## **Animal Identification**

Ensures the traceability of cattle or beehives, from their place of birth, records the places where they have been until their death.

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It consists of providing each animal or beehive with an individual, permanent and unrepeatable unique alphanumeric code.

The Animal Identification System allows Senasica to ensure that the procedures, activities and sanitary criteria are carried out to ensure animal traceability, i.e., that the data of the animals to be identified are correctly collected at source, in order to have information from birth, breeding, reproduction, fattening, mobilization, export, import and slaughter.

Animal identification is an essential tool for improving animal health, because it allows the timely detection and control of animal diseases and pests, and helps to find the origin of the disease or pest in the event of an animal health risk and implement the corresponding control actions by the official veterinary services.

Producers can update their data in the National Livestock Register and request identifiers for their animals through an Authorized Identification Office currently operating under the <u>National Livestock Identification System</u> (SINIIGA, by its Spanish acronym).

The Authorized Identification Technicians are qualified personnel for animal identification, the producer can hire their services on a private basis to identify livestock.

In addition, there are Technical Identification Managers (TIA-G, by its Spanish acronym), who can take more than one procedure of the producers of a community to the SINIIGA Service Window, making the processes efficient for the benefit of the interested parties.

Animal identification is based on the provisions stipulated in the Federal Animal Health Law and its Regulations, as well as in the Mexican Official Standard, National Animal Identification System for Cattle and Beehives.

## Documents for consultation

- Strategies for the implementation of the new SINIIGA SINIDA SENASICA
- <u>Guidelines for the SINIIGA-SINIDA Animal Movement Identification and Registration System.</u>

## **Legal and Regulatory Framework**

- Federal Animal Health Law
- Regulation
- <u>Mexican Official Standard, National Animal Identification System for Cattle</u> and Beehives.
- Agreement delegating to the National Service of Agrifood Health, Safety and Quality, the powers indicated below