

Frequently Asked Questions About Premises ID

Since 2006, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) has required all property sites associated with the sale, purchase or exhibition of the major food animal species to be registered with the agency. A premises identification number (or premID) is issued upon registration.

Is premise ID mandatory?

Indiana state law requires premise identification for all sites associated with the purchase, sale, or exhibition of livestock in the state of Indiana.

What species are included in the premise ID program?

Indiana's law includes: cattle/bison, cervids, swine, sheep and goats. Poultry and aquaculture are also part of Indiana's plan. Although it is not mandatory, equine and camelids may register voluntarily.

What are the benefits for producers to participate in the premise ID program?

Registration provides BOAH essential contact information (name, phone number, address) for livestock owners. That data is protected under state law, and can be accessed by BOAH in an animal health emergency to speed notification. Faster notification is essential to the rapid containment and control of disease. That translates into faster eradication and recovery from a potential economic disaster.

Do scrapie program flocks need to register?

Flock owners enrolled in the scrapie program still need to enroll; however, enrollment will be more like updating your information. The premise ID number to be assigned under this program will not replace or alter your scrapie flock or tag numbers.

What information will be collected in the database?

The information needs for registering a premise are little more than a telephone book: Name, address and phone number(s) for primary and secondary contacts for the animals housed at each premise. General information on species and operation type (such as finishing unit) are included.

If a person raises animals for his or her own use and the animals never leave the owner's property, does the premise need to be registered?

Yes, Indiana requires registration of all premises associated with livestock that are bought, sold and/or exhibited. (Exceptions are horses, camelids, ostrich, rheas and emus, which may be registered voluntarily.)

What is a premises? And how do I know if I need more than one?

In Indiana, every animal site that has a unique 911 or postal address should have its own premise ID. Different numbers should also be issued for sites not contiguous within an operation. (Land separated by only a county road may be considered contiguous.)



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Facilities for animals at different stages of production (for example, calves, heifers, milking cows, etc.) may be one premise, if all are on the same piece of contiguous land.

Only one number is needed when multiple species are on the same premises. The premises number is linked to a physical piece of property and will remain as such, regardless of ownership of the animals present.

Where do I get a premise ID?

You may complete the form online or download the form at: www.in.gov/boah. Click on "Traceability & Premise ID" located in the left navigation menu.

The form will need to be filled out and sent to the BOAH office at: 1202 E 38th Street, Discovery Hall, Suite 100; Indianapolis, IN 46205. Registration may also be completed by calling 317/544-2381.

Where can I go to obtain more information about this plan?

Visit the BOAH Web site at www.in.gov/boah or call 317/544-2381.