLID tags
- Any calves born on farm and destined for the beef industry may be identified with a single RFID ear tag. **See the "tagging" page for details on the new white button tag!**

Note: <u>Reporting</u> births/tag activations to the National Dairy Traceability Database (DairyTrace) within <u>45 days</u> is required under proAction as of September 2021. Please be aware that some breed associations require tag activation and registration sooner than 45 days.

ANIMAL MOVE-IN RECORD (MOVE-IN | IMPORT) (RECORD 2)

Animal reception must be recorded <u>within 7 days*</u>.

*After September 2021, *reported* to DairyTrace within 7 days

Any animal moving into your facilities must be reported as a "move-in" if they were **co-mingled** with other cattle <u>OR</u> were not co-mingled but **under different management**.

Movement of an animal within a farm or separately licensed farms under the **same management** must be recorded only if the animals are transported across a provincial or territorial border.

TAG RETIREMENT RECORDS (RECORD 3/4)

Tag retirement is the way to report that the animal bearing the unique identification number is dead (and remained on your farm) or exported (no longer at risk of transmitting disease in Canada). On-farm disposal and animal export should be recorded* <u>within 7 days</u> of the animal's death or export.

* After September 2021, *reported* to DairyTrace within 7 days

If you use a **renderer** or **ship animals** to auction or slaughter, you do not need to complete a tag retirement record. The tag will be retired at the **final location** of the animal; **the renderer or slaughter plant will complete this record**. It is best practice that you record a "move-out", but only "move-in" events are required under proAction.

EXPORTING CATTLE (RECORD 5)

If you export cattle to the US, you must complete Record 5.