# Establish Effective Animal Identification, Medication Records, and Withdrawal Time

**Good Production Practice #6** 

Assuring Quality Care for Animals
Food Animal Quality Assurance
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## Why is ID important?

- Important management tool for producers
  - Performance measurements
  - Identify treated animals
  - Track ownership and movement
    - From birth to harvest
  - Track disease outbreaks in food animal industry
- Ensure consumer confidence through traceability of food animal products











- Freeze Branding
  - Preferred method
  - No damage to hide and less stress to animal
- Hot Branding
  - Typically used as a farm or group ID
  - Damage to hide and decreases value









- Tattoo
  - Permanent
  - Not easy to read for daily management
- DNA
  - Blood or hair
  - Unique to each animal



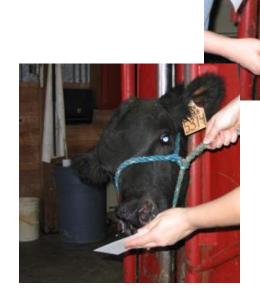






- Nose Print
  - Like a finger print
  - Unique to each animal









- Ear Tags
  - Most common form of ID
  - Common ear tag is the least expensive



- Electronic ID (EID)
  - Ear tag, implant or rumen bolus

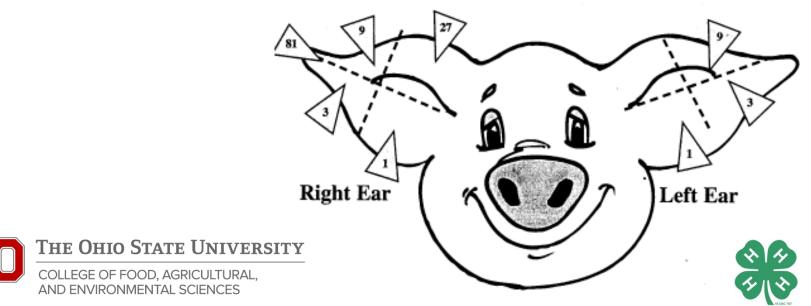






- Ear notching
  - Used commonly in swine
  - Permanent





Neck Chain



Wing Band



Leg Band







# Scrapie ID Program

- What animals must have a scrapie ID tag?
  - ALL intact sheep and goats
  - ALL sheep and goats over 18 months (including wethers)

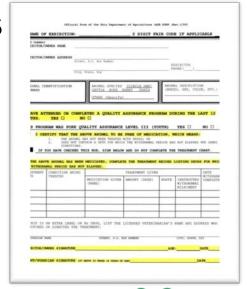
- Purchased outside of Ohio
- Enter Ohio and used for exhibition or breeding purposes
- Records must be kept for 5 years including:
  - Name and address of breeder, and
  - Buyer





## Maintain Medication Treatment Records

- All food producers are required to keep medication and treatment records.
- Ohio Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF)
  must be filled out by ALL exhibitors
  of market and lactating animal
  projects.







#### **Treatment Records**

- Should include:
  - Individual animal ID
  - Date treated
  - Name of product administered
  - Amount of drug administered (dosage)





#### **Treatment Records**

- Should include:
  - Route and location of administration
  - Withdrawal period
  - Earliest date animal(s) will have cleared the withdrawal period
  - Identity of the person who administered





#### **Treatment Records**

- Can include other important information:
  - Condition being treated
  - Weight of animal
  - Product lot/serial number
  - Results, comments
  - Look at species record books and quality assurance programs for treatment record options





## Minimum Treatment Record

Animal ID	Date & Time	Product	Dosage	Route of Admin	With- drawal Period	Date & Time Withdrawal Complete	Person Adminis- tering
#100	7/4/18 9 AM	Omni- biotic	10 cc	IM	28 days	8/1/18 9 AM	Joe Johnson, Vet

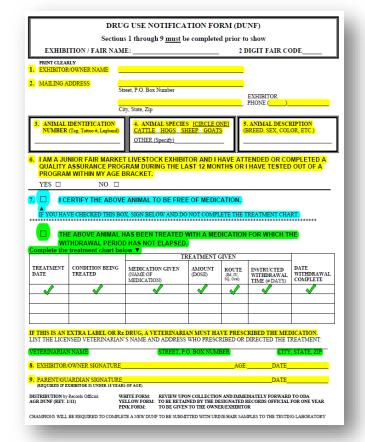
**From Project Record Book** 





### **Treatment Record Forms**

- Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF)
  - Must be filled out by every animal exhibitor
  - Keep accurate records to correctly fill out form before exhibiting animal

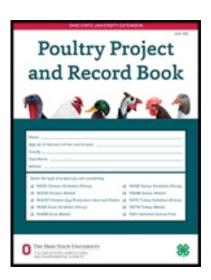






#### **Treatment Record Forms**

- Individual or Pen Treatment Records
  - Project record books
  - Resource handbooks
  - PQA Level III Manual
  - Ohio Beef Quality Assurance Manual







# How long should you keep your records?

Species	Years	
Poultry, Rabbit	1	
Beef, Dairy Beef	2	
Swine	3	
Sheep, Goats (Required by federal law)	5	
Dairy Cows & Heifers	5	

<sup>\*</sup> Ohio Law REQUIRES 1 year. These are recommendations by species.





# **Animal Tracing**

- An animal tracing movement record includes:
  - Animal's or group's identification number
  - PIN of sending and receiving premises
  - Date of movement
  - Number of animals moved and reason for movement
- Maintain records for recommended time depending on species and make available to animal health officials for inspection





# Avoid Drug Residue: Know and Observe Withdrawal Times

- Period of time that must pass between the last treatment and the time the animal...
  - Will be harvested
  - Milk taken
  - Eggs harvested







## Avoid Drug Residue Violations

- Do NOT market animals for food until the withdrawal time is complete
- Only use medication approved for the species being treated
- Do exactly as the label directs or as prescribed by the veterinarian
- Consult veterinarian with questions and concerns
- If in doubt, conduct a drug residue test



