



## Common Questions About CDS

### Do I Have To Write Down Everything?

No, you only write down what you want us to enter. Many fields, like vaccines, are uniform across all cattle so you only write that information once. Variable fields like weights or tag numbers can be assigned to each animal.

### Who Uses CDS?

CDS users are very diverse. CattleLog is used by seedstock producers, ranchers, feedyards, state associations, feed stores, livestock markets, order buyers, and veterinarians in every major cattle producing state. Anyone can use CDS and we have hundreds of satisfied customers to show for it, because CattleLog is flexible enough to fit the needs of their operation.



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## Overview

The CattleLog Data Services (CDS) Group Option is a data collection service which enables producers to collect group animal information quickly and easily. All data is recorded in databases which exceed all National Animal Identification System (NAIS) requirements.

## Benefits

The CDS Group Option provides numerous benefits, including the following:

- Get started with animal identification without computers or special software;
- Data can be recorded at the producer's own pace, in the pasture or office;
- CattleLog staff performs all data entry, enrollment, and database management for the user, double-checking data and saving time and expense;
- Customized printouts with the user's information are returned to the customer, providing a source of documentation for record-keeping or buyers;
- Age and source data may be collected at the ranch, qualifying cattle for on-site audits and age and source verification premiums.

## How It Works

CDS is a simple answer to a common identification challenge. Here's how it works:

- Customers order electronic identification (EID) tags and specify what information they would like to collect;
- Pre-scanned, NAIS-compliant EID tags are shipped to the producer in sequential trays along with customized worksheets with the producer's information and matching tag numbers;
- As animals are processed, customers write down any group animal information they wish and return completed worksheets for data entry;
- All information is entered into the CattleLog system and summary reports are returned to the customer.

## Pricing

The CDS Group Option is available for a retail price of \$3.25 per head and includes the following:

- NAIS-compliant EID tag;
- Customized data worksheets;
- Group data entry into the CattleLog database;
- Summary cattle processing reports access via mail or online.