



# 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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For more information on the Animal Health Branch, please visit: [www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal\\_health](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health)