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Dear Accredited Veterinarian,

The Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare, along with the USDA APHIS Veterinary Services, wish to inform you of a new program for federally accredited veterinarians performing cattle work. The USDA is providing state animal health offices with a supply of radio frequency identification (RFID) "840" tags. The Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare has a supply of low frequency button tags to be used in place of metal "brite" tags as well as a supply of low frequency orange Official Calhooed Vaccination (OCV) tags that can be used in place of the orange metal tags.

The goal of the program is to increase the use of RFID "840" tags in breeding cattle. You are able to order tags from the Bureau while supplies last, at the cost of shipping. Your clinic must have a premises identification number (PIN) to receive these tags. If you do not have a PIN for the clinic, please go to: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Animals/AnimalHealth/Pages/Premises-Registration.aspx> to complete the fillable PDF form to register your clinic. Tags will be assigned to accredited veterinarians and may then be applied directly to client animals. Veterinarians are strongly encouraged to recommend that their clients register their premises. If the client does not have a PIN of their own, the tag will remain assigned to the clinic PIN. If the client does have a PIN, you will be asked to report that on a monthly report of all tags applied. These tags will then be transferred to the client. Records must be kept and readily accessible for 5 years. Tags cannot be resold or redistributed amongst veterinarians.

Attached to this email is a fillable PDF order form which will also be available online at the Department's website. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Pages/default.aspx>