

## CattleCard™ Instructions

CattleCard™ is a simple method to electronically identify your calves and register your animals for management and market eligibility. Follow the instructions below to enroll your cattle with AgInfoLink. Then market your Source and Age Verified, Electronically ID calves!

### Instructions:

1. Purchase CattleCard™ set from AgInfoLink or an AgInfoLink Partner.
2. Complete the Group Cover Sheet. Fill in all blanks completely.
  - a. You will need to contact your State Veterinarian to obtain your official Premises ID. If it is currently not available in your state, your name/address/phone on the cover sheet will be sufficient.
  - b. If Group information only, list the Group Name and the Birthdate of the first calf born in the group.
3. Tag your calves with the electronic tags. Take care to correctly match the RFID number on the tag with the RFID number on the bar coded label. Affix the adhesive label to the CattleCard™ on the line with that animal's information. Place the RFID tag in the animal's left ear according to manufacturer's recommendations.
4. Write on the CattleCard the appropriate information about each calf.
  - a. Birthdate (actual birthdate of the animal or the actual birthdate of the first calf in that calf crop).
  - b. Ranch of Origin. If different from the Premises ID on the Cover Sheet, list the Premises ID or Ranch Name and Location of the Ranch of Origin.
  - c. Ranch Visual ID. Ranch visual ear tag is a useful backup for management.
  - d. Sex. Bull, Heifer, or Steer.
  - e. Color. Black, Red, Black Baldy, Red Baldy, etc.
  - f. Breed. Refer to breed codes on the back of this sheet.
  - g. Ranch Group. A unique name of your choosing so as to identify a group of calves (i.e. 2005 Steers, North Place Calves, Lot 252, etc.)
  - h. Sire ID. Individual Sire name/number or Sire Group
  - i. Weaning Weight. Actual weaning weight (if known).
  - j. Weaning Date. Date calves were weaned.
  - k. Age of Dam. Full year of age of Dam (if known).
  - l. Calving Ease Score. (If known).
5. After all forms are completed, mail the set of forms to the address listed at the top of the CattleCard Cover Sheet. They will input the data and make it available to you online at [www.aginfoLink.net](http://www.aginfoLink.net) using your assigned login and password. Additional e-mailed reports can be provided back to you with the information you submitted (certain Partner programs only; additional \$5.00 per report may apply).
6. Future owners of these animals may have access to Birthdate and Ranch of Origin information to verify and meet marketing requirements. Your information will otherwise be kept strictly confidential.

## Helpful CattleCard™ Codes

### **SEX:**

STEER = S

HEIFER = H

BULL = B

### **COLOR:**

BLACK = B

BLACK WHITE FACE = BWF  
(BLACK BALDY)

RED = R

RED WHITE FACE = RWF  
(RED BALDY)

WHITE = W

OTHER = O

### **CALVING EASE:**

NO DIFFICULTY = 1

MINOR DIFFICULTY = 2

MAJOR DIFFICULTY = 3

C-SECTION = 4

ABNORMAL PRESENTATION = 5

### **BREED:**

**\*Breeds are not limited to this list.  
For other breeds, please clearly  
define breed code at the TOP of the  
CattleCard.**

ANGUS = AN

ANGUS CROSS = ANX

BEEFMASTER = BF

BRANGUS = BG

BRAUNVIEH = BV

CHAROLAIS = CH

CROSSBREED = XB

GELBVIEH = GV

HEREFORD = HF

LIMOUSIN = LM

MAINE ANJOU = MA

RED ANGUS = RA

SIMMENTAL = SM