



Australian Wagyu Association Ltd Certified Wagyu Scheme

The AWA tagging and certification system is a simple means that will identify commercial cattle sired by registered Fullblood or Purebred Wagyu sires. It is expected to boost demand from domestic and international buyers seeking genuine Wagyu genetics at the point of sale. Wagyu tagged cattle will also have a certificate detailing the Wagyu pedigree.

Benefits of certifying commercial Wagyu:

- Easy identification of Wagyu infused cattle with the CWS management tag with the option to incorporate your NLIS on the reverse
- Buyers can purchase with confidence and check back to the authenticity of the breeder
- A Wagyu Pedigree is readily available to buyers
- Offering QA system whereby authenticated CWS animals have had their breeding details registered on the AWA database.



Key points are:

1. Colour coded tag system to identify graded animals no longer applies....The tag colour is your choice.
2. This scheme is available for Wagyu infused commercial cattle that are joined to AWA registered Fullblood or Purebred sires.
3. All breeding records must be supplied to the AWA along with a hair sample in a clip lock plastic bag clearly marked with animal ident that is to be recorded on the AWA database.

What does all this mean?

Authenticates Wagyu genetics

Producers of unregistered bulls of uncertified breeding are unable to participate in the AWA certified tagging scheme

For Wagyu bull sellers

Ensure that your clients have access to the premiums associated with producing Wagyu infused cattle and knowing that only calves bred by registered bulls can be authenticated in the CWS.

For Wagyu bull buyers

Buy only registered Wagyu bulls – you can check the status of the bull by contacting the AWA on 02 6773 3138 or go to the animal enquiries section of the website [http:// www.wagyu.org.au](http://www.wagyu.org.au) At purchase insist the bull be transferred to you as proof of ownership.

For the feedlotter

Tags identify the Wagyu infused cattle and offer pedigree trace back via authenticated breeding records. This gives you more buying options and guarantees the cattle genuine, identifiable and traceable wagyu.

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Cattle owner

Ensure easy identification of the animal as well as providing a certificate which authenticates the breeding of the registered Wagyu sire/s used. Pedigree information can also be verified on a web search in the AWA herd book.

Feedback

Each tag has a unique identification number that can be used to track the animal through the supply chain. The AWA is aiming to set up an information tracing feedback system to track animals through the supply chain. This will enable Wagyu members provision of feedback information on the performance of their cattle. Ultimately it is envisaged the tagging system will be aligned to the NLIS.

All registered Wagyu cattle are parent verified by DNA testing. Wagyu infused cattle can be Wagyu verified by DNA testing as all registered sires have DNA profiles recorded for progeny matching.

Ordering tags

Certified Wagyu tags are available only to members of the Australian Wagyu Association. A tag order form is attached. Please supply your NLIS tag numbers & we can have up to the last 5 digits printed on the front of the tag with your PIC number printed on the back.

Commercial Certificates

Certificates will be generated to authenticate the CWS tags – these will only be issued upon receiving tail hair samples and when the breeder returns animal details on form C1.

The association believes strongly that the appropriate certification of each animal will provide greater certainty for the purchaser and therefore add value to the product. In Japan animals are sold with a comprehensive pedigree certificate and this system aims to emulate that.

The cost of recording each commercial animal will be \$5.50 (incl gst) and this includes a CWS management ear tag.

For further information please contact the AWA office on 02 6773 3138 or email office@wagyu.org.au