

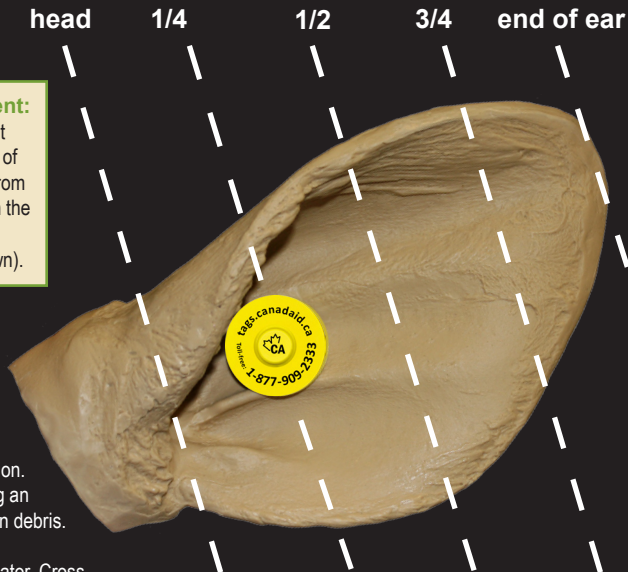


Best Practices:

- ✔ Ensure the animal is properly restrained, which will help to stabilize its head while you are applying the indicator.
- ✔ Apply indicators as recommended by the manufacturer's directions.
- ✔ Use the recommended applicator and pin for the specific indicator type and brand.
- ✔ Use indicators and applicators that are clean and free of debris.
- ✔ Apply antiseptic to indicators and applicator between animals while applying indicators to help control infection.
- ✔ Disinfect both sides of the animal's ear before applying an indicator. Do not apply an indicator to an ear covered in debris.
- ✔ If possible, apply indicators in moderate temperatures.
- ✔ Do not apply a new indicator in a hole from a lost indicator. Cross reference the new tag number with the lost indicator number, if known.
- ✔ When applying an indicator, ensure the male portion of the indicator is on the back of the animal's ear.

Ideal Placement:

Apply indicators at ~1/4 of the length of the animal's ear from the head between the two branches of cartilage (as shown).



Field team experience indicates the most common reasons for poor retention are: Incorrect placement, incomplete tag application, inadequate hygiene, infection and tag hazards (e.g., twine, wire fence, heavy brush, some bale feeders, etc.)