

Age Verification Frequently Asked Questions

1) What are the benefits of Age Verification?

With the ever increasing demand for accurate age determination in Canadian cattle, Age Verification provides an effective and internationally recognized Age Verification Process. Producers can enter and store Birth Date information and have it readily available for domestic and export markets.

2) How long do I have before I have to Age Verify?

Animals born after 1990 can be Age Verified. The Canadian Food Inspections Agency (CFIA) does require that the animal being Age Verified has a CCIA Approved tag in their ear.

3) Can I Age Verify Bar Coded and RFID tags?

Yes. Bar Coded and RFID CCIA Approved tags can be Age Verified.

4) Do I have to know exact birth dates?

No. You can enter exact Birth Dates with corresponding tag numbers, or a Calving Start Date associated with a tag range.

5) How do I Age Verify my animals?

By logging onto www.clia.livestockid.ca producers can Age Verify their animals. This site contains detailed instructions. Detailed instructions can also be found at www.canadaid.ca/info. If you do not have a computer, you can assign a third-party to submit on your behalf.

6) How do I prove if my animals are Age Verified?

After Age Verifying your animals, you can print off a Birth Certificate identifying that animals has been Age Verified.

7) How do I get a Birth Certificate?

Birth Certificates can be printed off from the site. After logging in and successfully reporting your Birth Dates, click "Reports" and Certificates can be printed off as needed.

8) What do I do if I made a mistake when entering my birthdates?

If the incorrect date is entered, simply re-submit the correct data for the specific animal and the system will update it accordingly.

9) What do I do if one of my Age Verified animals loses a tag?

If an Age Verified animal loses its tag and the tag number is known, it can be cross-referenced by logging onto your account and the system will merge the information accordingly. If the tag number is not known, the Birth Date data and new tag number must be resubmitted.

10) Can I Age Verify animals I have purchased?

No. Animals must be Age Verified by the original herd of origin in order to maintain the accuracy and integrity of the system.

11) How do I know if animals I have purchased are Age Verified?

Currently industry sectors such as Feedlots, Auction Marts, Producers and Packing Plants can access Birth Date data (Herd of Origin is not released).