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Electronic Cattle Transaction Reporting (ECTR) and "15-Head" Exemption

What is ECTR?

The *electronic cattle transaction reporting (ECTR)* system will provide dairy producers the option of reporting private transactions of unbranded dairy cattle via the web rather than requesting a livestock inspection.

Why the change?

WSDA has been directed to develop an Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) system to reduce the impact to the livestock industry in the event of an animal disease outbreak. An effective ADT system requires that all animal movement and transactions be reported.

In order to ensure a robust traceability system the livestock inspection exemption known as the "15-head exemption" will be eliminated. Effective January 1, 2016, all cattle must receive a livestock inspection prior to any change of ownership or movement out of state.

The Washington State dairy industry and WSDA have partnered to develop an alternative reporting system in lieu of a livestock inspection. The goal is to complement dairy management practices and allow commerce to move with ease, while maintaining a robust database that can be used for animal disease traceability.

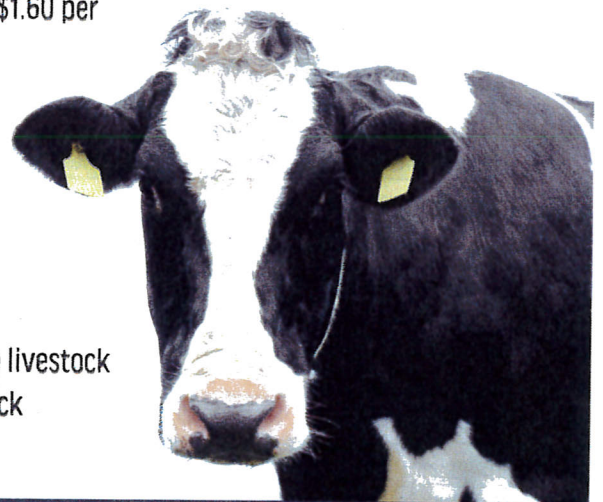
How can I use ECTR?

When you first go to the ECTR webpage users will need to create an account with a user name and password. Once you have an account set up in the ECTR system you are able to report transactions via the web. Here is a list of some system requirements and benefits of ECTR:

- The dairy producer who reports through ECTR must be a Grade A licensed dairy through the WSDA, or a listed approved user;
- As the dairy license owner you can list approved users to report transactions on your behalf;
- Cattle reported through ECTR must be individually identified with an approved tag;
- ECTR transactions will be assessed a per head fee of \$1.30 versus the \$1.60 per head fee assessed via a livestock inspection;
- Payments for the transactions will be made via electronic payments within the ECTR system;
- Dairy producers using the ECTR system consent to up to two site audits per year and must retain movement records for three years.

ECTR Fees vs. Livestock Inspection Fees

On the reverse side of this sheet are a few cost comparisons for ECTR and the livestock inspection fees. You will see that using the ECTR system rather than a livestock inspection will save you both time and money.



For more details on the ECTR system, please visit our website at:

agr.wa.gov/foodanimal/livestock/ectr.aspx or contact Dawn Grummer at dgrummer@agr.wa.gov or (360) 902-1987.



Examples of ECTR Costs vs. Inspection Costs



Scenario 1: A change of ownership on one head of unbranded dairy cattle when time and mileage **does not** apply.

Possible Fees	Cost of fees	Livestock Inspection Costs	ECTR Costs
Minimum Certificate Fee	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ -
Inspection Per Head Fee	\$ 1.60	\$ -	\$ -
ECTR Per Head Fee	\$ 1.30	\$ -	\$ 1.30
Beef Commission Fee	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
ADT Fee	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23
Time Fee	\$ 17.00	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage Fee	\$ 0.575	\$ -	\$ -
Totals		\$ 6.73	\$ 3.03*

In this scenario, dairy producers utilizing ECTR would save **55%** over a traditional livestock inspection.

Scenario 2: A change of ownership on 74 head of unbranded dairy cattle when time and mileage **does not** apply.

Possible Fees	Cost of fees	Livestock Inspection Costs	ECTR Costs
Minimum Certificate Fee	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ -
Inspection Per Head Fee	\$ 1.60	\$ 118.00	\$ -
ECTR Per Head Fee	\$ 1.30	\$ -	\$ 96.20
Beef Commission Fee	\$ 1.50	\$ 111.00	\$ 111.00
ADT Fee	\$ 0.23	\$ 17.02	\$ 17.02
Time Fee	\$ 17.00	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage Fee	\$ 0.575	\$ -	\$ -
Totals		\$ 246.42	\$ 224.22*

In this scenario, dairy producers utilizing ECTR would save **9%** over a traditional livestock inspection.

Scenario 3: A change of ownership on 33 head of unbranded dairy cattle when time and mileage **does** apply for 3 hours and 119 miles.

Possible Fees	Cost of fees	Livestock Inspection Costs	ECTR Costs
Minimum Certificate Fee	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ -
Inspection Per Head Fee	\$ 1.60	\$ -	\$ -
ECTR Per Head Fee	\$ 1.30	\$ -	\$ 42.90
Beef Commission Fee	\$ 1.50	\$ 49.50	\$ 49.50
ADT Fee	\$ 0.23	\$ 7.59	\$ 7.59
Time Fee	\$ 17.00	\$ 51.00	\$ -
Mileage Fee	\$ 0.575	\$ 63.25	\$ -
Totals		\$ 171.34	\$ 99.99*

In this scenario, dairy producers utilizing ECTR would save **42%** over a traditional livestock inspection.

***Additional credit card or electronic payment service fees may apply.**