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To: Swine producers, educators, and veterinarians

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For the last several years, the Animal Industry Services Division of The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF) has distributed radio frequency identification (RFID) tags free of charge to Oklahoma swine producers. These RFIDs were purchased by USDA Veterinary Services to distribute to producers in order to encourage the use of official identification and electronic management of animal movement data. Recently, ODAFF's inventory of these tags has been exhausted. ODAFF and the USDA are still encouraging the use of these tags; however, with both federal and state budget constraints, no additional RFIDs will be purchased for producer distribution programs. If veterinarians or producers wish to continue utilizing these tags, they can be purchased from a number of tag manufacturers in a range of sizes and formats. A list of these manufacturers with pictures of different RFID formats can be found at the following webpage: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/ADT_device_ain.pdf. A premises identification number, which can be obtained by calling ODAFF, is the only requirement for ordering RFIDs. Another official identification option for swine producers is premises identification tags combined with a management number; a list of these can be found here: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/ADT_device_swine.pdf. Lastly, ODAFF will continue offering both large and small metal "Brite" tags free of charge to both veterinarians and producers. These tags are the traditional form of official identification and are still recognized nationally. Please remember that when swine or other livestock are moved interstate official identification and a certificate of veterinary inspection are required. Some animal exhibition events may also require these for entry into their show. Furthermore, official identification is permanent and never to be removed. If you need further information, please don't hesitate to call us at 405-522-6141.

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