



Tattoo Rules and Reservations

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There is a \$20.00 fee for the registration of farm letters for tattoos. Reservations of these letters must be made through the records and registrations department of the national office in Columbus, Ohio.

The rules are as follows:

1. The tattoo number must be preceded by two (2) or three (3) letters which will be reserved as your farm's letters, for your farm's use only.
2. After your farm letters, at least one (1) number must be used with no duplication within the herd.
3. A year letter must follow the number. Example: letter for 2020 is "H".
4. Animals registered at any age can be registered by tattoo.
5. Tattoos should be placed in the left ear, as the right ear is used for vaccination and could be confusing later as a tattoo fades.
6. Green ink is recommended for the tattooing, but not mandatory.
7. Animals must have identification in each ear, either a tattoo in each ear, a tattoo in one ear and USDA approved identification in the other ear, or USDA approved ID tags in each ear (ex: 840 RFID tags).

Tattoo Sequences

A – 2013	B – 2014	C – 2015	D – 2016	E – 2017	F – 2018	G – 2019	H – 2020
J – 2021	K – 2022	L – 2023	M – 2024	N – 2025	P – 2026	R – 2027	S – 2028
T – 2029	U – 2030	W – 2031	X – 2032	Y – 2033	Z – 2034		

Tattoo Reservation Form ~ Please return bottom portion:

Name/Farm Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Reservation for account number: _____ (\$20.00 enclosed or charge to acct)

Other accounts permitted to use reserved name: _____

Farm tattoo letters: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

If your first choice of letters has been previously reserved by another farm, your second choice will be used. Please do not tattoo without checking with the Association to make sure your requested letters are not reserved by someone else.