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IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (32.4.201)

Marking Requirements:

1. Owner can tattoo their own animals.
2. Only Designated Agent Veterinarian can re-tattoo (with original tattoo).
3. The tattoo is an official recorded herd mark placed in left ear and is the only approved and recognized herd mark (brand).
 - a. Tattoo is issued by the Department of Livestock Brand Recorder.
 - b. Tattoo is equivalent to a brand.
 - c. All alternative livestock must be tattooed by January 1 each year.
4. To obtain recorded herd mark (tattoo) owner completes application and submits with \$100.00 fee to Brand Recorder.
5. Must be renewed every 10 years.
6. Owner has exclusive use of the tattoo.
7. Official owner on record at Department of Livestock (MDOL).
8. Official bill of sale signers on record at MDOL.
9. MDOL designates position of tattoo (left ear) as recorded.

Tagging Requirements:

1. Only Designated Agent Veterinarians and owners of CWD Certified status herds that have been approved by the state veterinarian may apply or remove official tags.
2. Official Montana tags are issued by MDOL.
3. All calves must have official Montana tag by January 1 each year.
4. Lost Montana tags must be replaced by January 1 each year.
5. USDA tags may be applied when Montana tags are applied or at time of annual inventory to meet the two official identification tag requirements.
6. USDA tags include silver tags or 840 RFID tags.
7. USDA tags must be applied when animals are officially tested (TB and brucellosis).
8. All identification tags should be placed in right ear, not a legal requirement but recommended to preserve integrity of left ear for required tattoo.
9. Tags are issued to veterinarians only.
10. Tags are non-transferable from animal to animal.

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Owners Tagging Requirements:

1. Prior approval is granted by the state veterinarian for retagging of adult animals. Before distributing tags to an alternative livestock owner, a signed copy of the tagging rules must be on file in our office.
2. Animals are part of a CWD Certified Status herd;
3. Owners have been trained by an Designated Agent Veterinarian within the context of a valid VCPR; tags are supplied by an alternative livestock veterinarian as part of a valid VCPR
4. Owners of alternative livestock may only apply tags to calves/fawns prior to the January 1 tagging deadline. Any animals that are tagged after January 1 as part of an extension granted by the Department of Livestock must be tagged by an alternative livestock veterinarian.
5. Owners of alternative livestock may only re-tag adult animals with prior permission from the state veterinarian and may only retag adult animals that retain at least one official ID.
6. All owner tagging events must be reported to the Department of Livestock on a form SV-13C within 5 days.
7. Two copies of SV-13C should be submitted to the Department of Livestock within 5 days of the event; Animal Health Bureau, PO Box 202001, Helena, MT 59620. One copy of each SV-13C should be submitted to the alternative livestock veterinarian who supplied the tags. The last copy of each SV-13C should be retained by the alternative livestock owner. Veterinarians and owners should retain copies of each SV-13C for 5 years from the date of the tagging event.
8. Producers are required to collect at least 2 sets of samples under the supervision of an alternative livestock veterinarian before being allowed to collect samples on their own;
9. Owners must submit the entire ear(s) containing official ID with the appropriate CWD samples to the alternative livestock veterinarian for lab submission and death certificate completion;

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INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS (32.4.301)

Designated Agent Veterinarians approved by the Department of Livestock serve as alternative livestock inspectors.

1. Inspections are required:
 - a. For transporting, selling, or transferring ownership (signed bill of sale).
 - b. Identification – birth & subsequent tagging/marking and retagging of adults.
 - c. Documentation of dead animals (collect tags and provide known probable cause of death, CWD test on animals 12 months of age and older).
 - d. Annual whole herd inventory inspection (attachments are permitted).
2. Owner must report dead animals to the MDOL (Helena office) within one (1) working day of the discovery of death. Call 406-444-2977 to report, leave message if after hours. Designated agent must inspect prior to disposal.
3. In addition to the state of destination requirements, exports to an out-of-state destination require official Montana tagging, marking, and inspection. CWD herd certified herd status for 5 years and approval by state of destination is required.
4. Whole herd inventory inspection is required annually as per CWD regulations.

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Certificate of Inspection:

1. Record all animal identification – tags, tattoos, age and sex (previous tag information is helpful for retags).
2. Additional ID (owner tags or tattoos) can be recorded and are useful information.
3. Indicate purpose of inspection, can be more than one, especially for change-of-ownership and change of location.
4. Must be issued within 10 days of inspecting animal.
5. Certificate for movement of animal is good for 10 days.
6. Mail to MDOL within 5 working days of completing.
7. Designated Agent Veterinarian must sign the certificate. It is in your best interest to have the owner (or agent) sign also, but is not required.
8. Signed bill of sale must be submitted with certificates issued for change-of-ownership.

Dead Animal Inspection:

1. Designated Agent Veterinarian goes to the ranch or producer may obtain transport permit to bring dead animal to vet (call 406-444-2043 during regular business hours).
2. Owners of CWD certified status herds that have been approved by the state veterinarian may collect CWD samples; including right and left lymph nodes and entire ear to be submitted to designated agent veterinarians.
3. Only designated agent veterinarians can submit samples including both lymph nodes and a portion of the ear including the tags to the MVDL in Bozeman.
4. The health certificate, a bill of sale document if change-of-ownership or transport permit if issued need to be sent to the Department of Livestock in Helena.
5. Collect CWD samples on all animals 12-months of age or older. If under age, include this information on the certificate.
6. Indicate probable cause of death.
7. For young animals not yet identified (calf with no tattoo or official tag), the owner may call MDOL to request waiver to vet inspection.

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Animal Health Division
Alternative Livestock Program

Alternative Livestock Statistics FISCAL YEAR- July 1- June 30

<u>Licensed Facilities</u>	<u>Animal Inventory</u>	<u>Births</u>
June 2014 - 29	888	214
June 2015 - 26	875	175
June 2016- 24	765	258
June 2017- 22	776	212
June 2018- 20	809	249

There is 1 licensed ranch w/no animals as of 6/30/2018.
The industry inventory peaked at 4,529 in 2001.

Cervid Herd Inventory as per Group

Number of ranches with 1 to 10 animals	6	33 animals (4%)
Number of ranches with 11 to 24 animals	7	132 animals (16%)
Number of ranches with 25 to 50 animals	3	84 animals (10%)
Number of ranches with 51 to 99 animals	0	0 animals (0%)
Number of ranches with 100 to 205 animals	3	560 animals (70%)

Largest ranch has 278 cervid animals, smallest ranch has 3.

CWD Monitored Herd Status Levels

6/30/2018 Review

Number of Producers at CWD Monitored Herd Status:

Suspended	-	4
Level I	-	1
Level II	-	0
Level III	-	0
Level IV	-	0
Level V	-	2
Certified Pending	-	0
Certified	-	13

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