Electronic Identification (EID) "840" Tags in Cattle

1) To obtain tags, a farm must have a Premise ID number. Premise ID numbers are obtained by submitting an application to the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA). The farm will need to provide this number when purchasing tags.
    a) Premise Registration Forms can be found at www.agri.ohio.gov in the animal health division under "Forms."
    b) There is no fee for getting a Premise ID number.

2) When purchasing tags, EID tags begin with the digits "840." (EID tags may also be referenced as Radio Frequency Identification {RFID} tags).
    a) They are available in either yellow or white. Either are acceptable as long as they are an electronic tag.
    b) Visual tags can be purchased to accompany an EID tag that are packer-friendly as a visual component to the EID tag.

3) Tags may be purchased from an animal health supplier (examples: PBS Animal Health, CattleTags.com, etc.); however, they MUST start with "840".

4) Tags are to only be used by the farm/individual associated with the Premise ID number in which the tags were ordered under.

5) It is illegal to remove an EID tag.
    a) Animals purchased out of state may already have an EID tag. DO NOT REMOVE!

6) County Fairs that require an EID tag need to use the existing tag already in the calf's ear as opposed to replacing or adding an additional EID tag.

7) EID tags can be applied with the universal red Allflex tagger with the black clip removed to allow full range of motion on the tagger.

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8) EID tags need to be put into the calf's ear with the flat piece on the back side of the ear. Tags need to be placed securely in the middle rib of the ear, as close to center as possible (avoiding other identification, tattoos, etc.)
   a) If possible, tag cattle through a pre-existing hole where another unnecessary tag was removed. The tag can be placed in EITHER ear.

9) If purchasing tags in bulk, tag numbers may be downloaded by lot (bag) at http://www.allflexlink.com/.
   a) Enter the bag number and download as a .csv or .xlsx file. Add fields to the spreadsheet as necessary for your information. Cattle with pre-existing EID tags will need to be scanned or keyed in manually.

10) The tag number associated with the calf is the EID tag number that should be used for all purposes throughout the calf's life. (Youth program requirements, Ohio Beef Expo, Ohio State Fair, County & State Fairs, Health Papers, etc.)

For clarification, please contact the Ohio Cattlemen's Association at cattle@ohiocattle.org or by phone at 614.873.6736.