ARDES TAGS APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- MOST TAGS ARE LOST BECAUSE OF IMPROPER PLACEMENT - OFTEN DUE TO INSUFFICIENT RESTRAINT, POOR HYGIENE, MANUALLY TIGHTENING THE TAG AFTER APPLICATION, INCOMPLETE APPLICATION AND BACTERIAL AND FLY INFECTIONS.
- IT IS BEST TO TAG IN COOLER WEATHER WHEN FLY POPULATIONS ARE MINIMAL OR NON-EXISTENT.
- SECURELY RESTRAIN THE ANIMAL'S HEAD, TO PREVENT MOVEMENT DURING TAGGING.
- KEEP TAGS AND APPLICATORS CLEAN AND FREE OF MANURE, CONTAMINATION NEAR THE APPLICATION AREA CAN CAUSE INFECTIONS AND ABSCESSES.
- USE ONLY THE APPLICATOR DESIGNED FOR THE TAG YOU ARE APPLYING, THE ARDES APPLICATOR IS DESIGNED AND UNIVERSAL FOR ALL ARDES EAR TAGS.
- DISINFECT BOTH SIDES OF THE EAR YOU ARE TAGGING.
- IF FLIES ARE PRESENT, CONSIDER USING A TOPICAL INSECTICIDE ON THE EAR.
- DO NOT APPLY TAGS INTO HOLES FORM PREVIOUS TAGS, THIS WILL CAUSE THE TAG TO WOBBLE AND INCREASE THE RISK OF SNAGGING.
- CERTAIN TYPES OF HAY FEEDERS, LIKE ROUND BALE FEEDERS, MAY CATCH OR DAMAGE TAGS.
- REMOVE OR MODIFY ANY PASTURE EQUIPMENT THAT POSES A RISK OF SNAGGING THE TAGS.

CORRECT TAG APPLICATION

1- Place each half of the tag onto the applicator: ensure the stud is fully seated on the pin, and the female part is positioned facing down under the clip.

2- Inspect the applicator pin to make sure the small tip on top is not broken or damaged.

3- Check alignment by gently closing the jaws to the point where the tag parts meet.

4- Secure the animal properly and use only the ARDES applicator.

5- Always insert the stud from the back of the ear.

6- Position the tag between the ribs of the ear, as shown in the illustrations below.

7- When properly aligned, close the applicator completely and release immediately. If it does not release right away, open it manually using your fingers or the other hand.

8- After tagging, pull the female part gently toward you to ensure the tag is not too tight or pinching the ear – excessive pressure may cause necrosis and lead to tag loss.

9- If long hair covers the tag, trim it to improve readability.

POSITIONNING TAGS IN LIVESTOCK

Visual identification tags are generally placed in the animal's **right ear**.

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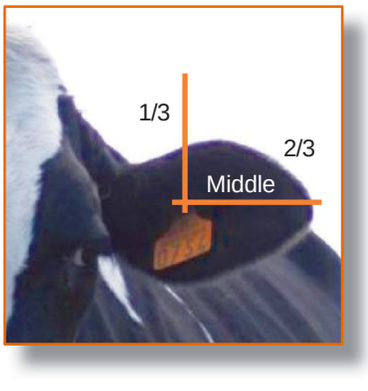
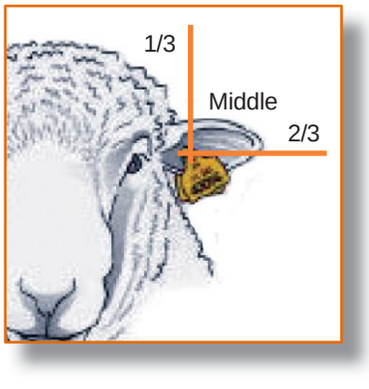
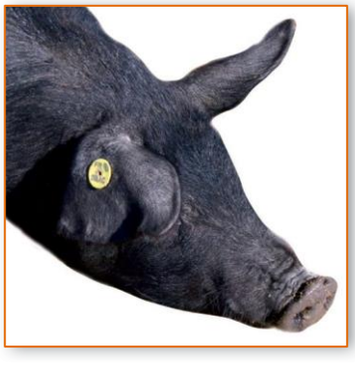
For optimum retention, position the ARDES tag as shown in the illustration.

- For **cattle and sheep** tags are positioned on the **inside of the ear**.
- **Hogs** on the **outside**.