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To Illinois Cattle and Bison Producers,

In cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Department of Agriculture will be offering a supply of electronic identification tags (EID) in the form of radio frequency "840" tags (RFID) directly to producers to promote animal disease traceability in cattle and bison.

The goal of the program is to increase the use of RFID "840" tags in replacement cattle while maintaining accurate records of premises to which tags were assigned and applied. The ability to trace animals in the event of a disease outbreak is key to protecting the livestock industry. Electronic identification increases speed and efficiency while reducing errors.

Producers wishing to participate can access an order form at:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Animals/AnimalHealth/Pages/Premises-Registration.aspx>

Please note to place an order you must have a premises identification number (PIN). If you are a producer that does not have a PIN please visit the site above to complete an application and obtain a PIN prior to ordering tags. Please note that you may receive tags from more than one manufacturer in an order and will be responsible for purchasing taggers.

While there is no cost for the tags, shipping charges will be incurred if tags are not picked up from the office. IDOA is also working with partner groups to set up distribution at certain events. Currently, a producer may order tags in quantities of 100 up to 500 tags at this time.

Please contact the Bureau at 217-782-4944 if you have any questions about this program.

Thank you,

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