






Maine Identification Requirements for Cervids

Farmed cervidae (deer) in Maine must be identified with two forms of individual identification (01-001 Chapter 204: **RULE FOR THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR FARMED CERVIDS**) One of the identification types **MUST** be an official ID tag. Official ID tags for cervids include:

<p>NUES tags aka "Brite tags"</p> 	<p>Request tags from ME DACF Animal Health. Some private practice veterinarians carry and apply these tags. Producer must keep records of applied tags</p>	<p>PROS: free, easy to apply</p>	<p>CONS: poor retention in cervids, not easy to read tag numbers, no flexibility with tag design</p>
<p>AIN tags aka "840 tags"</p> <p>(a) 840 visual only (b) 840 RFID/visual combo tags</p> 	<p>Requires premises identification number (PIN)* to order from approved manufacturers. Producer must keep records of applied tags</p>	<p>PROS: good retention in cervids, easy to read or scan tag numbers, available in many different shapes and colors to support use in livestock management systems, easy to apply</p>	<p>CONS: cost</p>

* A PIN is free and assigned to a farm location upon request. Please call 207 287 3701 to request a farm PIN

Captive cervidae born and raised on a licensed commercial large game shooting area (CLGSA) are exempt from *live* animal tagging requirements so long as they remain in the facility of origin. **Upon movement from the facility of origin, the animal must be identified.** Live cervids moving from the CLGSA of origin are subject to the identification rules above. Hunted animals must be identified with a Maine Carcass tag (01-001 CMR Chapter 223):

<p>Maine Carcass Tag</p> 	<p>Distributed by ME DACF Animal Health to licensed CLGSAs only. Tags are not to be shared between licensed facilities. Transfer tags applied to hunted animals MUST be recorded by the producer and reported for CWD sample identification</p>
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