

# LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION TAGS

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### AN EXPANDING ROLE FOR THE HUMBLE EAR TAG

The collection, monitoring and archiving of animal data provides intelligence on key management parameters, such as performance, efficiency, welfare and genetic progress. Use of intelligence in this way is increasingly a key ingredient in efficient, profitable and sustainable production. At one time, just a simple method of animal identification, the humble ear tag has evolved to play an increasingly significant role in this new area of livestock farming intelligence.

In-ear tag technology can help to improve livestock performance and profitability, especially when allied with integrated handling and weighing systems. Dairy farmers routinely use information provided by milking parlour software, such as milk yield and somatic cell counts, to make informed management decisions for breeding or marketing. In the sheep and beef sectors the use of EiD (Electronic Identification) tags linked to farm management software can offer the same opportunity to focus on those factors most likely to influence profitability such as daily liveweight gain and finishing weights.

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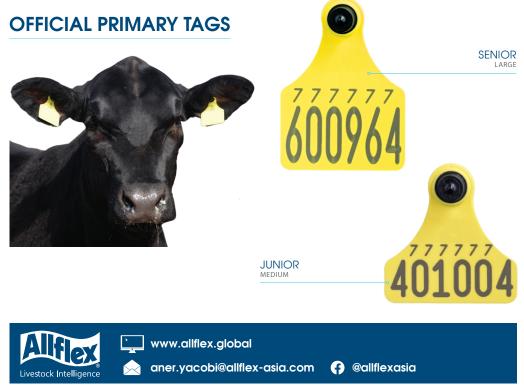
Of course, information or intelligence on individual animals can take many forms and cattle ear tags can also play their part in the management and eradication of disease - for example Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD). Tissue Sampling Tags (TST's) take a small biopsy of the ear tissue at the point of application and when analysed can provide information about the disease status of the animal. This can facilitate informed culling and breeding decisions by allowing Persistently Infected (PI) animals – those that carry and spread the disease – to be identified.

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### **ULTRA CATTLE TAGS**

Given the legal requirement to identify cattle, livestock producers can gain significant commercial benefit from utilising in-ear tag technology to make informed management decisions. Using Tissue Sampling Tags can help to manage disease whilst EiD tags can help to make breeding decisions or market stock at the right weight and specification. Used by livestock producers across the world, Allflex Ultra cattle tags are manufactured from high quality plastic and incorporate design features to ensure free rotation whilst in the ear; ensuring reliability and readability.

- Officially approved and available as senior (large) and junior (medium) flag and button
- Flag tags have reinforced shoulders providing robustness
- 360° tag pin rotation allows tags to freely rotate in the ear
- Female tag is larger than the male tag to allow for easier identification once applied
- · Clear black laser printing for distance readability and longevity of the mark
- Available with management print and barcode options
- Available as HDX or FDX EiD or Tissue Sample Tags
- Apply with the B06 or B08 Applicator
- Available colours: Yellow, Blue, Green, Orange, Pink, Red, White and Purple





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### **ULTRA EID CATTLE TAGS**

- HDX (Half Duplex Tag) parlour tags are designed to work with all HDX parlour systems
- The technology optimises signal transmission and provides the greatest possible read distance
- · For total control/traceability in the milking, feeding and identification of individual animals
- Choose between discreet EiD Button tags, or EiD Flag tags for greater visibility
- · Apply with either the B06 or B08 applicator; remember to remove the black insert prior to fitting female EiD tags
- Available colours: Yellow and White



Applying EiD tags to calves at birth and using these in conjunction with an EiD reader and weigh indicator can significantly aid the monitoring and management of youngstock helping you to make informed management decisions - see pages 19 to 20 to find out more.



### TAG AND TEST FOR BVD FROM BIRTH

Use Tissue Sampling Tags (TST's) to help eradicate Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) from your herd. Doing so will help to increase overall productivity and profitability and could give a potential price premium through selling BVD free stock.

- BVD is a highly contagious viral disease of cattle
- There can often be no obvious clinical signs of infection
- The disease can cause reduced growth rates and milk yield, abortion and secondary disease

An important tool to help you towards a BVD free future...

- Officially approved cattle tags; use management TST's to test
   older cattle
- Take a sample of tissue as part of the normal tagging process
- The sample is tested in the laboratory to determine the BVD status of the individual animal
- · Infected animals can be identified for culling
- BVD free animals can be recorded on your national database
- Available colours: Yellow and White



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Tissue Sample Button Tag with Sample Tube





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### **CATTLE MANAGEMENT TAGS**

#### AVAILABLE EITHER PRINTED OR BLANK

Management tags can be used for a number of reasons and can assist in the identification, monitoring and ongoing management of selected animals. Our Ultra tags are ideal for management purposes either printed or blank for you to then mark to suit your own system. All of the tags featured on this page can be applied using the B06 or B08 applicators\*.

