



QUICK REFERENCE TAG READERS

Are you thinking of purchasing a tag reader? But what works best for you? This quick reference provides a few tips for making a decision between a stationary or mobile tag reader.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE | STATIONARY

Stationary readers are larger and are designed to be mounted to a wall or an alleyway. Used in situations where animals will move past the antenna to be scanned.

Stationary readers generally require a direct connection to the AC panel to get the best results.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE | MOBILE

Mobile readers are generally battery powered, smaller and portable.

They can be connected to a computer or smart phone to collect tag numbers and associated data.

You should consider the battery life, or carrying extra batteries.

TYPE OF DISPLAY | IS IMPORTANT

Where will the scanner be used? In bright sunlight or a dim barn? A back lighted display may be important.

Are the display numbers large enough to read during use?

Will the scanner be used in cold climates? LCD type displays may not function properly in temperature below -15C.

Is the orientation of the display suitable for RH operators only or is it adjustable?

OTHER FACTORS | TO CONSIDER

Warranty and support — what kind of support is available to assist you in setting up your reader?

Software — does the scanner require additional software beyond what comes with the reader? Is it compatible with your on-farm computer?

To view the CCIA RFID Reader List
CLICK HERE

<https://www.canadaid.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CCIA-Reader-List-October-2020.pdf>

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