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1. Register for a Premises Identification Number: [Premises Registration Form | ODA](#)
2. A limited number of [free RFID eartags](#) are available for cattle from ODA – call ODA office at 614-728-6220 or email animal@agri.ohio.gov for more information.

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RFID tags can also be purchased from manufacturers or distributors:

Manufacturers

- o [Allflex USA](#)/Destron Fearing- 800-989-8247
- o [Y-Tex](#) 888-600-9839
- o [Datamars/Temple Tag/Z Tags](#) 254-598-3440
- o [Shearwell](#) 800-778-6014

Vendors and Distributors of Official RFID*

- o [All Data Tags](#) 470-210-4075
- o [Animal Health Express](#) 800-533-8115
- o [Animal Health International](#) 800-203-5620
- o [Cattletags.com](#) 800-909-8247
- o [CCK Outfitters](#) 800-977-4225
- o [Cow Sense](#) 800-584-0040
- o [Custom Cattle Tags](#) 816-383-5100
- o [Ear Tag Central](#) 608-216-2845
- o [EZid](#) 877-330-3943
- o [Highland Livestock Supply](#) 330-457-2033
- o [Jeffers Pet](#) 800-533-3377
- o [LivestockTags.com](#) 800-909-8247
- o [NASCO](#) 800-558-9595
- o [PBS Animal Health](#) 800-321-0235
- o [Provico](#) 937-693-2411
- o [QC Supply](#) 888-433-5275
- o [Valley Vet](#) 800-419-9524

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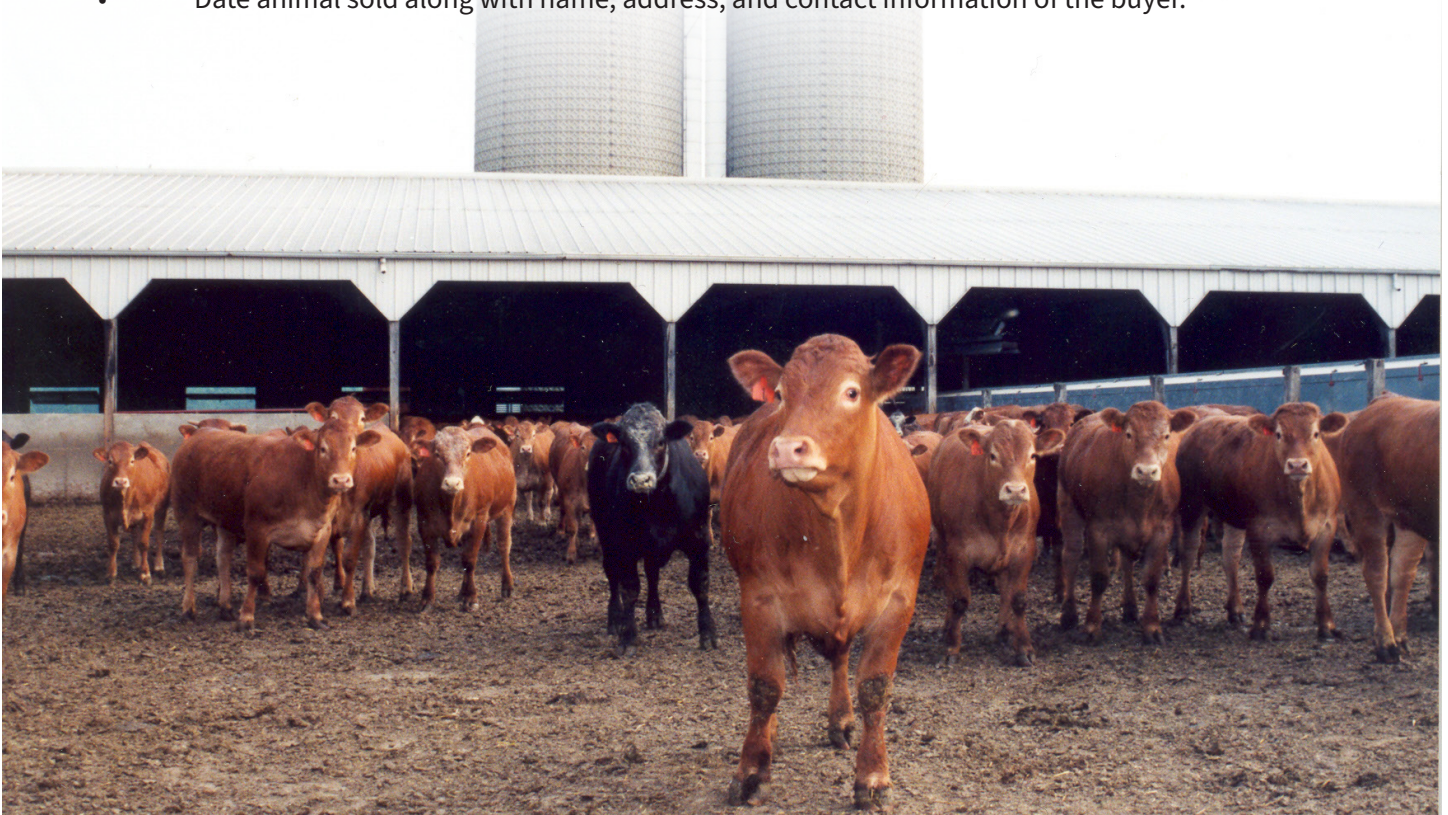
*Not a comprehensive list

Tips and Recommendations:

- Before purchasing tags, please check with the seller to make sure the 840 RFID tags you've selected are approved to use in the intended animal species.
- When placing your order, please note that matched 840 tags or other custom orders will result in longer delivery times due to their production complexity.
- Producers using RFID technology with their dairy herd management system should order half duplex (HDX) low frequency (LF) RFID tags.
- Once RFID tags are received, be sure to apply them with a tagger appropriate for the brand of tag being used and in the correct position on the ear for proper tag retention and for the well-being of the animal.
 - [Recommended Application Instructions for Allflex RFID Tags](#)
 - [Recommended Application Instructions for Datamar RFID Tags](#)
- Accurate records of tags received and applied are required to be kept for a minimum of 5 years from the time the animal moves off farm, changes ownership, or dies.

This record should include:

- Date and listing of tag numbers received.
- Date tag was applied with description of animal.
- Date the animal moved off farm with movement documents if needed.
- Date animal sold along with name, address, and contact information of the buyer.



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