

Information about Premises Identification

1. What are the benefits of Premises Identification?

- a. Premises identification (PID) is one of the three pillars of livestock traceability, along with animal 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 (contiguously fenced block of land) where animals are grown, 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 notification of an emergency in the 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.

Examples include:

- genetics centers (AI/Embryo/Semen)
- assembling stations
- boarding stables
- carcass disposal sites
- community pastures
- custom grazing operations
- abattoir
- fairs and exhibitions
- feedlots
- livestock markets
- competition facilities/race tracks
- renderers
- research facilities
- veterinary laboratories/facilities
- zoo/petting zoos

7. How do I apply for a PID number?

Applicants can [apply online](#) or by submitting a paper application. Producers can phone the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 for further information.

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

- name and contact information of the applicant;
- business operating name;
- business structure (e.g. corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship);
- legal land description of the premises;
- title holder(s) name of the premises;
- the type of operation (e.g. livestock headquarters, feedlot, etc.);
- 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.

9. 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.

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

Yes. All livestock producers, including hobby farmers, must apply for a PID number.

11. If more than one producer has animals on the same premises, who needs to be registered? For example, two brothers who have separate operations but run their livestock together.

Only one PID number can be allocated to a premises. Both operators should be listed on the application.

12. 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).

13. How will I use my PID number?

The PID number should be kept by the premises operator. A PID number is now a requirement to access alternative financing options available through the Livestock Loan Guarantee program and to utilize the Saskatchewan Pastures Program. PID numbers should be recorded on brand manifests and shared with livestock traceability administrators' databases, such as Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) and Pig Trace Canada.

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, for the purposes of preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from animal health issues and emergencies.

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 a natural disaster emergency affecting animals and people.

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

Yes, 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 or password to access my online account?

Please contact the Agricultural Knowledge Center at 1-866-457-2377.

18. 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.

Contact information for those who should be notified in the event of an animal health emergency should be provided.