



Frequently Asked Questions

New White Single Button Tag



What are these tags for?

New with DairyTrace is the availability of a white single button RFID tag for dairy animals born outside the province of Québec. This new tag is allowable under proAction® requirements as an exception for identifying calves born on a dairy farm that are destined to leave the farm at a young age for the beef industry. The white single button tag is designed to replace the current allowable use of yellow button tags and keeps those animals within the DairyTrace system. All other animals on dairy farms across Canada must be double tagged. Dual tags, single tags and exceptional customer service: DairyTrace provides a one-stop-shop!

How much do they cost?

The HDX RFID button panel tag (single dairy tag for beef destined animals) will be sold in sets of 30 at a cost of \$3.25 per tag, which includes shipping costs but not applicable taxes.

What is the difference between these single button tags and the dual ear tags?

The white single button RFID tag is comprised of an HDX RFID button with a junior back panel. When ordering, there is an option to request a herd management number to appear on the back panel of the tag, if desired. A specific tag 'number range' starting in the 50M series is used for these single button tags to easily distinguish them from the range of the dual dairy tag sets.

I report my traceability data to the CLTS, will this change?

The CLTS (Canadian Livestock Tracking System) is administered by the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA). Before October 5, 2020, CCIA was responsible for traceability information for dairy cattle outside of Québec, as well as for beef cattle, caprine, ovine, cervid and bison. As the dairy industry has unique needs to that of the beef sector, Lactanet Canada is now the new traceability administrator for dairy cattle. The vision of DairyTrace is that it includes all offspring born on a dairy farm, regardless of their sex, breed composition or end use. As of October 5, 2020, dairy producers outside of Québec will no longer submit traceability data to the CLTS but rather to DairyTrace.

Is an animal that has white single button RFID tag in their ear eligible for registration?

Any dairy animal with approved dual dairy tags in their ears is eligible for registration with their breed association. The white single button tag is designed to replace the current allowable use of yellow button tags and keeps dairy animals destined for the beef industry within the DairyTrace system.

What happens if an animal loses this type of tag?

There is no replacement program for these tags as the lifetime of an animal destined for beef is a shorter span of time than those destined for dairy production. If such a tag is lost, another white single button tag can be applied in the animal's ear and the tag number cross-reference must be reported to DairyTrace.

What tagger do I use?

The same tagger as what is used for the dual dairy tags, the Red Allflex Total Tagger, can be used for these white single button dairy tags as well.

How do I order tags?

Although the DairyTrace logo, tag order forms and other branding may appear different, tag distributors have not changed. If you reside outside the province of Québec, all dairy tags can be ordered through DairyTrace Customer Services or NLID (National Livestock Identification for Dairy) offered through Holstein Canada on behalf of the DairyTrace program. Dairy producers living in the province of Québec will continue to order tags directly from ATQ.