

MARKING CATTLE FOR IDENTIFICATION TEXT

Marking cattle for identification should involve methods that are easy to read and easy to apply. The use of two marking methods on an animal is strongly recommended.

The most common methods of marking cattle are ear tags, tattoos and hot brands. Less common methods of marking cattle include freeze brands, ear notches, neck chains and horn brands.

A combination of ear tags and tattoos are used by many cattlemen. The ear tag features easy reading, while the tattoo is permanent. Brands are both permanent and are usually easy to read.