

Premises Registration FAQ

Who should register their premises?

Farmers should register any geographically unique location where livestock are raised, held, boarded or congregated, including poultry. Two premises within a quarter mile of each other will be covered by a single Premises Identification Number (PIN). Livestock species included in premises ID database include: bison and/or cattle; swine; poultry; goats; cervids (elk and whitetail deer); camelids (alpacas and llamas); ratites (emu and ostrich); sheep and horses.

How can a farmer register a premises?

Farmers can complete or renew their premises registration by completing the form found on the Department's website at

<http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/pdf/premiseIDapp2.pdf> and submitting the signed form to the Department. If they have questions they can contact the Department's Animal ID Coordinator toll free at 888-778-7675 or by email at idals_id@iowaAgriculture.gov. More information is also available on the USDA's Animal Disease Traceability Home Site at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/>.

What is a Premises Identification Number (PIN)?

A premises identification number is a seven digit alphanumeric number that is assigned from the USDA APHIS PIN allocator that is based on the premises 911 address where the livestock are located and is unique only to that premises.

What information is included in the premises ID database?

The database includes the 911 addresses for where livestock are located, mailing address for the producer, contact name, phone number and a list of species present.

Will the information included in the premises ID database ever be made publically available?

No. All information is protected under federal privacy law and can only be used for animal health purposes.

Why is having a PIN important?

Registration provides the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship essential contact information for livestock owners, which allows for faster notification in case of an animal disease outbreak. Producers also benefit by having a premises identification before a disease outbreak occurs because the premises identification number is the key linchpin to all activities related to that producer. Examples include notification that a producer may be in a control zone around a site with a confirmed animal disease outbreak and any diagnostic information. Also, a premises is required to have PIN before being able to request a permit to move materials if the producer is in a control zone.

What is the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship doing to update the premises ID database?

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is currently contacting livestock producers who have previously registered a premises in an effort to update the Iowa Premises Registration database of Premises Identification Numbers (PIN's). Farmers are asked to

promptly respond to the letter and either confirm the information is correct or respond with their updated information.

How many premises are currently registered in Iowa?

Iowa currently has more than 32,500 premises registered.