

Animal Identification for Eastern States Exposition 2019

1. For 2019 it is **required** that cattle be identified with a 15 digit AIN tag.

Forms of that tag that will be accepted:

A Canadian Cattle identification Agency Radio Frequency Identification Device Tag

A USDA AIN RFID Tag - **Preferred**

A USDA AIN Visual Tag

Animal identification number (AIN) "840" Tags

- Provided directly to producers from manufacturers [or their distributors], or to producers through accredited veterinarians or animal health officials. Various sizes, shapes, colors. Visual only or with variable frequency RFID technology. The visual imprinting of the AIN on the tag is the official identifier for AIN tags with radio frequency technology. AIN tags may be imprinted with additional information for program identity, e.g., age, source programs.

Note: 840 AINs are available in microchip implants for equine and other species.

Cattle with these tags must be identified using these 15 digits on the Certificates of Vet. Inspection paperwork.

2. Moving in this direction will allow a speedier health check in using new technology.
3. Exhibitors are reminded there is still a show check in utilizing Registration numbers, tattoos and American ID tags. ESE does not recommend tags of any kind be removed. Exhibitors that have used American ID tags for registration purposes should not remove these tags. For show check in these tags tie the animal to their registration paper.
4. All cattle, including those from Massachusetts must meet the same ESE health check-in identification standard.

F Visual and RFID 840-tag



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