# 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.

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## WHAT'S THE DIFFERNCE: 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 DIFFERNCE: 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

Where will the scanner be used? A back lighted display may be important.

Are the display numbers large enough?

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?

## OTHER FACTORS

**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?

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