

SWINE OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION OPTIONS



Official Identification (ID)

is a device or identification mark approved by the USDA which provides a unique identification number for the individual animal. Official ID devices must be tamper evident and bear the U.S. shield.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE OFFICIAL ID.

How to obtain a National Premise ID Number (NPIN) for 840 tags?

Kentucky producers should call 502-573-0282 or email statevet@ky.gov

PET PIGS? MINI PIGS?

For pet swine, microchips which meet the ISO standards may be acceptable. Contact the State Veterinarian Office for more details.

Animal Identification Number (AIN, 840) Tags



Tags begin with the official country code (840 for U.S.), followed by 12 digits. These tags can be Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) devices or be visual only. AIN tags are issued to accredited veterinarians by the State Veterinarian Office. Producers can order from an authorized tag manufacturer. A National Premises Identification Number (NPIN) is required to purchase '840' tags or devices.

NUES 8 / Silver Tags



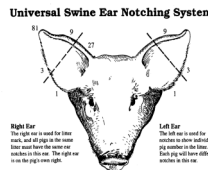
Producers, accredited veterinarians, and markets can order free silver metal National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) tags from State Veterinarian offices. These tags start with the state code (61 for KY), followed by two letters and four numbers. The USDA proposes to phase these tags out by 2023, and switch to RFID.

PIN Tags / Tattoo



Official Premises Identification Number (PIN) tags are used to officially identify swine to the premises they were kept immediately prior to entering harvest channels. If PIN tags contain an individual animal number, they can be used for non-slaughter animals. A PIN tattoo is also acceptable.

Universal Ear Notch System



Ear notches, using the Universal Ear Notching System, must be recorded with a breed registry association, and breed registration papers must accompany the animals. Notches are placed in the pig's right ear, to show the litter number, and the left ear — to show the individual pig number.

www.kyagr.com/statevet/animal-movement.html
for additional information

USDA Approved 840 Tag Manufacturers

- ◇ Allflex USA Inc.
800-989-8247
www.AllflexUSA.com
- ◇ National Band & Tag Company
859-261-2035
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