



# **SWINE OFFICIAL ID OPTIONS**

### OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION

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

· It is unlawful to remove official ID

## ANIMAL ID NUMBER (AIN, 840) TAGS



- Tags begin with the official country code (840 for USA), followed by 12 digits
- These can be Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) devices or visual only
- AIN tags are issued to accredited vets by the OSV
- Producers can purchase tags from an authorized tag manufacturer or an accredited veterinarian who is qualified as a Tag Manager
- A National Premises ID Number (PIN) is required

# PIN TAGS & TATTOOS







 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 nonslaughter animals. A PIN tattoo is also acceptable.

#### **HOW TO OBTAIN A NATIONAL PIN**

- A National Premises ID Number (NPIN) is required to buy 840 tags or devices
- For questions about how to obtain a NPIN, contact the KY Office of the State Veterinarian (OSV)
- Visit <u>kyagr/statevet/animal-movement.html</u> for more information about official animal ID

### **NUES 8**

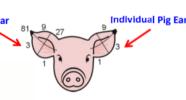




## SILVER TAGS

- Accredited vets and markets can order silver metal National Uniform Ear tagging system (NUES) tags for swine from the Office of the State Veterinarian
- Tags start with the state code (61 for KY), followed by 2 letters and 4 numbers
- USDA proposes to phase these out and switch to RFID

# UNIVERSAL EAR NOTCH 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

#### **PET PIGS & MINI PIGS**

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

### **USDA APPROVED 840 TAG MANUFACTURERS**

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