

# USDA's Animal Disease Traceability Program to require Electronic ID

The rule **ONLY** applies to interstate movement (between states) of:

- sexually intact beef cattle and bison 18 months of age or older,
- dairy cattle, and
- cattle and bison used for rodeo, shows, exhibition and recreational events.

This rule does **NOT** apply to feeder cattle/calves or cattle staying **IN** state.



## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN WHEN I PLAN TO MOVE OR MARKET COWS, BULLS OR DAIRY CATTLE INTERSTATE?

### IF

No tag is present when you plan to move or market interstate cows, bulls or dairy animals on or after Nov. 5.

### THEN



The animal must be tagged with an official electronic tag.



### IF

Official ID, including a metal clip (NUES/BRITE) tag or non-EID plastic tag was already applied before Nov. 5.



### THEN



A different tag is not necessary. Existing tags will continue to be allowed for the rest of that animal's life.

### UNLESS

Moving direct to slaughter from markets.

### THEN



Cattle can move with approved backtags instead of official identification even if moving between states.



Cattle requiring official ID may move across state lines directly to an approved tagging site, like a livestock auction market, prior to being identified. Other state-specific tagging requirements may still apply. Find these through your state animal health official or at [www.interstatelivestock.com](http://www.interstatelivestock.com).