

Swine Official Identification



Animal Identification Number (AIN) "840" Tags

- AIN tags begin with the official country code ("840" for the U.S.) followed by 12 digits. AIN tags are available with radio frequency identification technology that allows them to be readable both visually and electronically. These tags are available to producers and accredited veterinarians and can be obtained directly from tag manufacturers.



Premise Identification Number (PIN) Tags

- PIN tags begin with the state postal code followed by a 7-digit PIN assigned by CDFA or USDA. These tags are used to identify swine to the premises they were kept immediately prior to entering harvest channels and can be obtained by producers. If PIN tags include a unique individual animal number, they can be used for interstate movement of non-slaughter animals.



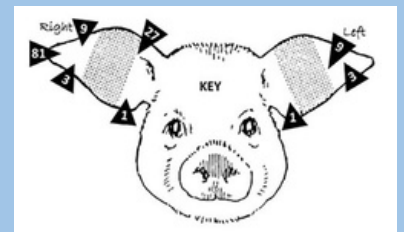
National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) Tags

- NUES tags (also called "silverbrite" tags) are metal or plastic ear tags that begin with the state postal code, followed by two or three letters, and four numbers. Producers, accredited veterinarians, and markets can obtain NUES tags from the USDA or CDFA.



Universal Ear Notch System

- Ear notches, using the Universal Ear Notching System, identify an animal by litter number (right ear) and individual animal number (left ear). Notches must be recorded with a purebred registry association, and the registration certificate must accompany the animal to qualify as official ID.



Tattoos

- Breed Registry Tattoos: Breed registry tattoos must be recorded with a purebred registry association, and the registration certificate must accompany the animal to qualify as official ID.
- Slaughter and Feeder Swine: Tattoos bearing the 7 character federal identification number (PIN) or 6 to 8 character state location identification number (LIN) of the premises of where the swine originated.



Official ID Manufacturers

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Y-TeX
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