

USDA Premises Identification Number Request for Wyoming Operations

Use this form to get a Premises Identification Number from the United States Department of Agriculture – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS). For details about what USDA-APHIS Premises Identification Number is, how it is used, and why you would want one, please see the description on the back of this page.

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Submit Form to:

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 USDA-APHIS-VS-WY
 5353 Yellowstone Road, Suite 209
 Cheyenne, WY 82009

Fax:
 (307) 772-2592

e-Mail:
vswy@usda.gov

For Office Use: Approval: _____ Premises ID: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

USDA Premises Identification Number

A livestock operation needs a federal Premises Identification Number to participate in animal disease traceability and control activities that require the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) oversight or involvement. APHIS assigns a Premises Identification Number to a livestock operation when the contact information, physical location, and type of operation are verified in the USDA emergency management mapping system. Verified premises, along with animal IDs and interstate movement records, establish the ability of livestock operators and animal health officials to rapidly determine what types of livestock in which locations might have been exposed if catastrophic disease that will impact international trade is discovered. To minimize the adverse economic effects on food producers and the food supply shortages generated by extended disruption of commerce, our goal is to determine the extent of exposure and infection in affected areas and reopen commerce in unaffected areas within three days.

Our ability to meet this goal will depend on rapidly and accurately locating sources and destinations of livestock shipments in what will be the immediate past when we discover an outbreak. Past outbreaks of highly contagious disease have crossed state boundaries. Future serious disease outbreaks will almost certainly do so as well. APHIS has invested heavily in systems that enable states to generate and communicate data describing both disease presence and evidence of disease freedom quickly, securely, and confidentially while maintaining state authority and concealing privileged information from public disclosure. Again, verified premises are part of the foundation of this ability to rapidly examine livestock movements.

Operations that manage livestock in multiple locations can get separate premises IDs if that is advantageous to them. Managers who believe they might be able to maintain separate herds or flocks in different locations during a catastrophic disease outbreak that will require quarantines for eradication and control efforts should consider getting separate premises IDs for those separate locations.

Three examples of activities that require APHIS involvement, and therefore an APHIS Premises Identification Number for participating livestock operations include:

- Buying and placing 840-series Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags; (These are official electronic identification tags that meet the USDA Animal Disease Traceability requirements.)
- Receiving federal indemnity payments for condemned livestock and other reimbursements for disease containment and eradication costs;
- Obtaining permits for commodity movement (feed, animals, and animal products) in surveillance and control zones around livestock disease outbreaks.

Finally, APHIS has established the legal framework to protect Premises Identification Numbers and the associated agricultural operation data collected with them from access by other state and federal agencies and from Freedom of Information Requests made by private citizens and companies.