

WHAT'S YOUR PIN?

Premises Identification Number
for Animal Disease Emergencies

BE PREPARED

Tracing livestock and poultry movements during a disease emergency is critical for controlling and eradicating the disease locally or nationally. This process is only successful if animals and their origins and destinations are properly identified and recorded.



PREMISES IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN)

- A PIN or a location identifier (LID) is a unique number that is permanently assigned to a single physical location known as a premises.
- A premises is any physical location where livestock or poultry are managed, or other locations associated with animal agriculture such as feed stores, feed mills, livestock markets or exhibitions.
- If a business holds livestock or poultry in more than one location, each location should have a unique PIN.
- A PIN or LID is validated with a 911 address or GPS coordinates. GPS coordinates are necessary in the case of a pasture with no buildings or a barn with no postal address.
- PIN registration is managed by each state. PINs can be used by animal health officials to quickly and precisely identify where animals are located in the event of a disease or food safety emergency.

PIN QUICK FACTS

- One PIN is assigned for a location regardless of the types of animals on the premises.
- The PIN is a permanent number and will not change if a premises is sold.
- PINs are used by animal health officials for animal disease traceability and emergency response.
- PINs are required by producers to request movement permits during a disease outbreak or to apply for indemnity.



A PIN or LID is required to purchase official animal identification tags.

HOW TO GET YOUR PIN

All 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands issue PINs. A livestock or poultry producer can contact their department of agriculture, either by phone or filling out an online application, to register.

To register for a PIN, producers should be prepared to provide information that includes:

- Name of entity or company.
- Contact information for the owner or other appropriate individual.
- Type of operation.
- Street address, city, state, and ZIP code.
- Telephone number.
- Latitude and longitude if needed.
- Species of livestock and/or poultry if needed.

Note: The number of livestock is not required to register for a PIN. Only whether livestock are present, or that the premises is involved with the livestock industry, is recorded.

RESOURCES FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Secure Sheep and Wool Premises ID Factsheet - <https://go.uvm.edu/7lneu>
- Protect Your Poultry From Avian Influenza - <https://go.uvm.edu/469q0>
- National Secure Food Supply Plans - <https://go.uvm.edu/1lhoe>
- HFHA: Livestock and Poultry Biosecurity - <https://go.uvm.edu/1436d>



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NEW ENGLAND STATE PIN CONTACTS

Each state maintains a premises ID program which varies in terms of the steps required to obtain the ID. Contact information for each New England state is below.

- Connecticut - (860) 713-2560
- Maine - (207) 287-3701
- Massachusetts - (617) 626-1797
- New Hampshire - (603) 271-2404
- Rhode Island - (401) 222-2781
- Vermont - (802) 828-2421