#### Ideal for:

- Breeding decisions
- Pedigree management
- **Disease management** ~
- Cull selection ~
- Health status
- Temperament/behaviour characteristics



JUNIOR MEDIUM

> **REUSABLE OPEN** HEAD EID BUTTON WITH LONG STEM MALE PIN TO ENABLE EASY REMOVAL

4MM LONGER THAN A STANDARD MALE PIN

tag marker pen, supplied with a fine and narrow nib.

TAG MARKER

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- · Actionable insight for proactive, individualised health management
- Advanced group monitoring
- Choice of neck or ear tags
- Flexible application plans Starter, Advanced and Premium
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- Subscription or upfront payments
- One-box installation
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### **EID SLAUGHTER/BATCH TAGS**

YOU KNOW? We can print management information on slaughter/batch tags

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#### RapID

MINIMUM ORDER 10

Speed up identification of your market ready stock with the RapID Semi-Automatic Tagging System – tag up to 300 lambs per hour! Supplied in strips of 20, the RapID can also be applied with the RapID Single Shot Applicator.

Please note this is a special order item, please contact us for lead times.





#### BUBBLEGUM

MINIMUM ORDER 10

Concealing the transponder in the tag pin allows for excellent weight distribution. Manufactured from ultra-flexible plastic, the tip of the tag pin has a cross cut point which helps tag application by cutting through ear tissue as opposed to punching through.

#### **SNAPP**

MINIMUM ORDER 10

Based on the original sheep loop tag, the SNAPP tag is lightweight yet durable and contains a waterproof and shock resistant transponder. This one piece tag locks together tightly without pinching the ear.

### SEE PAGE 16 AND 17 FOR APPLICATORS



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### **EID BREEDING PAIRS**

#### BUBBLEGUM

- A great 'tag for life' which is manufactured from an ultra-flexible plastic
- Concealing the transponder in the tag pin allows for excellent weight distribution
- The tip of the tag pin has a cross cut point which helps tag application by cutting through ear tissue as opposed to punching through
- Can be cut to create a two piece tag
- · Lightweight yet robust applicator
- Management print options are available see page 13
- Applicator: B49
- Available colours (EiD)\*: Yellow, Blue, Green, Orange, Pink, Red and White
- Available colours (visual): Yellow, Blue, Green, Orange, Pink, Red, White, Brown, Grey, Purple and Spearmint

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### **EID BREEDING PAIRS**

#### MINI EID BUTTON

This new, lightweight EiD button tag enables flock managers to take full advantage of the management benefits of EiD; especially when tagging lambs at birth.

- Fits securely within the ear
- High quality laser marking
- Diameter: 24mm
- Choose from 3 visual match up options
- Management print options are available see page 13
- Applicator: B08 (NB: please remove the black insert from the applicator before fitting the female EiD button)
- Available colours\*: Yellow, Blue, Green, Red and Purple

### USE THE SAME APPLICATOR TO PAIR WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE VISUAL TAGS:

#### A. ULTRA BUTTON

Available colours: Yellow, Blue, Green, Orange, Pink, Red, White and Purple

ULTRA BUTTON

MINI EID BUTTON

#### B. OVINA

**Available colours:** Yellow, Blue, Green, Orange, Pink, Red, White, Purple and Black

OVINA

MINI EID BUTTON

#### C. ACE

Available colours: Yellow, Blue, Green, Orange, Pink, White, Purple and Black

ACE

MINI EID BUTTON



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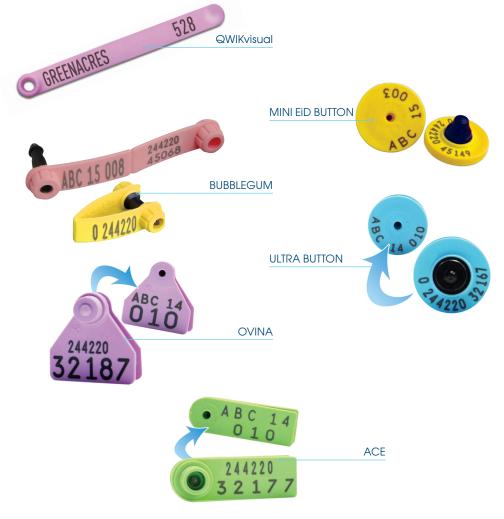
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### PEDIGREE/MANAGEMENT PRINT OPTIONS

We can print text and numeric management information on all of our sheep tags, please contact your local dealer to discuss your specific requirements.





# **MANAGEMENT TAGS**

### SHEEP AND GOATS

#### AVAILABLE EITHER PRINTED OR BLANK



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# **MANAGEMENT TAGS**

### PIGS

#### AVAILABLE EITHER PRINTED OR BLANK



#### JUNIOR MEDIUM

- Large flag makes for
   easier visibility
- Flexible plastic
- Supplied blank or with high quality laser marking
- Applicator: B08
- Available colours: Yellow, Blue, Green, Pink, Red, Purple and White



#### OVINA

- Large flag makes for easier visibility
- Flexible plastic
- Supplied blank or with high quality laser marking
- Applicator: B08
- Available colours: Yellow, Blue, Green, Orange, Pink, Red, White, Purple and Black



