



**STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH**  
ND Department of Agriculture  
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## **BEEF CATTLE**

- All need a health certificate.
- Individual official ID required on **all** cattle used for exhibition.
- Heifer calves <12 months need official individual official ID but do not need a permit number prior to entry into ND.
- Females ≥12 months of age need individual official ID and a permit number prior to entry into ND.
- Non-virgin and non-pregnant female cattle may not be imported, for breeding purposes, into ND, unless they qualify for the exemptions outlined in [North Dakota Administrative Code §48.1-05-01-02](#).
  - Please contact our office if questions.
- Calves accompanying dam do not need individual ID.
- Calves < 4 months old, including steers and spayed heifers, not accompanying dam, need individual official ID and a permit number obtained prior to entry into ND.
  - It must be stated on the health certificate that the calves are not to be resold within 60 days.
- Steers and spayed heifers >4 months of age do not need individual ID and do not need a permit number prior to entry into ND.
  - Spayed heifers must have an official spay tag or the veterinarian must verify that the heifers are spayed.
- Bulls of all ages need individual official ID and a permit number obtained prior to entry into ND.
- Trichomonas foetus testing required on non-virgin bulls and all bulls ≥24 months of age. Refer to [North Dakota Administrative Code §48.1-05-01-02](#).
- North Dakota recognizes the designated surveillance area of Greater Yellowstone for Brucellosis. Brucellosis test date must be provided if animals are coming from Montana's, Idaho's or Wyoming's DSA zone.

### **ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF OFFICIAL ID INCLUDE:**

- USDA Silver tags
- Official Brucellosis (Bangs) vaccination tags
- USDA Approved Radio Frequency Identification Tags

**\*Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, registration tattoos and registration numbers will no longer be considered official ID for cattle being imported into North Dakota.**

Please call (701) 328-2655 to obtain a permit number.  
After hours: (701) 220-5194 or (701) 220-0092 or (701) 202-6251

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