Swine - Official ID Options

840 Tags

A ‘button’ type Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) or visual ‘bangle’ type tag or combination RFID/bangle. These types of tags have a unique 15-digit number beginning with 840, are tamper resistant and bear the US shield. 840 tags may only be applied to swine born in the US. A Standardized National Premises Identification Number (PIN) is required to purchase ‘840’ tags or devices.

Silver/ ‘Brite’ or NUES Metal Tags

Producers can order free National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tags from local CDFA Animal Health offices and apply them themselves. Accredited veterinarians can apply these tags for disease testing or animal identification for movement.

Visual PIN Tags

Official Premises Identification Number (PIN) tags provide an option for officially identifying swine to the premises they were kept immediately prior to entering harvest channels.

Universal Ear Notch System

Ear notches, using the Universal Ear Notching System, must be recorded with a purebred registry association and official documentation must accompany the animals.

For identification methods of companion swine (Royal Dandies, mini pigs, micro mini, pot belly, Juliana pigs, etc) please contact our Livestock Movement Section at (916) 900-5052.