

# Information about Premises Identification

## 1. What are the benefits of Premises Identification?

- a) Premises identification (PID) is one of the three pillars of traceability, along with livestock identification and animal movement.
- b) PID allows you to be contacted if there is an animal disease outbreak or animal or public health emergency (such as a flood or fire).

## 2. What is a PID number?

A PID number is a unique identifier made up of nine alpha numeric characters assigned to a premises by the Ministry of Agriculture.

## 3. What is a premises?

A premises is an area of land (continuously fenced block of land) where animals are bred, kept, raised, displayed, assembled or disposed of, within the boundaries of the province.

## 4. Which premises do I need to register?

- a. Livestock operations must have at least one premises registered, preferably the main animal operation.
- b. It is beneficial for animal owners to register additional premises in the PID system, particularly those away from the main operation, to ensure they are still notified if an emergency happens in that area.

## 5. Who should apply for a PID number?

1. An owner of a regulated animal kept at a premises they control (own/rent/lease), or
2. The operator of a commingling site.

## 6. What is a commingling site?

A commingling site is a location, other than a farm or ranch, where regulated animals owned by different owners are kept together either temporarily or permanently, and includes:

- animal artificial insemination centres
- animal embryo transfer stations
- assembling stations
- boarding stables
- carcass disposal sites
- community pastures
- custom grazing operations
- abattoir/slaughter house
- fairs and exhibitions
- feedlots
- livestock markets
- race tracks
- renderers
- research facilities
- veterinary clinics
- veterinary laboratories
- veterinary hospitals
- zoos

**7. How do I apply for a PID number?**

Applicants can apply online or by submitting a paper application. Producers can visit <http://premisesid.saskatchewan.ca> to enroll online, or phone the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 for further information.

**8. What happens if I don't get a PID number?**

If you do not obtain a PID number, you will not be able to participate in some government programs. Without a PID number you will not be notified in the event of an emergency.

**9. What information do I need to provide to be assigned a PID number?**

- the name and contact information of the applicant;
- the name of the business;
- whether the business is a corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship;
- the legal land description of the premises;
- the name on the land title for the premises;
- the type of operation;
- the species of animal(s) present on the premise; and
- the capacity of each species for each premises, except for carcass disposal sites or renderers.

**10. What does "capacity" mean? Why is it important?**

Capacity refers to the maximum number of animals (males, females and offspring) you have on your premises during the year. For cattle, this might be considered the typical maximum stocking rate or your maximum number of animals at any time. If the premises can carry 300 animals but you typically have 200, then your maximum capacity is 200. In the event of an animal health emergency or natural disaster, agriculture officials need to know the maximum number of animals they could be dealing with for planning such steps as quantities of vaccine or evacuation measures.

**11. Should producers with a small livestock operation apply for a PID number?**

Yes. All livestock operations (including small ones or hobby farmers) must apply for a PID number. There is a separate selection to mark under "Operations" to specify small acreage/hobby farm.

**12. If more than one producer has animals on the same premises, who needs to be registered, such as two brothers who have separate operations but farm together?**

Only one application must be submitted for premises, with both operators listed on the application. We need the contacts for everyone who should be contacted in the event of an animal health event or emergency.

**13. When will I receive my PID number?**

After your PID application information is verified by the Ministry of Agriculture, a letter will be sent to you advising you of your PID number(s).

**14. Who will have access to my information?**

Your information will be stored on a secure website. It is reviewed only by federal and provincial government officials or their designated agents involved in traceability for the purposes of preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from animal diseases and natural disasters and verifying the accuracy of the information held in the PID program.

**15. How will this information be used?**

Your information is used to plan and implement emergency responses in case of an animal health concern, a public health emergency or an emergency such as a natural disaster affecting animals and people.

**16. Can I access my information in the PID system?**

You can access and update your own premises information. However, you will not be able to access any other information contained in the system.

**17. What should I do if I forget my PID number?**

If you forgot your PID Number, please contact the database administrator at 306-798-7437 or log in to your online account.

**18. What happens if I have forgotten my password to access my online PID account?**

Please contact the database administrator at 306-798-7437.

**19. What should I do if my information changes?**

Information associated with a PID account must be updated within 30 days of any change. This includes changes to contact information, animal types and maximum capacity. It is vital that information is updated as it changes so you can receive the best service and support in an emergency.