

# MAINE-ANJOU IDENTIFICATION – PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU TATTOO YOUR HERD

## Tattoo herd prefix in one ear and number and year letter in the other ear

A herd prefix that is assigned to a breeder must always be tattooed in at least one ear.

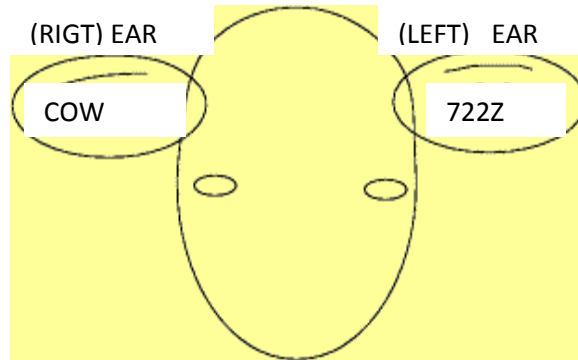
A herd prefix may be 2 to 4 characters and may not start or end with the letters I, O or Q. Symbols (brands) cannot be used.

No other breeder with the exception of immediate family under the age of 21 may use the same herd prefix and must be requested through AMAA.

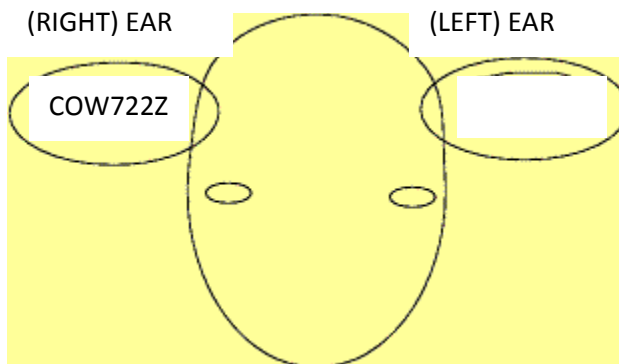
After age 21 family members must obtain his/her own herd prefix.

The owner of the Maine Anjou dam at the time of the calf's birth must register her calf. Therefore, the person who owns the Maine Anjou dam when her calf is born must place his/her herd prefix in at least one ear.

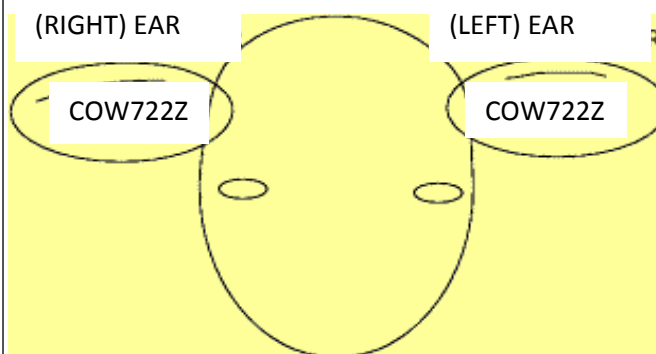
DO NOT assign a herd prefix to yourself. Only the AMAA Office can assign herd prefix letters. Before you tattoo any calves make sure the herd prefix is available to be used.



### Tattoo only one ear. Tattoo may not exceed 8 characters in each ear.



### Tattoo both ears with herd prefix, number and year letter



## TIPS WHEN TATTOOING

If you will be dual registering your animals with both the AMAA another breed association please try to obtain the same herd prefix otherwise you will have to tattoo your animal with two different herd prefixes. You may use the same number/year letter portion.

When tattooing, remember it is the animal's actual left and right ear as if you were standing behind them. It is best to test the tattoo gun first on cardboard or heavy fabric before tattooing the animal. Black and Green ink are recommended to obtain a permanent and legible tattoo. Try to avoid tattoo fading by replacing worn tattoo letters and try to tattoo in warmer climates. Remember to include the herd prefix, number and year letter and to never exceed 8 characters in one ear. Tattooing may be done at any time, however the younger you tattoo a calf the more legible the tattoo will be. The tattoo will grow as the calf gets older, making it easier to read.

The breeder must assign his/her animal a number that will identify that particular animal from others in the herd. You may number your cattle any method or order you prefer.

A year letter that represents when the animal was born must also accompany the number part of the tattoo.

2001=L,2002=M,2003=N,  
2004=P,2005=R,2006=S,  
2007=T,2008=U,2009=W,  
2010=X,2011=Y,2012=Z,  
2013=A,2014=B,2015=C,  
2016=D, 2017=E, 2018=F

Examples: Some breeders may use the month, day and year letter code. If a calf was born 7/1/13 the animal would be tattooed with 71A

Breeder may also use sequence order 1, 2, 3... and then the year letter.

The calf's tattoo may also reference the tattoo number to dam or sire.

No two animals may have the same tattoo number