



CattleCard™ Instructions

CattleCard™ is a simple method to electronically identify your calves. Follow the instructions below to enroll your cattle with AgInfoLink.

Instructions:

1. Order CattleCard™ RFID set from AgInfoLink.
2. Complete the 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 all animals are in the same Ranch Group and Age, list the Group Name and the Birthdate of the first calf born in the group. (Otherwise on the CattleCard, fill in the Birthdate and Ranch Group for each animal.)
 - c. Check the appropriate Health Program. THIS IS OPTIONAL.
3. Tag your calves with the electronic tags. Place the corresponding barcode label on the CattleCard. Take care to correctly match the RFID number on the tag with the RFID number printed on the label. 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. BASIC REQUIRED:
 - i. Birthdate (actual birthdate of the animal or the actual birthdate of the first calf in that calf crop).
 - ii. 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.
 - b. PRODUCTION OPTION (information required to support online reports) Use attached "Helpful CattleCard Codes" sheet, if desired:
 - i. Ranch Visual ID. Ranch visual ear tag is a useful backup for management.
 - ii. Sex. Bull, Heifer, or Steer.
 - iii. Color. Black, Red, Black Baldy, Red Baldy, etc.
 - iv. 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.)
 - v. Sire ID. Individual Sire name/number or Sire Group
 - vi. Weaning Weight. Actual weaning weight (if known).
 - vii. Weaning Date. Date calves were weaned.
 - viii. Age of Dam. Full year of age of Dam (if known).
 - ix. Calving Ease Score. (If known).
5. After all forms are completed, mail the set of forms to AgInfoLink. AgInfoLink will input the data and coordinate with Superior buyer and seller to transfer the required data (if requested) as required by the VASE program. Your information will otherwise be kept strictly confidential.

AgInfoLink will provide a printed (or emailed) report back to you with the information you submitted. You may also be able to view the information at www.aginfoLink.net/webreport using your assigned login and password.