

## WHY PREMISES IDENTIFICATION IS NECESSARY

Currently, in the United States the identification requirements for each species (beef, swine, sheep, and goat) are vastly different. For example, beef cattle under 18 months of age are not subject to a mandatory identification system; however, sheep are through the National Scrapie Eradication Program (scrapie tags); and some hogs are required to have Premises ID if they are to be marketed to specific packing operations.

Agriculture and livestock in particular, are vital to all Nebraska families. Whether you are raising livestock or simply consuming animal products, a dependable animal traceability system has benefits for all Nebraskans. Through the use of Premises ID, Nebraska youth can help secure a safe, abundant, and affordable food supply within the state and across the globe.

With Nebraska 4-H and FFA requiring Premises ID in 2017 and beyond, we are working to move Nebraska agriculture into the future. Through a partnership with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, young people can be educated on the importance of disease traceability for all species and Nebraska's future livestock producers can be exposed to changes in the industry that will affect their careers.

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## PREMISES ID & MY YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROJECT



## WHAT IS PREMISES IDENTIFICATION?

Premises Identification (Premises ID), along with Electronic Identification (EID), are important steps in tracking where animals are raised, marketed, and exhibited in order to rapidly respond to any animal disease events.

Premises ID numbers are simple to obtain and easy to use. They correlate to the address or location where livestock are housed.

USDA-issued EID tags are important in developing an animal traceability system. These electronic tags, which Nebraska 4-H and FFA are using for all market animals currently, allow for quick identification of all livestock carrying a tag. The 15-digit number sequence on the button of the tag (starting with either 840 or 982) is unique to that animal, and with the inclusion of Premises ID, that animal's EID number can be correlated to the primary location (Premises ID) of that animal. The completion of this system puts Nebraska's youth on the forefront of technology and makes our 4-H and FFA programs leaders in animal traceability.

With proper identification and record keeping, this system allows the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to quickly tie an animal to a registered location. This can drastically reduce the time it takes to determine an animal's origin, track its movement across state lines, and ultimately – helps to control any potentially devastating animal disease events.

## STEPS FOR OBTAINING PREMISES ID

### 1. Set up an account with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture by email or phone

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- c. Call 402-471-2351 and ask for Premises ID Information

### 2. Provide the following:

- a. Name of the individual owning or in control of the location (parent, guardian).

*If the location of livestock is owned by someone other than immediate family or guardians, the owner of the location should have or should request a Premises ID through this same process.*

- b. Address (post office address or P.O. Box)
- c. Address (the street or 911 address) where the animals are located and housed.

*In most cases, the addresses for "b" and "c" will be the same. List both if they are different.*

- d. Phone number of the owner or control person of the location. An email is optional, but not required.

*If there is no mail or 911 address for the location, GPS coordinates or driving directions from the nearest major intersection will be required.*

**After completion of these steps, a Premises ID will be assigned and that information relayed to the account holder.**

**If you believe you may already have a Premises ID on file, call 402-471-2351 and ask for Premises ID Information**

## REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors of 4-H and FFA **market animals** (beef, swine, sheep, and goat) at the Nebraska State Fair will be **required** to obtain a Premises ID number through the Nebraska Department of Agriculture at no cost to the exhibitor. Exhibitors without a Premises Identification number **will not be allowed to exhibit** at the Nebraska State Fair.

- The requirement for a Premises ID **does not apply at this time** to those solely exhibiting breeding animals.
- A previously obtained Premises ID for the family ranch location where livestock are kept can be used for this purpose.
- Many **swine exhibitors** may have a Premises ID through completion of the Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) program. If so, there is no need to obtain another Premises ID for that location through the Dept. of Ag.
- The **obtained Premises ID** can apply to more than one youth if there are multiple exhibitors housing livestock at the same location. These youth may be family, or unrelated exhibitors that house their livestock at the same location. **Write down and keep track of Premises ID numbers.**
- The Premises ID number **will need to be reported** to your County Extension Office and/or FFA Advisor promptly