



# Welcome to Ranchers Connecting Ranchers

Our mission is to provide cattle producers with low cost, high-quality, efficient, and rancher friendly services that allow our customers to maximize the use of value added programs. Utilizing our personal family ranching experience combined with industry expertise, our team is ready to help you identify and complete the verification program(s) that best suit your individual ranch goals.



## Our Story

In 2014, two father and daughter ranching teams came together in partnership with one goal in mind – To create a new agriculture verification company, designed to move our industry into the future, with a name that our fellow industry professionals could trust.

Committed to excellence, these ranchers began by listing what was important to them when it came to verification services. What were the good things about the verification services already in the industry? What things could be improved upon? What things were a verification company and the customer most concerned with before and after the audit? But perhaps most importantly, how can we make it better?

With over 20 years of combined experience with verification services and at the auditing table, the ranchers worked to create a business model designed to offer a better option for their fellow cattle ranchers. They knew there was a need for a true, industry-friendly verification company, willing to go the extra mile . . . And they decided to answer the call.



## *Source and Age Verification Ranch Program Application*

### **Follow These 5 Easy Steps:**

1. Complete this Application and send in Pages 2-5 by mail, fax, or email.
2. Send in photo copies of the following documents:
  - a. Calving Dates with year (First and Last Calf Born in actual records. Please make sure year is included.)
  - b. Head Count Support (Individual Calving Records, Vaccine Records, Branding Tally, Preg Check, Shipping Records –Anything that verifies the number of head to approve.)
3. Sign the RCR Contract and return.
4. Make Payment – Bank ACH, Check, or Money Order Preferred. (Payment must be received in full before work and processing time begins. RCR will send you an invoice upon receiving application. Please plan more time for US Postal communications-electronic is preferred.)
5. One of our friendly RCR auditors will call to get you certified!

**If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at:**

**Program Manager:(530) 228 - 3695**

**Email: [jennifer@ranchersconnectingranchers.com](mailto:jennifer@ranchersconnectingranchers.com)**

**Website: [www.ranchersconnectingranchers.com](http://www.ranchersconnectingranchers.com)**

**Keep all records and documents submitted to RCR for AT LEAST 3 years. You may be selected for an onsite visit by RCR to verify your Source and Age Export Verification claim as a requirement of USDA and all pertinent records will be required.**

#### **Instructions:**

Fill out the information in this application completely and accurately. This will help our auditors evaluate the information during your phone interview. Expect to be contacted in 2-5 business days after you send in your application and make payment in full. (Rush audits are available for an additional fee. We offer a 24- hour and three-day guaranteed turnaround. Please contact the RCR main office if you require any of these additional services.)

## General Information:

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home/Office Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Shipping Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Which address listed above is the billing address?**

**How did you hear about us?**

Advertisement

Tradeshow

Producer Recommendation

Video Sale

Other:

## Calving (Season) Group Information

**If you have more than one group you would like to verify, copy this page and fill out calving information for each group. Send in all copies with the rest of the application.**

If you are verifying multiple calving groups that each have a different first calf born date, then each group date of birth must be recorded and identified separately with different Program Compliant Tags (PCT's) (if required) as well as the ranch's own system of identification (different brands, ear tags, etc).

**Check the calving season:**

Spring

Summer

Winter

Fall

Year- round

**Date of calving:** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Sex (check all that are applicable to this group):**

Steers

Heifers

Mixed

**Number of head in group:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Breed(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

General Herd Information		
Total Number of Cows:	Number of Purchased Cow/Calf Pairs:	Total Number of Purchased Calves and Stockers:

Movement Information:		
<p>Have the home raised calves ever left the ranch of origin?</p> <p>Yes-Where?</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Where are the home raised calves located now?</p>	<p>Have any of the calves come through an auction yard?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>
Identification Information:		
<p>Tags- Describe the color, numbers, left or right ear of the ranch and or EID tags:</p>	<p>Describe brand and location:</p>	
<p>Are SAV calves moving directly to an approved location?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>I Don't Know</p>		
<p>How are you selling your cattle?</p>		

## Payment Information:

Please indicate what items you are needing by checking the box below:

Regular processing (5-7 business days) \$250.00

Tag Pricing: Less than 200 Head - \$1.95 per tag

201-500 Head - \$1.90 per tag

501-1,000 Head - \$1.85 per tag

Over 1,001 Head, contact RCR for special pricing

\$10 Shipping Fee

Number of tags needed (sold in sets of 25): \_\_\_\_\_

Tag Allocation Fee: Please indicate number of tags to be allocated: \_\_\_\_\_

(For PCT/EID's not purchased from RCR): \$.20/Tag Not to Exceed \$200.

Tag Applicator \$35 (Recommended if never applied Datamars EID tags before.)

**Please look for an audit contract and invoice for audit fees and tags (when ordered). These will come by email if one is provided. If no email was provided, these will be sent by USPS; but note, this will add time to the verification process.**

- **In order to keep our costs low, we welcome check or money orders and prefer Bank ACH – An option to enter your bank account information securely will be available on the electronic invoice we send to you by email. (Bank information is used one time to secure payment as indicated by the invoice and never saved.) If you are in a rush, we recommend using the Bank ACH payment method. If you need to use a credit card, please call the office directly to make that payment arrangement.**
- **Please remember that we are unable to begin the auditing process until payment for the audit service fees have been paid in full.**
- **We can bill separately for the EID Tag purchase. (If the producer chooses to order them at a later date.)**

### **Important Details for Calving Records Required for Review:**

In order to approve your application we will require photocopies or the original versions of your calving records. Please keep in mind that assigning arbitrary calving dates is not an acceptable practice for age verification. (ie: Bull turnout dates may be used to back up the first calf born date, but may not be used as the sole verification of the first calf born date.)

To move ahead with the verification process please submit:

1. A completed version of this packet (Source and Age Verification Application)
2. Photocopies of calving documents:
  - a. This may include copies of a: Red Book, calendar(which documents other events), journal entries, computerized calving records, etc (be sure to include year)
3. Head Count Support for Calf Crop to be verified. Acceptable records may include:
  - a. Individual Calving Records
  - b. Bred Cow Inventory Records
  - c. Vaccination Invoices
  - d. Preg Check Records
  - e. Branding Tallies
  - f. Any other form of record that verifies the number of calves on the ranch
4. Signed Contract (Sent after we receive the application)
5. Payment in Full (Invoice sent after we receive application)

\*If you have additional questions about the kind of documentation that may be included, or other questions regarding your application feel free to call us at (303)-621-7747.

### **Unique Identification of Cattle:**

Cattle in the verified group which may move to an unapproved location and those being sold on the video auction require individual identification by using Program Compliant Tags (PCT). EID tags satisfy this requirement. PCT tags must be applied at the ranch of origin prior to shipping cattle.

If the cattle already have PCT/EID tags, RCR will need an electronic copy of the tag list emailed to assign the appropriate claims and date(s) of birth. Please note a fee of \$0.20 per head, not to exceed \$200, will apply for tag allocation if PCT Tags are purchased from a company other than RCR.

\*\*If you would like to purchase your PCT/EID Tags from RCR at the same time as you pay your audit verification fees, please indicate how many tags you will need on the Payment Page of this packet. Following your phone interview, your friendly RCR Desk Auditor will place the tag order for you. (RCR will not place an order for tags until the amount has been paid to RCR in full.)

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