

## Official Identification for Deer and Elk

*Official ear tags that are placed in farmed cervidae after January 1, 2018 must adhere to either the National Uniform Ear-tagging System (NUES) or the Animal Identification Number (AIN) system. Official identification may not be removed from an animal once it is applied.*

### National Uniform Ear Tagging System (NUES)

- NUES ear tags begin with an official state number followed by three letters and then four numbers. The official state number for Minnesota is '41'.
- Metal NUES tags can be ordered at no cost from the Board by calling 651-201-6836 or using the [online tag order form](http://www.mn.gov/bah/order-official-id-tags/) (www.mn.gov/bah/order-official-id-tags/).
  - In compliance with federal law, metal NUES tags **must display the U.S. shield if applied to an animal March 11, 2015 or after.**
- Plastic NUES tags may be purchased from Leedstone by calling 877-608-3877.



### Animal Identification Number (AIN) System

- AIN ear tags begin with an official country code followed by an additional 12 digits; 15 digits in total. The official U.S. country code is '840'.
- In compliance with federal law, AIN tags **must display the U.S. shield if applied to an animal March 11, 2015 or after.**
- May be purchased from most ear tag distributors.



### Limited Movement

Preprinted tags that include a premises number and unique animal number placed prior to January 1, 2018 are considered valid for movement within Minnesota only.