



RFID ear tags for Alberta sheep

These are the two RFID (*radio frequency identification*) ear tags approved by the Canadian Sheep Identification Program

Allflex sheep button tag



Button tags:

- Are sold as a two-part set - make sure the number on the back matches the number on the front.
- Put the tag between the cartilage (ribs) of the ear.

Shearwell Data Ltd loop tag



Loop tags:

- Put the tag on the top of the ear.
- Leave room for the ear to grow when tagging baby lambs.

For best tag retention follow manufacturer's directions:

1. Use the correct tag applicator supplied by the manufacturer.
2. Tags should be applied in the first third of the ear, close to the head.
3. Tags should be applied between the cartilage (ribs) of the ear.
4. The transponder should be on the inside of the ear.



For best RFID tag reading:

1. Animals should have only one RFID ear tag.
2. Apply RFID tag in the animal's right ear.