



# AGE VERIFICATION 101

Age Verification provides an effective and internationally recognized Age Verification Process. Producers can enter and store Birth Date information and have it readily available for domestic and export markets. Currently Age Verification is only mandatory in Alberta.

## MANDATORY | ONLY IN ALBERTA

Age verification is only mandatory in Alberta and the current regulation is in the process of being repealed. Consequently, the support offered by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF) for Age Verification issues/corrections may diminish over time. The other provinces and territories administered by CCIA do not have provincial regulations regarding AV.

## PREVENT | AGE VERIFICATION ISSUES

You can prevent Age Verification issues by checking the animal's birthdate prior to purchasing.

- CLTS users can see birthdates by RFID tag number.
- Ask to see the birth certificate prior to purchasing.

Any potential errors could be addressed with the seller at that time.

## TWO | COMMON ERRORS

1. Producers apply a calving start date to a series of tags, but do not use all of them on the same calf crop. The leftovers are applied to animals born the following year, but the birth information is not updated.
2. The wrong year is used when inputting the birthdates or calving start date. This can only be undone by the herd of origin account holder.

## WHY | REPORT A BIRTHDATE

Age verification has a major impact on beef marketing outside of Canada. Having the birth information associated with a tag streamlines the verification process for all segments of the production chain if required for market access.

For additional information on Age Verification and frequently asked questions:

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<https://www.canadaid.ca/traceability/factsheets/>

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