



Login Lowdown

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Editing tags

You may know about the American Angus Association's Tag Store at www.customcattletags.com. Visual tags are the foundation of most identification systems. The Tag Store offers Destron Fearing™ visual tags in a wide range of colors, sizes and customizable options. You can add a management number to the front of the tag for free, plus print logos and text on the back of the tag or on the tag stud for a small fee. AAA Login lets you add your tag number to the animals in your herd, but what happens if you need to change a tag number in your records?

Correcting calf tags

Lou Ann Adams, director of Association Information Services, says that there have been many requests from breeders about correcting calf tags that were incorrectly submitted. A couple of features have been added in Login to help with this.

There are two new ways for adding or

editing tags in AAA Login. When a calf's tag is reported incorrectly, you can fix it by clicking Current Calf Inventory, under the View tab (see Fig. 1). You can search by registration number, birth year, tattoo/tag or animal set. From that screen, just click Add/Edit Tag (see Fig. 2).

Another option to correct a previously misreported calf tag has been available for a while, but it is a bit buried. Under the View tab, click AHIR

Work History/Reports (see Fig. 1). Search for Weaning on the drop-down menu. After the search results are displayed, select Details (Fig. 3). The same Edit Tag feature is available there.

Changing heifer to dam tags

There have also been requests to add or change tags for heifers who are kept for breeding, and to add or correct dam tags as parents. These changes on heifer tags will have them show up in your Active Dam list.

The first way to change is to click the Submit tab from the main menu, then Add/Edit Dam Tags (designated by a yellow 'New' banner) (see Fig. 4). From there, your search options are the same as the calf tags. This feature will allow you to search your cow and heifer inventory to display, and then you can edit the tag from there (see Fig. 5). This will not change the tag of the animal as a calf, only as a dam.

Like the calf tags, there is an option that has been around, but not as easily accessible.

Fig. 1: How to find Current Calf Inventory and AHIR Work History/Reports



Fig. 2: Add/Edit Tag in Current Calf Inventory

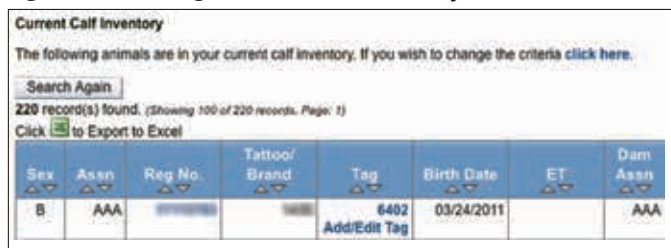


Fig. 3: Details function allows for editing within AHIR Work History/Reports

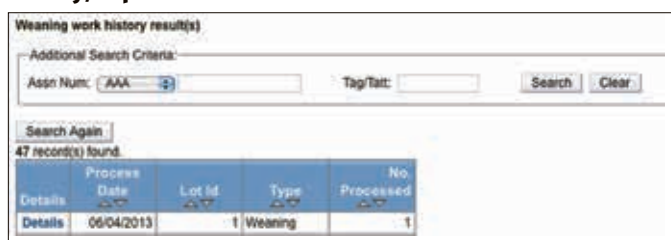
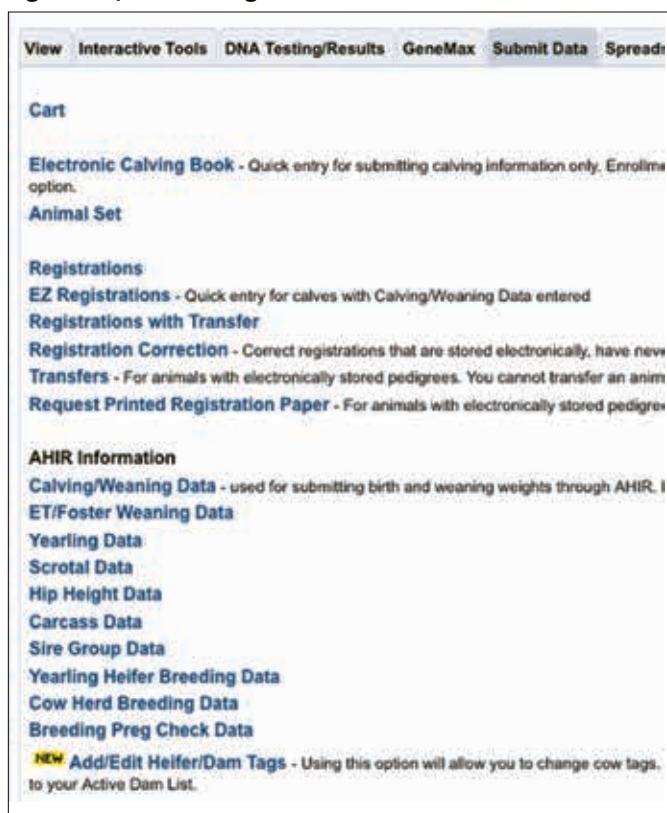


Fig. 4: Add/Edit Dam Tags within the Submit tab



You can make changes in the View tab, then select Active Dam List. Again, your search options are the same. Click the Edit Tag under the Dam Tag column (see Fig. 6). The option for adding tags for heifers wasn't available before, but now you can add tags for heifers that will be used as future dams.

Don Laughlin, director of Association member services, says, "This lets those breeders who want to tag their heifer calves at

birth with their mother's tag number for ease of matching up do so and then, at a later time, they can retag those heifers with their own individual number. This may be at weaning, yearling, breeding or even after they had a calf of their own. The Login feature lets them do it — before this feature, they had to let us change the tags internally."

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Fig. 5: Edit tags of your cow and heifer inventory

Edit Tags for Cows/Add Heifers to Inventory
Using this option will allow you to change cow tags. It will not allow you to update calf tags. If you choose a heifer, it will be adding that heifer into your inventory.

Includes the following owners: [SEARCH] [SUBMIT] [CANCEL]

323 record(s) found. (Showing 100 of 323 records. Page: 1)

Reg. No.	Calf Tag	Cow Tag	Tatt	Birth Date
ANGUS 123456789	31W	31W Edit Tag		

Fig. 6: Edit Tag under the Dam Tag column within the Active Dam List

AHIR - Active Dam List
Cancellation of cows will be done within 2 business days of checkout. [More Information](#)

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Dam	Dam Tag	Dam Tatt	Dam Birth Date	Last Breeding
ANGUS 123456789 Cow Data	31W Edit Tag			