

# Tattoo Rules and Reservation



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There is a \$20.00 fee for the registration of farm letters for tattoos. Reservations of these letters must be made through the national office in Brattleboro, VT.

## The rules are as follows:

1. The tattoo must start with two (2) or three (3) letters which will be reserved as your farm's letters, for your farm's use only.
2. After your farm's letters, at least one (1) number must be used with no duplication within the herd.
3. A year letter must follow the number. Example: letter for 2020 is 'I'
4. Animals registered at any age can be registered by tattoo.
5. Tattoos are recommended to be in the left ear, as a right ear is used for vaccination and could be confusing later as a tattoo fades.
6. Green ink is recommended for tattooing, but not mandatory.
7. Animals should have identification in each ear, tattoos in each ear or RFID/840 tag in one ear with tattoo in other ear.

## Tattoo Sequences

	2023 = L	2026 = P	2029 = T	2032 = X	2035 = A
2021 = J	2024 = M	2027 = R	2030 = U	2033 = Y	2036 = B
2022 = K	2025 = N	2028 = S	2031 = W	2034 = Z	2037 = C

## Tattoo Reservation Form

Name/Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Other accounts permitted to use reserved tattoo: \_\_\_\_\_

## Farm tattoo letters

1<sup>st</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If your first choice of letters has been previously reserved by another farm, your second choice will be used. Please do not tattoo without checking with the Association to make sure your requested letters are not reserved by someone else.*