



NATIONAL LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION FOR DAIRY

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RFID Panel Combo Users

These guidelines will hopefully assist with tag retention, when applying XL RFID combo panels. This XL large size tag option, while providing ease of visibility requires special management. This is especially significant when ears are still wet. Through experience some producers opt to tag with the regular dairy panel unit at birth and the RFID panel, when the ear is dry. The heavier RFID tag may be added within a few hours of birth or at the time of dehorning (4 days?) and in all cases prior to registration. Given the RFID combo set is still being piloted, special system / management is required in large herds with the result some producers may use an interim individual generic ID at birth.

Placement of tags in ears is extremely important and particularly when using heavier RFID extra large panels. The photographs (below) depict the preferred tag location / placement. Producers are taking greater care at the time of tagging by placing tags closer to the head to take advantage of the thicker part of the ear and the protection that the curl provides. If you should have any questions please contact NLID.

Individual ID at birth is a must in all situations

