

Important information for lifestyle farmers



Michelle pictured on her lifestyle farm



For many New Zealanders owning a lifestyle block is the kiwi dream – living off the land, raising animals and having space for the family.

There are a few things lifestyle farmers need to know.

Animal disease presents a risk not just to individual properties, but New Zealand’s entire primary industry. That’s why it’s important to know your obligations under the National Animal Identification and Tracing (NAIT) programme.

When you comply with your NAIT requirements, you help protect everyone’s piece of paradise.

Find more info



Please scan or visit:
ospri.co.nz/lifestyle-farmers

My NAIT number:

My TB herd number:

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NAIT and TBfree are OSPRI programmes

Got a lifestyle block and thinking of having cattle or deer?

First you must register as a person in charge of animals (PICA), then get a NAIT number.



Scan or visit:

animaltrace.nait.co.nz/Account/Register.aspx

Make sure you tick the box to register for a new TB herd number too.

NAIT tags

NAIT tags can be purchased from your local farm supply store, or from some manufacturers direct. Tags must be issued to you, you can't borrow them from someone else.

Approved NAIT devices:



Birth tag

For all newborn animals



Replacement tag

For animals that lose their birth tag

Any approved NAIT tag can be used, it comes down to preference and stock management.



For animals born on farm, we recommend buying management tags with a year code and animal number (example 123 etc). This will help once you're in the system registering the animals' details.

Did you know in NAIT you can add an animal name! Enter it as an 'additional visual ID'.

Calves born on-farm need to be NAIT tagged and registered in the NAIT system within 180 days of birth (6 months of age) or before they leave the property - whatever comes first.



Handy tips

Animal lost its tag?

- If an animal loses its tag, you must replace the tag and register the new one in NAIT so that the animal can still be traced.
- If you know the original tag number, you can link the old tag with the new one in NAIT to keep the animal's history. If not, you must register the animal again within 7 days or before it moves off farm.

Unsafe to Tag animals

We understand it can be unsafe to re-tag an animal that's lost its tag. Also, animals that are unsafe to tag have different movement obligations.



To read more about unsafe to tag animals, scan or visit: ospri.co.nz/exempt-animals

It's best practice to scan animals on or off your property. If you don't have a scanner, you can borrow one from OSPRI.

When buying or selling calves

- All cattle and deer must be tagged and registered with NAIT before moving and all movements must be recorded. This helps support rural New Zealand and the farming industry, especially in the event of a disease outbreak.
- When moving animals, it is the responsibility of both the sender and receiver to record the movement in NAIT. These are the details you both need: NAIT location number, NAIT tag numbers of each animal, and the movement date.



If animals are moving, this needs to be recorded in NAIT within 48 hours.

- Any on-farm deaths need to be recorded in NAIT. Whether the death is from illness, injury or homekill, it is the responsibility of the PICA to record this death in NAIT.

PICA farmer responsibilities



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Register with NAIT



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Register location



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Tag & register animals



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Record & confirm



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Keep NAIT up-to-date