

Tagging and registering cattle and deer





What are the benefits of traceability?





The importance of traceability

The four main parts of traceability are:

- biosecurity
- food safety
- market assurance and access
- animal health surveillance.

It is a legal requirement to register your cattle and deer within the NAIT information system.



Support on-farm management decisions.



Sector and industry

Enhance and improve biosecurity and food safety.



Market

- Meet consumer expectations through farm to market concept.
- Enable access and growth in current, new or developing markets.





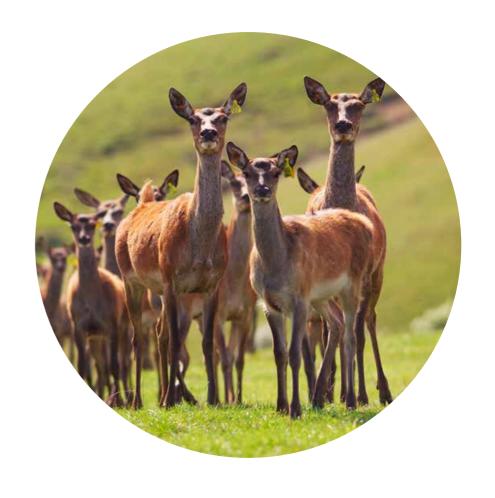
Tagging cattle and deer When to tag?



You must tag your cattle and deer with an approved NAIT tag within 180 days of birth, or before their first movement, whichever occurs first.



You must then register this NAIT tag in the NAIT information system as being on an animal.







Register your animals Why do you register animals?

Registering animals provides important animal details that can assist in the response to a disease outbreak.

It also tells us what tags are currently on an animal and what ones are in the shed.

This can save time and resource when tracing disease.



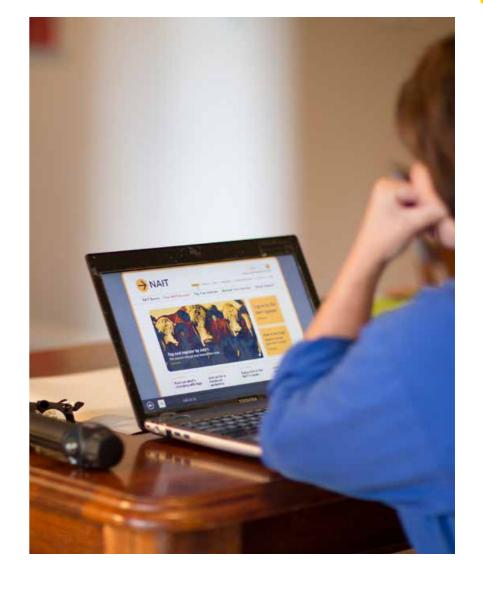




Register your animals When to register?



After you tag an animal, you must register it in the NAIT information system within 7 days of tagging the animal or before its first movement, whichever occurs first.







Tagging cattle and deer Animals exempt from tagging

Animals exempt from tagging include:

- bobby calves (under 30 days of age going direct to slaughter)
- fallow deer
- trophy stags
- unsafe to tag animals.





Tagging best practice

Help support lifetime traceability



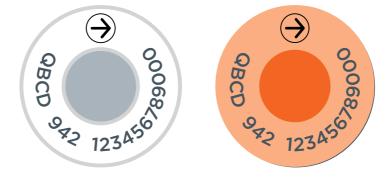




NAIT tag types



Birth tagFor all newborn animals



Replacement tagFor animals that lose their birth tag



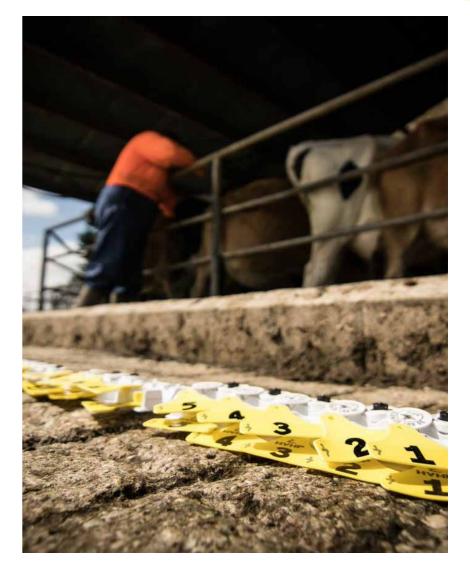
^{*}Cattle tags are white, deer tags are orange.



Animal management tips



You can use a panel tag to make animal identification easier.







Lost tags

Is it safe to retag the animal?

Yes

No



Retag the animal with a replacement tag

Is the original tag known?

Yes

No



Record a tag replacement in the NAIT information system



Re-register the animal in the NAIT information system



If unsafe to tag, animal can only move to meat processor (movement must be declared in NAIT, animal must be marked, incurs a \$13 unsafe to tag (UTT) levy at the meat processor)





Removing tags

You must:

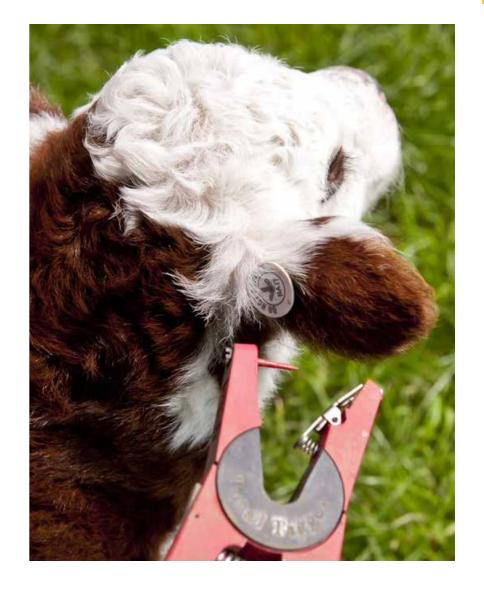


Contact OSPRI before removing a NAIT tag to get approval.



Record tag replacements in the NAIT information system.

It is an offence to remove NAIT tags without prior approval from OSPRI or an MPI NAIT officer.







Remember!

Register your cattle and deer

Tagging is only the first step.

Make sure you follow up by registering your cattle and deer.







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Register with NAIT



Register location



Tag & register animals



Record & confirm



Keep NAIT up-to-date

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