



# 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 not mandatory in Canada.

## AGE VERIFICATION | MANDATORY

Age verification is not mandatory in Canada. Alberta regulation that required Age Verification (AV) of cattle was repealed in 2020. Even though AV is not mandatory regulated information producers are encouraged to record this information in the Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS) database administered by the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) as part of building a world-class traceability system.

## PREVENT | AGE VERIFICATION ISSUES

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

- CLTS users can see Birth Dates 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 Birth Dates or calving start date. This can only be undone by the herd of origin account holder.

## WHY | REPORT A BIRTH DATE

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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