



## USDA ADT Rule will go into effect on Nov. 5, 2024. Trade NUES Tags for Electronic Tags. Eartags must be both visually and electronically readable.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) posted in the Federal Register, the Animal Disease Traceability rule to require that eartags applied on or after Nov. 5, 2024 be both visually and electronically readable in order to be recognized for use as official eartags for interstate movement of cattle and bison covered under the regulations.

### Will I have to retag all my cattle when this rule goes into effect?

No, all metal (NUES) and Washington visual Dairy Green Tag currently in place in cattle and bison prior to the Nov. 5 effective date will be recognized as official ID for the life of these animals.

### How does this affect WSDA Licensed Dairy Producers using the Green Tag?

This rule will eliminate the use of the current Green Tag because the tags cannot be electronically read.

### What does this mean for Licensed Dairy Producers using Green Tags?

WSDA will stop issuing the visual only Green Tags on Mon., Oct. 21, 2024, and start issuing a Green HDX 840 RFID tag. This will allow two weeks for existing Green Tags purchased to be utilized. The Green 840 RFID tag can be ordered and used sooner than Oct. 21st. The price for the Green RFID Tag will increase to \$2.03, \$1.03 more than the current price for the visual only Green Tag. Note, the Green 840 RFID Tag requires an Allflex style applicator to apply the tag.

### Do I have other livestock inspection options other than using Green Tags?

Yes, you may obtain a traditional livestock inspection or utilize the Electronic Cattle Transaction Reporting (ECTR) system. Additional information to meet change of ownership requirements at <https://agr.wa.gov/departments/animals-livestock-and-pets/livestock/inspections>

### Can I use my own 840 RFID tags under the Green Tag program?

Unfortunately, no. RCW 16.57.160 requires WSDA to issue the official individual tag. However, you can use your own/any official 840 RFID tag to officially identify your calves/cattle if you utilize ECTR.



### What is ECTR?

ECTR is a web-based program for Washington cattle owners to electronically report change of ownership or out-of-state movement of their cattle.

### What are the requirements to use ECTR?

All cattle reported in ECTR must have electronic official individual identification (RFID), commonly known as an "840" RFID tag and submit proof of ownership documentation for all branded cattle. ECTR is an alternative to traditional livestock inspection.

### Are there cost savings using ECTR v/s participating in the Green Tag program?

YES! See attached ECTR Fact Sheet.

For questions regarding ECTR please visit our website at: <https://agr.wa.gov/departments/animals-livestock-and-pets/livestock/ectr> or call (360) 902-1855.

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# ELECTRONIC CATTLE TRANSACTION REPORTING (ECTR)

## What is ECTR?

The Electronic Cattle Transaction Reporting (ECTR) system is a web-based platform for Washington cattle owners to electronically report change of ownership or out-of-state movement of their cattle. The ECTR system cannot be used at public livestock markets, special sales, or certified feedlots where there is no change of ownership.



## What are the requirements to use it?

All cattle reported in ECTR must have electronic official individual identification (RFID), commonly known as an "840" RFID tag. Users must submit proof of ownership documentation for all branded cattle that are reported in ECTR. This can be done using the owners' recorded Washington brand or other proof of ownership documents listed in rule (WAC 16-610-021).

## How much does it cost?

- Application fee or the annual renewal fee.....\$33.00
- Base rate .....\$0.80 per head (cattle must have official 840 RFID tags)\*
- Animal Disease Traceability fee .....\$0.23 per head
- Beef Commission assessment.....Per head (for change of ownership only)  
\$2.00 effective 7/1/24, \$2.50 effective 1/1/25, \$3.00 effective 1/1/26

## Are there benefits for signing up for ECTR?

Yes. In addition to cost savings associated with change-of-ownership and out-of-state-movement transactions, producers who apply for ECTR are eligible to receive free 840 RFID tags.\*

- 40 tags and one applicator for producers with herds of 50 head or less.
- 100 tags and one applicator for producers with herds of more than 50 head.

Producers who renew their current ECTR license are eligible to receive free official RFID tags.

- The number of tags awarded will be based on the volume of cattle they recorded in ECTR the year prior.
- Current ECTR users that are already receiving free official RFID tags from our Animal Disease Traceability program will not be eligible for free tags.

Producers will be compliant with the USDA Animal Disease Traceability rule when moving cattle out of state. Official RFID tags will be required effective November 5, 2024.

