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RECORD KEEPING

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Introduction

- ❖ To keep records is simply to collect relevant information that can help you to take good decisions and to keep track of activities
- ❖ Records can be about any performance of the animals
- ❖ It is important to keep record keeping simple, and quick to interpret.
- ❖ Recording can be done easily if animals have some identification / numbering



Records can be used for what

- ❖ keep your memory
 - ❖ decision making
 - ❖ To keep track of all animals (Identification records)
 - ❖ Evaluation of livestock for selection (breeding records; financial records; production records)
 - ❖ Aids in disease management;(disease records)
 - ❖ To assess profitability/losses (financial records)
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Identification Records

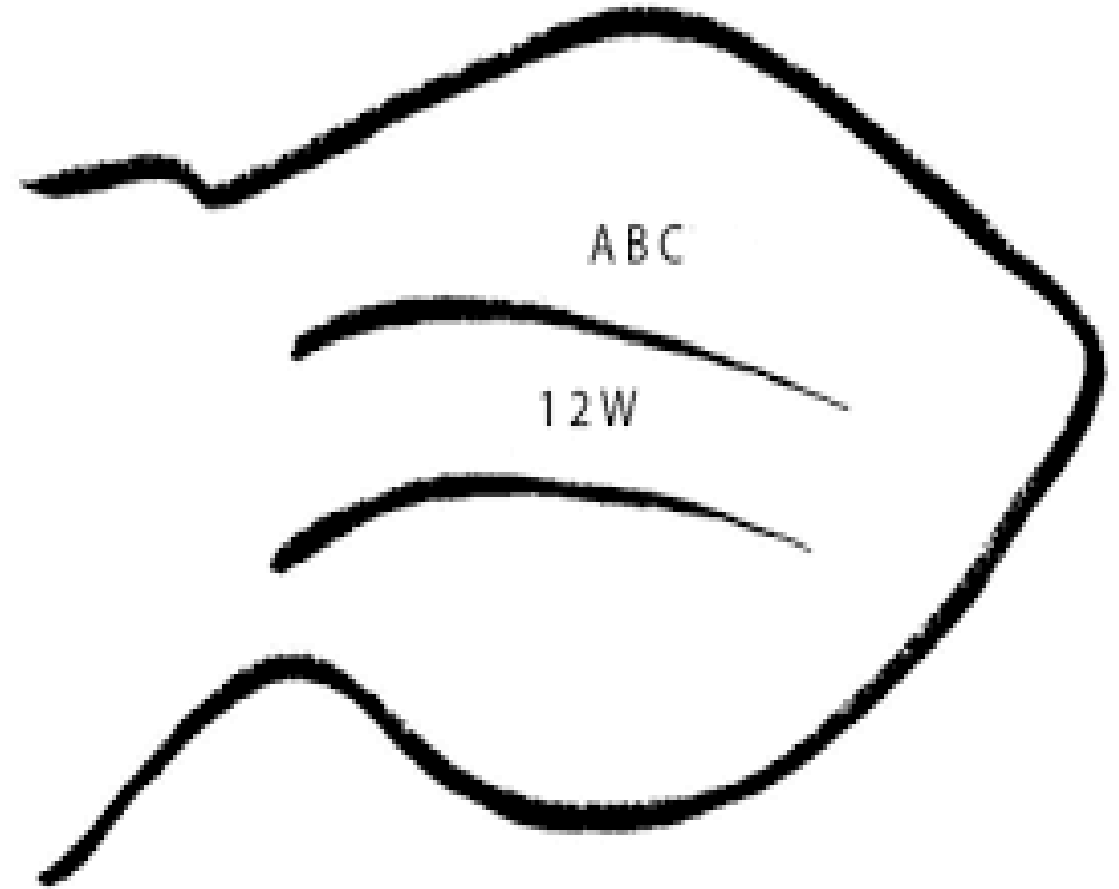
- ❖ An identification method should be cheap, not harming the animal, reliable to read at a distance, (Act No. 6 of 2002).
- ❖ Identification of animals is usually through use of numbering, by marking of the animal

Method of Identification

- ❖ Ear-notching, Punching
- ❖ Tattooing (ear or under)
- ❖ Brand (Hot iron, The height of the letters=40-100mm and space between letters is 12.5 mm)
- ❖ Tags (Ear-tags, permanent if they do not fall off)



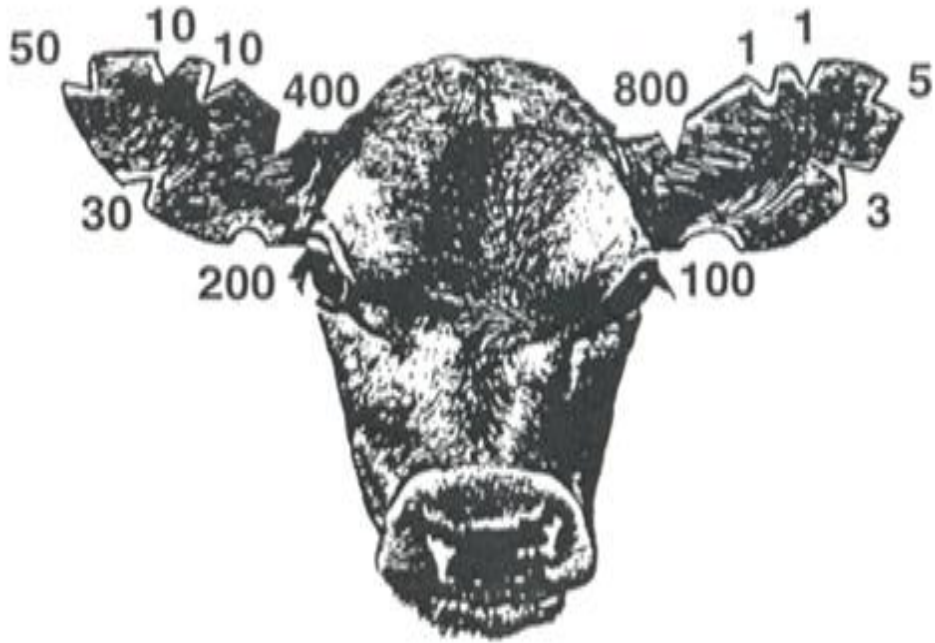
Tattooing



Brand Marking



Ear Notching



Ear tagging



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