INFORMATION FOR OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED EARTAGS

With attempts to continually monitor animal traceability, many states are now requiring swine to be tagged with official, federally recognized eartags for interstate transport. In order to be recognized as an official tag, the information below must be identified on each tag.

Official Ear tag Requirements for Individual Animal Identification (AIN)

- Tags must be tamper proof (designed for one time use) and imprinted with a nationally unique, official animal identification number
- Tags must possess the US shield emblem

Obtaining Official Ear tags

Many farm supply companies offer the purchase of officially recognized ear tags through online stores. Tags will require a Premises ID number and address of premises in order to make a purchase.

Examples of Official Animal Identification Number (AIN) Tags for Swine – 840 Tags

840 Tags: 840 tags comply with the requirements of the Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) framework for both visual and electronic identification. These tags are recognized in a standardized information system between federal, state and industry officials. 840 tags are designed to help provide information on animal traceability. Both "840 Visual Tags" and "840 RFID Tags" are acceptable for NSR and NJSA swine shows. Since these tags are specific to a Premises ID, they must be obtained by the owner of the premises. They may be purchased through tag supply stores (several online stores available).

1. **Allflex 840 Visual Tags:** The two examples of Allflex 840 Visual Tags below may be ordered through many online farm supply stores. Both of the tags below can print with the purchasers Premises ID number on the tag. Be sure to request to have your Premises ID printed on the tag when making your purchase of these tags.

   a. **Allflex 840 Integra Tag** *(a great option for swine being exhibited at NSR/NJSA events)*
      - This is an 840 tag that also provides room at the bottom of the male portion of the tag to print a Premises ID Number.
      - A Premises ID Number must be provided when making the purchase of this tag.
      - Use SKU: USDA-840GIHM2/GSTF when contacting your supply company to refer to this specific tag.

   b. **Allflex 840 Integra Male/Tamper Proof Female Tag**
      - This is an 840 tag that also provides room at the bottom of the male portion of the tag to print a Premises ID Number.
      - A Premises ID Number must be provided when making the purchase of this tag.
      - Use SKU: USDAJUNIOR1/GSM when contacting your supply company to refer to this specific tag.

2. **Allflex 840 RFID Tags:** 840 RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) tags may also be ordered through many online farm supply stores. RFID tags can be utilized to store and track information through a database using a readable scanner. A Premises ID number is required when making a purchase of these tags and the premises information is tracked to the tags you receive. You may alos request to have your Premises ID printed on the male button of the tag at time of ordering. Below are two examples of 840 RFID Tags.

   a. **Allflex FDX Ultra EID Tag**
      ▪ This is an 840 tag that requires a Premises ID Number when making purchase.
      ▪ Use SKU: USDA840FDX/GESM-Y-20

   b. **Allflex HDX High Performance Ultra EID Tag**
      ▪ This is an 840 tag that requires a Premises ID Number when making purchase.
      ▪ Use SKU: USDA840HDX/GESM-W-20

Other Types of Officially Recognized Ear Tags

National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) Ear tags: NUES tags, often referred to as "silver" or "Brite" tags and historically been used for disease testing and interstate movement. State and Tribes administer the distribution of NUES eartags. They may elect to restrict their use to Accredited Veterinarians or make them available direct to producers as well as through the veterinarians. Producers must contact their State or Tribe animal health official to find out if NUES eartags are available in their area.

Metal NUES Tag   Allflex NUES Tag

USDA Swine Premises Identification Number (PIN) Ear Tags: PIN tags shown below are <u>intended for breeding stock only</u>. These tags will print with the purchasers Premises ID number at the top and on the back. Producers may request to have a management number series printed on the bottom of the male tag as well like the examples below. <u>Beginning January 1, 2015</u>, many major U.S. packers and processors will require a USDA approved, official premises identification number (PIN) swine tag as a condition of sale for breeding stock.

For more information on PIN tags see the following information at Pork.org:
http://www.pork.org/Programs/2472/PINTag1.aspx#.U3oN6vldWKU

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Tamper Proof Button

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