#### STEEL PIG TAG

MINIMUM ORDER 10

- Made to withstand carcase heat treatment at slaughter
- Small steel tag, with curl lock
- Folded/crimped tag dimensions are 28mm x 6mm, with clearly etched ID
- Applicator: B50

#### **ULTRA BUTTON**

- Diameter 28mm
- Good long term tag, management information can be printed on the back
- Available Colours: Yellow, Blue, Green Orange, Pink, Red and White

### **SLAP MARKER**





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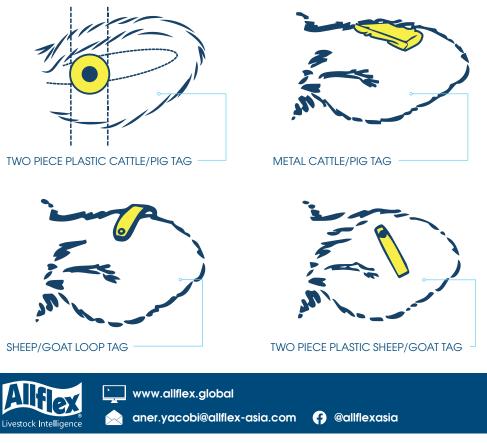




# EAR TAGGING - BEST PRACTICE

#### Improve ear tag retention rates by following a few simple guidelines.

- Ensure the correct applicator is selected for the tag and that you have read the instructions.
- Record tag numbers before application.
- To minimise infection and fly strike, avoid applying tags during spells of hot weather (where possible) and ensure your hands and the applicator are clean.
- Restrain the animal's head to prevent jerking whilst tagging.
- Ensure the male and female parts of the tag are positioned correctly in the applicator.
- In the case of two-piece plastic tags, ensure that both parts of the tag have the same number. The female part of the tag should always be applied on the inside of the ear; this will reduce the chance of the tag snagging or catching on obstructions. The male part of the tag should always enter the back of the ear and be placed as centrally as possible between the veins of the ear.
- Check the ear 10 days after tagging for signs of damage or infection. Consult your Veterinary Surgeon as
  necessary. Store unused tags in a clean dry container away from extremes in temperature and humidity.
- When tagging youngstock allow room for ear growth.



# **EID TECHNOLOGY**

When an EiD tag is printed a microchip encased within the tag is programmed with the same number that is printed on the tag. The tag is applied to the animal and when an electronic reader is switched on it transmits a signal which is received by the microchip. In return, the microchip transmits a signal back to the reader which contains the unique animal number. These numbers are then stored within the reader's memory until they are downloaded onto a computer or, in the case of a milking parlour, enable the cow to move through the parlour. There are two types of microchip used in EiD tags and boluses; Full Duplex (FDX-B) and Half Duplex (HDX). TAG ANIMALS FROM BIRTH TO REAP THE MANAGEMENT BENEFITS OF EID SOONER

#### WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION CAN EID TECHNOLOGY PROVIDE ME WITH?

If used in conjunction with a reader, EiD technology can provide you with a simple list of animal numbers or a vast amount of information to aid flock and herd performance including:

#### INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL PERFORMANCE:

- Breed
- Age
- Sex
- Body condition score
- Disease susceptibility
- Parentage
- Pregnancy data
- Milk yield
- Movements
- Drug treatments and withdrawal periods

#### SIRE AND DAM PERFORMANCE:

- Progeny weaning weights
- DLWG
- Carcass weight and grading

#### THE BENEFITS OF EID;

- ✓ Save time and effort improve productivity
- Traceability manage stock across multiple holdings and identify parentage for breeding purposes
- Reliable and legible records always be inspection ready
- Used in conjunction with weighing equipment, market stock at the correct specification and avoid carcass penalties
- ✓ Use to identify disease susceptible animals for an evidence-based culling strategy
- Improve pedigree animals by making informed breeding decisions based on sire and dam performance

"We scanned 53 sheep this morning in less than one minute. Before we had the stick reader, I was calling out tag numbers which so often got lost in translation by the time they were written down, or sometimes were difficult to read." Tom Hutchinson.

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# EID TECHNOLOGY

### ALLFLEX RS420 STICK READER

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# "Using EiD tags from birth means I can easily scrutinise each animal's records and make more profitable decisions."



Tagging early enables you to get a better understanding of your flock by gathering real-time data.

This data allows you to build a clear picture of each lamb's performance and can be used to make informed health management, breeding and marketing decisions leading to improved efficiency and profitability.

It has to be an Allflex tag all the way.



# ORDER CHECKLIST

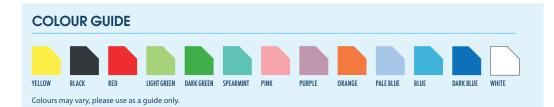
KEEP HANDY FOR FARM ASSURANCE INSPECTIONS

Make life easier when ordering your tags by keeping a note of important information here.

Your Allflex/Merchant Account No:
CPH Number:
Herd Mark:
Flock Mark:

DATE	TAG TYPE(S)	SIZE	COLOUR	SEQ. NUMBERS	MANAGEMENT PRINT

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