

## Traceability Responsibilities for Owners and Exhibitors on Ontario Fairgrounds



Please be advised that any person that exhibits or displays any of the following Livestock – Cattle, Sheep, Pigs (including farmed Wild Boar or pot-bellied pigs), or Bison on an Ontario Fairgrounds must abide by the following Traceability Requirements:

- A) The Health of Animals Act XV requires that every person who owns or has the possession, care or control of any of the following species of animals (Cattle - dairy or beef, sheep, pigs or bison) is responsible to ensure that **the animal is identified by an approved tag or identifier before it is removed from a site.** (i.e. from home farm or fairgrounds)
- B) Agricultural Societies are required to ensure that all the livestock mentioned above **must have an approved RFID tag or identifier at all times while on their Fairgrounds.**

Therefore, we are implementing the following policies:

- 1) **The OAAS is strongly recommending to our member Agricultural Societies that they do not allow access to their fairgrounds for any of the listed livestock (dairy & beef cattle, sheep, pigs and bison) unless the animals have an undamaged, intact approved RFID tag or identifier.**  
This includes any listed livestock being shown in Livestock Shows, 4-H Programs, Petting Zoo / Family Farm or other educational animal displays.
- 2) **It is the Owner/Exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that all tags on their animals are undamaged and applied properly prior to leaving their property and prior to unloading their animals once they arrive on the Fairgrounds.**
- 3) **If an animal loses a tag while on our fairgrounds, the owner/exhibitor must immediately notify the Agricultural Society and retag it with an approved RFID tag or identifier that has been provided by our Agricultural Society.**

**IMPORTANT: re Dairy Animals - If provided with replacement NLID tags – the Owner is responsible for notifying the appropriate agency with the numbers.**

- 4) **Animals that have lost a tag may not be allowed to show unless it has been retagged.**
- 5) **It is strongly recommended that Owners or Exhibitors and NOT Agricultural Society volunteers or staff apply the replacement tag due to safety, health and liability issues.**

**NOTE: Owners are required to bring their own taggers/pliers to apply replacement tags and equipment to restrain the animal, if required.**

Owner should contact the Agricultural Society to find out what type of tags will be provided so they can ensure they have the appropriate tagger/plier, if required.