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Material Type:

Plastic. Many colors available, with the exception of orange tags, which are reserved for Brucellosis (Bangs, OCV) vaccinations. Available with and without Radio Frequency Identification (RFID, Electronic ID, EID).

Official number:

- 15-digit number
- First three numbers indicate country of origin
 - 840 - USA
 - 124 - Canada
 - 484 - Mexico
- All 15 digits should be recorded for official paperwork

Special comments:

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How to order:

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Other Names:

Metal tags, silver tags, brite tags, test tags, USDA tags, TB tags, Brucellosis (Bangs) vaccination tags, OCV tags

Material Type:

Metal or plastic. Available in a variety of colors, with the exception of orange tags, which are reserved for Brucellosis and official calfhood vaccinations (Bangs, OCV).

Official number:

- 9-character format, beginning with a state two-digit code followed by three letters and four numbers
48 - Kansas
Ex: 48ABC1234
- In Kansas, the letters on an OCV-specific NUES tag begins with a "V"
Ex: 48VBT1234

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Material Type:

Plastic. May be a variety of colors.

Official number:

Manufacturer Coded:

- 15-digit number
- First three numbers are in a 900 series
Ex: 985
- All 15 digits must be recorded for official papers

American ID:

- 8-12 digit number preceded by the letters "USA"
- Ex: USA123456789
- The entire number, including USA, must be recorded on official papers

Special comments:

These tags **will not** have a US shield. These tags **are** official for the life of the animal if applied **prior to March 11, 2015**. These tags **are not** official if applied **on or after March 11, 2015**.



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Back Tags



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Material Type:

Paper.

Official number:

- 8-digit number
- First two numbers indicate state origin
48 - KS
- Following two letters indicate livestock market
Ex: 48XX1234

Special comments:

Backtags are temporary identification issued to animals at livestock markets, not to be used for interstate travel except for animals moving directly to an approved slaughter facility.

How to order:

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4-H Tags



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Official number:


840-AIN RFID

- 15-digit number
- First three numbers indicate country of origin
Ex: USA - 840

Manufacturer Coded RFID

- 15-digit number
- First three numbers are in a 900 series
Ex: 982

Special comments:

840-AIN RFID tags without a US shield are not considered official identification, and they should not be applied. 

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PIN Tags



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Other Names:

Pink tags, barcode tags.

Material Type:

Plastic. Available in a variety of colors.

Official number:

Begins with a state abbreviation, followed by the US Shield and then the Premises ID Number, consisting of three letters and four numbers.

Ex: KS  ABC1234

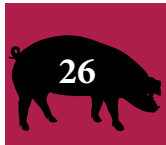
Special comments:

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How to order:

Producers may order directly from authorized manufacturers after they have received a valid Premises ID Number through KDAH. For more ordering information visit www.pork.org/PIN.



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Back Tags



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Material Type:

Paper.

Official number:

- 8-digit number
- First two numbers indicate state origin
48 - KS
- Following two letters indicate livestock market.
Ex: 48XX1234

Special comments:

Backtags are temporary identification issued to animals at livestock markets, not to be used for interstate travel except for animals moving directly to an approved slaughter facility.

How to order:

Markets may contact the Kansas area USDA-APHIS office at (785) 228-6565.



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Official number:

840-AIN RFID

- 15-digit number
- First three numbers indicate country of origin
Ex: USA - 840

Manufacturer Coded RFID

- 15-digit number
- First three numbers are in a 900 series
Ex: 982

Special comments:

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Manufacturer Coded RFID tags **will not** have a US Shield.

These tags are **only official ID for Kansas 4-H** and will *not* be accepted for interstate movement.



How to order:

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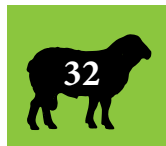
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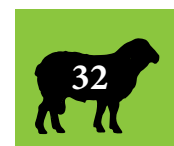
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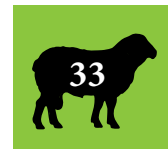


Scrapie Tags

Flock Tags



Serial Tags



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Serial Tags



Scrapie Tags

Material Type:

Metal or plastic, non-Radio Frequency Identification.

- *White plastic/metal* for animals destined for breeding.
- *Blue plastic/metal* for animals destined for slaughter.
- *Red metal* for live scrapie positive animals.
- *Yellow metal* for permanently restricted at-risk animals.

Official number:

Flock Tags

- 7-character number
- State postal abbreviations, followed by a unique herd management number (up to 6 characters)

Serial Tags

Plastic tags:

- 8-character number
- State postal abbreviation, followed by a letter/number combination, then four numbers.
- Ex: KS1A2345 or KSA12345

Metal tags:

- 8-character number
- State postal abbreviation, followed by two letters and four numbers
- Ex: KSAB1234

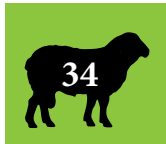
Special comments:

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How to order:

Tags may be ordered by calling the Kansas area USDA at (785) 228-6565. More information is available at www.eradicatescrapie.org.



Scrapie Tags

Material Type:

Metal or plastic, non-Radio Frequency Identification.

- *White plastic/metal* for animals destined for breeding.
- *Blue plastic/metal* for animals destined for slaughter.
- *Red metal* for live scrapie positive animals.
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- 8-character number
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- Ex: KS1A2345 or KSA12345

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- 8-character number
- State postal abbreviation, followed by two letters and four numbers
- Ex: KSAB1234

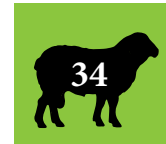
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Official number:

Manufacturer Coded RFID

- 15-digit number
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Ex: 982

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Special comments:

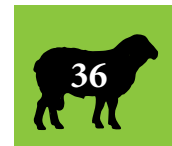
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Not official ID for interstate movement





Animal Identification Number
(AIN) 840 Tags



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Material Type:

Plastic. Many colors available. Available with and without Radio Frequency Identification (RFID, Electronic ID, EID).

Official number:

- 15-digit number
- First three numbers indicate country of origin
 - 840 - USA
 - 124 - Canada
 - 484 - Mexico
- All 15 digits should be recorded for official paperwork

Special comments:

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Scrapie Tags

Flock Tags



Serial Tags



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Scrapie Tags

Material Type:

Metal or plastic, non-Radio Frequency Identification.

- *White plastic/metal* for animals destined for breeding.
- *Blue plastic/metal* for animals destined for slaughter.
- *Red metal* for live scrapie positive animals.
- *Yellow metal* for permanently restricted at-risk animals.

Official number:

Flock Tags

- 7-character number
- State postal abbreviations, followed by a unique herd management number (up to 6 characters)

Serial Tags

Plastic tags:

- 8-character number
- State postal abbreviation, followed by a letter/number combination, then four numbers.
- Ex: KS1A2345 or KSA12345

Metal tags:

- 8-character number
- State postal abbreviation, followed by two letters and four numbers
- Ex: KSAB1234

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4-H Tags



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Material Type:

Plastic. Many colors available, all with Radio Frequency Identification (RFID, Electronic ID, EID).

Official number:

Manufacturer Coded RFID

- 15-digit number
- First three numbers are in a goo series
Ex: 982

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