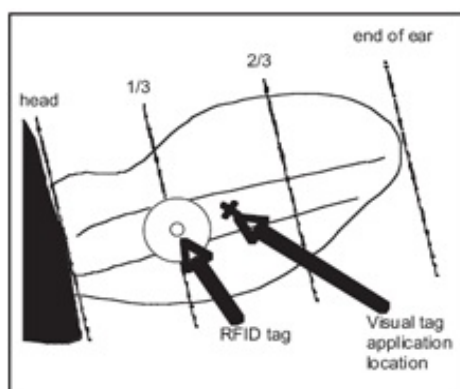


## Kansas 4-H Tagging Guidelines and Tips for EID Tags

Over the years a very good retention rate has been experienced on the 4-H EID tags. Realizing that sometimes “stuff happens”, but most often tag replacement issues can be traced to the application procedure. While it is impossible to have 100% tag retention, it can be increased by following these instructions and tips.

**Applicators** – for the EID tags, you **MUST** use the Allflex Universal Total Tagger with the red blunt pin. The black plastic insert will need to be removed for the application of the **beef EID** tags but should be put back in the tagger for application of the small EID tags used for the **small livestock**. The Allflex Ultra Retract-O-Matic will **NOT WORK** for application of the small livestock EID tags.

**Application of the tags** – The tags are to be put in the ear with the EID button facing to the front (inside the ear). It is preferred that they be placed in the left ear (as you look at the animal from the rear). They should be placed close to the head ( 1/3 to 1/2 of the ear length out from the base, in the middle of the ear vertically. **DO NOT** put the tags in an existing hole in the ear. Doing so will greatly increase the chance of loss.



1. To load, depress spring clip and insert the female EID tag. Ensure that the raised portion of the tag, which encloses the transponder chip, is placed in the open portion of the jaws.
2. Slip the male tag completely onto the blunt applicator pin. Squeeze the jaws together lightly to ensure the male shaft is in line with the female.
3. Dip the jaws of the applicator holding the tag into an antiseptic or disinfectant solution.

Use disinfectant to dip the tags and applicator in. It is recommended that you use a product such as Nolvasan. It can be purchased from the local vet or vet supply. It is an effective, non irritating product. Using this will help the tag site heal and it will provide lubrication for easier tag application. Good success with a spray product, Tek-Trol, disinfectant aerosol have been reported as well. Using a product that irritates the ear will cause the animal to do more rubbing of the ear and increase the chance of losing the tag. **IMPORTANT: Caution,** Free Air Space is critical for proper healing and retention. Inspect placement after tagging to ensure there is sufficient space between ear and EID tag.



**Keep the matched EID tags and 4-H tags together – The tags are packaged with the EID and 4-H numbers matched and in a data base available from Allflex USA.** If the animal already has a non EID 4-H tag – the existing tag will need to be removed and replaced with the 4-H EID tag. Do not put in the existing hole.