## Do I need a Premises Identification Number (PIN) to use ECTR?

No, a premises identification number is required to purchase 840 RFID tags.

## ECTR Fees vs. Livestock Inspection Fees vs. Green Tag fees

Using the ECTR system rather than a traditional livestock inspection, or using green tags, saves time and money. The tables on the reverse side of this sheet list a few examples of cost comparisons for ECTR, traditional livestock inspection, and green tag fees. *\*Additional credit card or electronic payment service fees may apply. Price of an 840 RFID tag not included.*



For more details on the ECTR system, please visit our website at:  
<https://agr.wa.gov/departments/animals-livestock-and-pets/livestock/ectr>  
or call (360) 902-1855.

**Scenario 1: A change of ownership on 10 head of unidentified cattle.\*\***

Possible Fees	Cost Fees	Livestock Inspection Costs	Green Tag Costs (Current)	Green Tag Costs (11/5/24)	ECTR Costs
Inspection Per Head Fee	\$4.00	\$40.00	\$—	\$—	\$—
Call Out Fee	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$—	\$—	\$—
ECTR Per Head Fee	\$0.80	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$8.00
Green Tag Fee	\$1.00 / \$2.03	\$—	\$10.00	\$20.30	\$—
Green Tag Distribution/Shipping Fee	\$28.95	\$—	\$28.95	\$28.95	\$—
Beef Comission Fee	\$1.50 (GT exemption)/\$2.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
ADT Fee	\$0.23	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.30
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$82.30</b>	<b>\$56.25*</b>	<b>\$66.55</b>	<b>\$30.30*</b>

**Scenario 2: A change of ownership on 10 head of identified cattle.\*\***

Possible Fees	Cost Fees	Livestock Inspection Costs	Green Tag Costs (Current)	Green Tag Costs (11/5/24)	ECTR Costs
Inspection Per Head Fee	\$1.21	\$12.10	\$—	\$—	\$—
Call Out Fee	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$—	\$—	\$—
ECTR Per Head Fee	\$0.80	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$8.00
Green Tag Fee	\$1.00 / \$2.03	\$—	\$10.00	\$20.30	\$—
Green Tag Distribution/Shipping Fee	\$28.95	\$—	\$28.95	\$28.95	\$—
Beef Comission Fee	\$1.50 (GT exemption)/\$2.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
ADT Fee	\$0.23	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.30
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$54.40</b>	<b>\$56.25*</b>	<b>\$66.55</b>	<b>\$30.30*</b>

**Scenario 3: A change of ownership on 20 head of identified cattle.\*\***

Possible Fees	Cost Fees	Livestock Inspection Costs	Green Tag Costs (Current)	Green Tag Costs (11/5/24)	ECTR Costs
Inspection Per Head Fee	\$1.21	\$24.20	\$—	\$—	\$—
Call Out Fee	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$—	\$—	\$—
ECTR Per Head Fee	\$0.80	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$16.00
Green Tag Fee	\$1.00 / \$2.03	\$—	\$20.00	\$40.60	\$—
Green Tag Distribution/Shipping Fee	\$28.95	\$—	\$28.95	\$28.95	\$—
Beef Comission Fee	\$1.50 (GT exemption)/\$2.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
ADT Fee	\$0.23	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$4.60
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$88.80</b>	<b>\$83.55*</b>	<b>\$104.15</b>	<b>\$60.60*</b>

**Scenario 4: A change of ownership on 20 head of unidentified cattle.\*\***

Possible Fees	Cost Fees	Livestock Inspection Costs	Green Tag Costs (Current)	Green Tag Costs (11/5/24)	ECTR Costs
Inspection Per Head Fee	\$4.00	\$80.00	\$—	\$—	\$—
Call Out Fee	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$—	\$—	\$—
ECTR Per Head Fee	\$0.80	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$16.00
Green Tag Fee	\$1.00 / \$2.03	\$—	\$20.00	\$40.60	\$—
Green Tag Distribution/Shipping Fee	\$28.95	\$—	\$28.95	\$28.95	\$—
Beef Comission Fee	\$1.50 (GT exemption)/\$2.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
ADT Fee	\$0.23	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$4.60
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$144.60</b>	<b>\$83.55*</b>	<b>\$104.15</b>	<b>\$60.60*</b>

\*\* "Identified" cattle must have a valid brand recorded to the owner or an electronic official individual identification tag.  
 "Unidentified" cattle do not have a valid brand recorded to the owner and do not have an electronic official individual identification tag.