

Premises Identification

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Overview

Premises identification (PID), one of the three pillars of traceability, allows you to be contacted if there is an animal disease outbreak or other emergency (such as a flood or fire). 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. Premises Identification is legislated nationally through Part XV of the *Health of Animals Regulations*, and provincially through *The Animal Production Act* and *The Animal Production Regulations*. **Premises Identification is mandatory.**

A premises (an area of land described by a legal land description, parcel number or street address; which can be owned, rented, or leased) is a location where farm animals are kept, assembled or disposed of, within the boundaries of the province. 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. These sites can include animal embryo transfer stations, boarding stables, carcass disposal sites, community pastures, abattoirs, feedlots, livestock markets, research facilities, veterinary clinics, and zoos. The term "site" also includes disposal sites. Livestock operations must have at least one premises registered, often the livestock headquarters. 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.

Regulated animals include bees (honey, leafcutter and bumble), cattle, bison, camelids (alpacas and llamas) cervids (deer and elk), fowl (quail, peafowl, pheasants, guinea fowl and pigeons), fur animals as defined in *The Animal Production Regulations*, goats, horses, mules and asses, poultry (chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese), ratites (ostriches and emus), sheep, swine, and wild boar.

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Listing all types of livestock and poultry on your operation is important to ensuring you are contacted if there is a species-specific emergency.

PID Numbers

A PID number is a unique identifier made up of nine alpha numeric characters assigned to a premises by the Ministry of Agriculture. PID numbers are to be used when transporting livestock, on manifests or other transport documents, when purchasing tags or antimicrobials, or applying to Ministry programs. New or existing PID numbers should also be shared with livestock traceability administrators' databases:

- Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) for beef cattle, bison, sheep, cervids and goats;
- Dairy Trace for dairy cattle; and
- Pig Trace Canada for hog operations (commercial and backyard).

Registration Information

The required information includes:

- The name and contact information of the applicant (typically the primary contact);
- The name of the business;
- Whether the business is a corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship;
- The legal land description, parcel number or street address of the premises;
- The titleholder for the premises;
- The type of operation (livestock headquarters, abattoir, stables, etc.);
- 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.

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 PID database. 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.

After your PID application 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 capacities. It is vital that information is updated as it changes so you can receive the best service and support in an emergency.



How to Apply

- Online at <http://premisesid.saskatchewan.ca>.
- Paper application found at saskatchewan.ca/premises-identification-program.
- Call the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1- 866-457-2377.

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