Iowa Animal Identification Program

Premises Registration and Identification

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What is the National Animal Identification System?

• Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) is working with the USDA in the formation of a National Animal Identification System (NAIS)
• Nationwide system of identifying all premises and livestock within the US
• Livestock to be covered by the program:
  - Cattle and Bison
  - Poultry
  - Sheep
  - Camels
  - Horses
  - Swine
  - Goats
  - Cervids
  - Rattles

What is the National Animal Identification System?

• The NAIS is a three step program
  – Premises ID, Animal ID, Animal Tracking
• Premises Identification is the first step in the process
  – It involves assigning a unique Premises Identification Number to every location involved in animal agriculture
  – When an identified animal travels from one premises to another, these numbers will be linked in an electronic database

What is the National Animal Identification System?

• The NAIS is an animal health program
• The purpose is to create a database that will allow for rapid traceback and traceforward capabilities in case of disease outbreak
• Iowa is following USDA’s suggested guidelines for our own Animal Identification System
# What is the Premises Identification System?

- The Premises Identification System will record information such as the 911 street address, contact name and phone number, and type of premises being registered.
- Currently, the Premises Identification System is voluntary, and done at no cost to the producer.

# Why is Animal Identification Important?

- A national animal identification system is necessary to protect animal agriculture from disease threats.
  - Knowing where livestock is located is the key to an efficient, cost-effective system for investigations and disease control.
- This system allows for rapid tracking, reducing the scope and expense of the outbreak and minimizing impact on foreign markets.
  - In the event of an outbreak, authorities will have the premises data immediately available to help with the tracing process.
- A strong Animal Identification System will help promote continued confidence in American agricultural and animal products.

# Why is Premises Registration Important?

- Premises identification is the first step in getting this program running.
  - Without the completion of the premises identification process, animal tracking and traceback will be nearly impossible.
- Premises identification shows us where livestock is located within the state.
  - Notification of disease threats in an area:
    - Feral swine
    - Avian influenza

# Premises Identification Process

- What constitutes a Premises?
  - A premises is any location involved in livestock commerce or the movement of animals or poultry.
  - Any geographically unique location in which agricultural animals are raised, held, or boarded.
Premises Identification Process

- Premises registration is necessary for both Producers and Nonproducer Participants
  - Producer examples:
    - Farms, Ranches, Feedyards
  - Nonproducer Participants examples:
    - Tagging Sites, Veterinarians, Auction Markets, Fairgrounds, Packing Plants

- What is a PIN?
  - Each registered location will receive a Premises Identification Number (PIN)
  - Nationally unique numbers assigned by the USDA
    - Example - A123B45
  - One permanent number to each premises, number will stay with the premises
  - One number will cover multiple species on a premises

- How to register a premises
  - Pick up a form from IDALS, or complete form and mail or fax from website, download from website, or
  - Web: http://www.agriculture.state.ia.us/premiseID.htm

- What information is required for premises registration
  - Name of the farm
  - Contact information
  - Type of business
  - Type of operation
  - Premises information
    - 911 street address
    - Premises type
    - Species at premises

- Legal Land Description

- Premises Name/Description:
  (ex. “home place” or “feed yard”)

- 911 Street Address

- Business/Farm Mailing Address:

- Business/Farm Name:

- Business Phone:

- Home Phone:

- Cell Phone:

- Fax Number:

- Additional information required when no 911 street address

- Information relating to the business

- Premises location

- Livestock on premises

- Additional description and necessary address (911 street address)
Premises Identification Process

• Once the form is returned, we will enter the information into the database

• The PIN will be randomly assigned by the premises number allocator, which is maintained by USDA

• Certain pieces of data will be shared with USDA
  – This data will be used for traceback purposes

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• After a PIN is assigned, IDALS will send the registrant an identification card
  – Card will have both a bar code and magnetic stripe containing PIN information

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• Producer will also receive a User ID and Password which will allow them to log on the SPRS system and check their information for accuracy

• While logged in, the producer can make any changes to their account such as add new contacts, change premises attributes, and register new premises

• SPRS website:

SPRS Login Screen
Sprs Account Screen

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