

CDQAP Quality Assurance Update February, 2018 Newsletter

New animal ID Regs in CA

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The ability to trace animal movements is essential for an effective response to a disease outbreak. This is true whether it's a Foot & Mouth Disease outbreak in England, a BSE detection in Washington State, or cases of bovine tuberculosis in Central Valley dairy cows. In California, [Animal Disease Traceability](#) (ADT) regulations were updated in 2017 to streamline such responses. Under the ADT umbrella there are regulation changes related to [trichomonosis testing](#) in bulls, entry requirements for cattle entering California, and recognized methods of official identification (ID) for animals.

The [new regulations most directly affecting dairy producers](#) require that **dairy cattle must be officially identified prior to leaving their premises of birth**. Approved ID methods include a standard "Silver-brite" tag supplied free from CDFA, an orange Brucellosis tag applied by the herd vet, or the producer's own herd 840 tags (RFID or visual only).

There are some caveats to the new regulations: cattle without official ID can be shipped to an "approved tagging site" where official ID will be placed (*continued at bottom right*)

~ In memory of Dr. Gonca Pasin, Executive Director of the California Dairy Research Foundation, a founding partner of CDQAP ~

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of the California Dairy Research Foundation's (CDRF) Executive Director, Dr. Gonca Pasin.

Dr. Pasin passed away in mid-February, after her health took a sudden turn in her fight against a serious health issue. We keep her two sisters, her two nieces and their families and friends in our prayers, as we all grieve.

As the Executive Director of CDRF, Dr. Pasin's unwavering support for the CDQAP was unsurpassed.

Gonca assumed the role of CDRF Executive Director in February, 2012. She brought a renewed passion for CDRF's research and education support of the California dairy industry. She led CDRF through restructuring, taking it in a new direction devoted to addressing the increasing scrutiny and challenges facing the industry. This included implementation of the best research management practices, strengthening its leadership role among both industry and research circles, launching a new logo and website and ensuring a renewed promise to supporting the dairy industry's commitment to understanding sustainable practices and consumer concerns. Dr. Pasin was driven to have the best scientists conduct exemplary research with findings serving California and the world.

Dr. Pasin had been a long-standing advisor to the California and U.S. dairy industry prior to her tenure with CDRF. Her unique perspective, persistent drive for excellence and passion for supporting the industry with superior quality research and science-based education programs will long be remembered and appreciated.



or they can be shipped directly to slaughter with a USDA back-tag.

For many producers, the most immediate change is the need to place official ID on newborn heifers before they're shipped to a rearing facility or on bull calves before leaving the dairy. Perhaps the easiest, lowest-cost method to comply in these situations will be to have employees apply free, CDFA supplied "Silver-brite" ear tags immediately after birth along with other processing activities.

Although the new regulations may feel like a nuisance, the resulting information will be invaluable when a fast, effective response is needed during an animal health emergency. A bull calf ear-tag system may also provide additional benefits including protection against claims that bull calves have received medication prior to slaughter and ensuring accurate payment. To learn more about these benefits, visit CDQAP's webpage on [Profitably marketing dairy bull calves](#).