



Swine - Official Identification Options

Official Identification (ID) must be a device or identification mark approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and provide a unique ID number for each animal. Official ID devices must be tamper evident and bear the U.S. shield.

It is unlawful to remove official ID.

How do I obtain an NPIN for 840 Tags?

- Visit [www.cdffa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal Health/ID Info.html](http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/AHFSS/AnimalHealth/IDInfo.html),
- Call (866) 325-5681, or
- Email PAIS@cdffa.ca.gov.

For companion swine (e.g., mini pigs), please call (916) 900-5052.



Animal Identification Number (AIN, 840) Tags



Tags begin with the official country code (840 for U.S.), followed by 12 digits. These tags can be Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) devices or be visual only. AIN tags are issued to producers or USDA accredited veterinarians and can be

obtained by calling an authorized tag manufacturer. A National Premises Identification Number (PIN) is required to purchase '840' tags.

Premises Identification Number (PIN) Tags or Tattoos



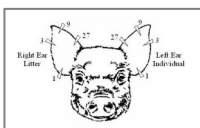
Official Premises Identification Number (PIN) tags are used to officially identify swine to the premises they were kept immediately prior to entering harvest channels. If PIN tags contain an individual animal number, they can be used for non-slaughter animals.

Silver 'Brite' Tags or Plastic Swine Tags



Producers, veterinarians, and markets can order free National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tags from local CDFA Animal Health Branch offices.

Universal Ear Notch System



Ear notches, using the Universal Ear Notching System, **must be recorded with a breed registry association**, and documentation must accompany the animals.

USDA Back Tags or Slaughter Tattoos



USDA Back Tags or Slaughter Tattoos are forms of ID for swine moving directly to slaughter. Back Tags can be obtained from local CDFA Animal Health Branch offices.

840 Tag
Manufacturers

Allflex USA Inc.	(800) 989-8247	www.AllflexUSA.com
Anitrace	(408) 649-2225	www.Anitrace.net
Datamars	(781) 281-2216	www.Datamars.com
Destron Fearing	(651) 552-6316	www.DestronFearing.com
Erigenate	(507) 344-8005	www.Erigenate.com
Ezid Livestock Identification	(970) 351-7701	www.EZidAvid.com
Southfork Solutions Inc.	(208) 524-5801	www.SouthforkSolutions.com
Stockbrands Cos Pty. Ltd.	(503) 247-8066	www.AnimalProfiling.com
Temple Tags	(800) 433-3112	www.TempleTag.com
Y-Tex Corporation	(307) 527-6433	www.Y-tex.com