

Premises identification (PID), one of the three pillars of traceability, allows you to be contacted if there is an animal disease outbreak or public health emergency (such as a flood or fire). A premises (holding) is a location where farm animals are kept, assembled or disposed of, within the boundaries of the province.

PID numbers

Having a PID number for your operation allows for traceability information to be accessed quickly for the protection of animal health, public health and market access for your industry.

An owner of a regulated animal kept at a premises they control (own/rent/lease), or the operator of a commingling site should register in Saskatchewan's PID system. A PID number is a unique identifier made up of nine alpha numeric characters assigned to a premises by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Applicants can apply online or by submitting a paper application. Producers can visit <http://premisesid.saskatchewan.ca> to enroll online, or phone the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 for further information.

Saskatchewan livestock producers who do not obtain a PID number will not be able to participate in Canadian Agricultural Partnership programs or programs administered by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. All livestock operations (including small ones or hobby farmers) must apply for a PID number.

If you forgot your PID Number or account password, please contact Agriculture Knowledge Centre.

Registration information

Livestock operations must have at least one premises registered. A premises is identified only once, regardless of how many animal species are kept, assembled or disposed of at the site, or whether it is operated by more than one person.

After your PID application information is verified by the Ministry of Agriculture, a letter will be sent to you advising you of your PID number(s).

Information associated with a PID account must be updated within 30 days of any change. This includes changes to contact information, animal types and maximum capacity. It is vital that information is updated as it changes so you can receive the best service and support in an emergency.

The information you need to provide includes:

- The name and contact information of the applicant;
- The name of the business;
- Whether the business is a corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship;
- The legal land description of the premises;
- The name on the land title for the premises;

- The type of operation;
- The species of animal(s) present on the premise; and
- The capacity of each species for each premises, except for carcass disposal sites or renderers.

Capacity refers to the maximum number of animals (males, females and offspring) you have on your premises during the year. For cattle, this might be considered the typical maximum stocking rate or your maximum number of animals at any time. If the premises can carry 300 animals but you typically have 200, then your maximum capacity is 200. In the event of an animal health emergency or natural disaster, agriculture officials need to know the maximum number of animals they could be dealing with for planning such steps as quantities of vaccine or evacuation measures.

A commingling site is a location, other than a farm or ranch, where regulated animals owned by different owners are kept together either temporarily or permanently, and includes:

- Animal artificial insemination centres;
- Animal embryo transfer stations;
- Assembling stations;
- Boarding stables;
- Carcass disposal sites;
- Community pastures;
- Custom grazing operations;
- Abattoir/slaughter house;
- Fairs and exhibitions;
- Feedlots;
- Livestock markets;
- Race tracks;
- Renderers;
- Research facilities;
- Veterinary clinics;
- Veterinary laboratories;
- Veterinary hospitals; and
- Zoos.

How your information will be used

Your information is used to plan and implement emergency responses in case of an animal health concern, a public health emergency or an emergency such as a natural disaster affecting animals and people. You can access and update your own PID information at any time. However, you will not be able to access any other information contained in the system.

Your information will be stored on a secure website. It is reviewed only by federal and provincial government officials or their designated agents involved in traceability for the purposes of preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from animal diseases and natural disasters and verifying the accuracy of the information held in the PID program.