



## **Frequently Asked Identification Questions for Fairs**

Q1: This cow got into the fair last year with a metal (21) tag only, does she still need a scannable 840 electronic ID ear tag applied this year?

**→ Yes, all cattle require scannable electronic ear tag identification for entry into fairs in New York State in 2025.**

Q2: This cow has an '982' scannable electronic ID ear tag, does she still need an 840 electronic ID ear tag put in?

**→ Yes, all cattle will need an official (840 for US animals) electronic ID ear tag applied.**

Q3: This cow has an 840 ear tag that is non electronic (not scannable), does she still need an 840 electronic ID ear tag?

**→ Yes, an animal with a non electronic 840 ear tag will need an electronically readable 840 ear tag in addition. Do not remove the non-electronic tag.**

Q4: This cow came from Canada and lost her official ID ear tag, what do I do?

**→ There are '964' series electronic ID ear tags available from the Department of Agriculture and Markets' Division of Animal Industry. Please reach out to your local field veterinarian to learn how to get one of these tags. Do not apply any tag starting with '840' as these are only for cattle born in the US.**

Q5: I have a different question, whom do I call?

**→ Try your field veterinarian, or reach the Division of Animal Industry main office line at (518) 457-3502.**