



Swine Entry Requirements

California requires an **Interstate Livestock Entry Permit** for importation of all swine into the state.

Exemptions:

- *Movement of swine directly to a state or federally approved slaughter facility.*

To obtain an **Interstate Livestock Entry Permit**, please contact **Animal Health Branch (AHB) permit line at (916) 900-5052** before moving swine into the state. Permits are valid for 15 days after being issued.

California requires an **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)** for swine within 30 days of movement.

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Official Identification

California requires Official Identification (ID) on **all swine** imported into the state. Official ID is a means of identifying an animal or group of animals.

Breeding and Show Swine

Breeding swine are sexually intact swine more than 6 months of age. Acceptable methods of official ID for breeding and show swine include:

- Official Eartags which are a tamper-resistant metal or plastic identification tags with a high retention rate that provide unique identification for the individual animals and conform to one of the following systems: National Uniform Ear-tagging System (NUES), Animal Identification Number (AIN), or Premises Identification Number (PIN),
- Ear notches or tattoos (ear or inner flank) if recorded in Purebred Registry Association Board with documentation attached to the CVI, or
- Eartags bearing the premises identification number combined with a unique number from the producer's identification system.



**Animal Health Branch Permit Line:
(916) 900-5052**

For California entry requirements of other livestock and animals, please visit the following:

[Information About Livestock and Pet Movement](#) or **[Animal Health Entry Requirement Interactive Website](#)**

Feeder Swine

Feeder swine are swine less than 6 months of age being moved into the state for destinations other than direct to slaughter. Acceptable methods of official identification for feeder swine include:

- Official Eartags
- Ear notches or tattoos (ear or inner flank) if recorded in Purebred Registry Association Board with documentation attached to the CVI, or
- Eartags or tattoos bearing the premises identification number assigned by the state to the premises of origin.

Slaughter Swine

Acceptable methods of official ID for slaughter swine include:

- Official Eartags
- Eartags or tattoos bearing the premises identification number assigned by the state to the premises of origin
- Official swine (slap) tattoo that will be retained and visible on the carcass after slaughter, or
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) backtags.

Companion/Pet Pot Bellied and Mini Pigs **ONLY**:

Acceptable methods for official ID for companion/pet swine include:

- 840 Electronic Implants or microchips that are ISO 11784/85 compliant.



If you are transporting livestock into California with an electronic CVI, please print and present a hard copy to the Inspector at the Border Protection Station. This will prevent future follow up by CDFA personnel to verify the authenticity and accuracy of the document.

Animal Health and Food Safety Services Animal Health Branch

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