



The Boontech Alley Master Dual ISO reader system installed at Blue Grass Stockyards in Lexington, Kentucky has made reliably reading RFID ear tags, with a workable level of accuracy, in cattle a reality for us. The reader system is utilized in processing calves for our monthly value added feeder calf sales through Kentucky's CPH-45 program.

At these sales calves are graded and weighed in producer groups and then commingled into large pens of like sizes, grades and colors. All calves are tagged on the farm prior to delivery with the Destron Fearing Combo etag in order to provide both visual and electronic identification on each animal.

The current reader system has been in place through six sales, and roughly 10,000 animals have passed through it in groups ranging from 1 to 30 head. The read performance has exceeded 98 percent. We are pleased with the progress that Boontech has made toward the goal of developing a reader system that can operate with acceptable accuracy in the environment that we operate in.