

## Identification Marker Tags for Off-bottom Oyster Culture Gear

Oyster growers in Florida are required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Division of Aquaculture to provide identification information on all floating and off-bottom culture gear. In the event the culture gear becomes unanchored and lost, marker tags allow the leaseholder's property to be identified and improve the likelihood of being returned to the owner. This can be especially important during severe weather events. Following are several vendors of commercially available, durable markers to tag and identify oyster culture gear. There are other types and designs of tags that can be used by growers.

### Flat Trap Tags

TOP-ME Products, 74 Orion Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011,  
Phone: 207-449-1180, Email: [info@topmeproducts.com](mailto:info@topmeproducts.com),  
Website: [www.topmeproducts.com/](http://www.topmeproducts.com/)



Flat tags (approx. 1" by 3.75") have raised molded lettering with choice of name, phone number, or AQ certificate number (31 characters maximum). Theft warning text is molded on each tag and cannot be changed. Orange color typically lasts over 10 years. Aluminum template is kept on file for 10 years. The tags can be attached to culture gear by cable ties or hog nose rings (not included).

### Truck Seals

ULINE, 12575 Uline Drive Pleasant Prairie, WI, 53158  
Phone: 800-958-5463, Website: [www.uline.com/](http://www.uline.com/)



Plastic tags (8" long by 3/8" wide) with durable self-locking seal. Seals are consecutively numbers and embossed with custom wording (up to 17 spaces). Multiple colors are available.

### Livestock Ear Tags

Amazon, Website: [www.amazon.com/](http://www.amazon.com/)

Tags for cattle, pigs or sheep are made of TPU soft material, which can withstand extreme weather and environmental conditions. Available in various sizes (3" by 2.5" is a good size for oyster gear), bright colors, and come blank or with serial numbers. Easy to write information on tags with indelible marker.



### Horticulture Tags

WestRock (John Henry Company), 5800 W. Grand River Avenue,  
Lansing, MI 48901, Phone: 866-448-8300, Website: [www.jhc.com/](http://www.jhc.com/)

Thirteen blank polystyrene tags (width 5/6") come in several lengths (3,4,5,6,8,10"). Only 10" tags have pre-punched hole. Available in white only. Waterproof, fade-proof permanent marker pens are available to write information. 4" tags can be customized with black ink.

### Flag Markers

NELCO, 22 Riverside Drive, Pembroke, MA 02359, Phone:  
855-687-3534, Website: [www.nelcoproducts.com](http://www.nelcoproducts.com)



Identification zip ties – flag ties, blank flag ties, write-on flag ID ties and ID cable ties – are used for marking, labeling and identifying gear. With a variety of flags, tags and identification methods, ties are available in an array of colors and come in lengths ranging from 3" to 14". Custom printing, including serial numbers, is available on all ties.

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