

## Holstein Association Offers ID Options

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — Known for its color marking identification of animals for about 100 years, the Holstein Association has come up with some new ID options.

Traditionally, sketching and photographing animals have long been required for Association ID, but that may be changing.

Using the eartag as the central device, identification can now

feed off on-farm management and record-keeping systems.

Holsteins entered for the Registered or Qualified herdbooks plus those in the Identified Holstein Female program may now be identified in the following two ways:

- Tattoos-Names/Numbers-Tag s (TNT) — Holstein Association ID Tag in one ear; herd management number tattooed in the other

car.  
• TAG ID — One Holstein Association ID Tag in each ear of the animal.

With on-farm management reliance on tag ID, breeders have a "built-in" identification system for both herd owners and the Association to use.

The eartag options open the door for electronic ID. In the electronic method, "Radio Frequency



Allflex eartags add identification options for Holstein Association programs and services.

## Junior Cattlemen To Hold Beef Skillathon

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Junior Cattlemen will hold its first Beef Skillathon Contest on Saturday, April 9, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Beef Expo here at the Farm Show Complex.

New to the Pennsylvania Beef Expo, the Skillathon will allow junior cattlemen to test their beef industry knowledge and learn important skills needed to be a successful cattle person.

By incorporating project skills and industry basics in a series of

mini-learning stations, participants can test their abilities in areas such as identification of beef breeds, retail cuts, feed ingredients, quality assurance practices, food safety, EPD evaluations, and management decision making.

The entire contest will take approximately 35 to 45 minutes to complete, with 5 to 10 minutes at each station.

The competition is open to all members of the Pennsylvania Junior Cattlemen's Association,

4-H, and FFA. Divisions include senior (16 to 21), intermediate (12-15), and junior (8-11).

County, club, or school teams consisting of four members in one division are invited to participate. Division winners will receive leather banners and \$50 savings bonds. Winning teams will receive plaques.

For more information and registration, contact Tammy Balhaser at (800) 572-2020 by March 31.

Identification" (RFID) incorporates an electronic transponder encased in a "button-like" eartag. The electronic eartag is currently under development.

Allflex eartags can be ordered from the Holstein Association.

### Herd Owner Requirements

A combination of "two identifiers" is required by the system. One is placed within 10 days of birth. The second placed when the calf is six months old.

Each calf will be identified at birth or shortly after by means that provide accuracy and complements on-farm management. Applying metal eartags at birth or shortly thereafter is recom-

mended. The Association has information on metal "button-like" eartags that can be ordered.

A special herd management number is assigned to each calf for a period of 10 years. The number will be placed on the Holstein Association ID eartag.

Identification at six months or under keeps ID fees at their lowest.

With the herd management number in place, the owner lists this number on the ID application or lists the ear tattoo when using the TNT system.

For more information about the new tag ID options, call the Holstein Association toll-free 1-800-952-5200.

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Lunch and visit Exhibits - Lunch Tickets available until 11:00 am for \$6.00

For more information call John Schwartz,  
County Extension Director (717) 394-6851

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