

Official Identification for Swine

Official identification may not be removed from an animal once it is applied.

National Uniform Ear Tagging System (NUES)

- Begins with the official state number – ‘41’ for Minnesota
 - In compliance with federal law, metal NUES tags **must display the U.S. shield** if applied to an animal March 11, 2015 or after
 - Purchase plastic tags - Call Leedstone at (877) 608-3877
 - Smaller metal NUES tags beginning with ‘MN’ instead of ‘41’ are available for purchase by accredited veterinarians – call National Band and Tag Company at (859) 261-2035
 - Order metal tags - Call the Board at (651) 201-6836 or visit www.mn.gov/bah



Animal Identification Number (AIN) System

- Consists of 15 digits beginning with the official country code - ‘840’ for the United States
 - In compliance with federal law, AIN tags **must display the U.S. shield** if applied to an animal March 11, 2015 or after
 - 4-H tags available by contacting your county extension office
- 15-digit tags beginning with the letters ‘USA’ or manufacturer-coded tags beginning with any number between 900 – 998 **are only official if applied to the animal prior to March 11, 2015**



Premises ID Number (PIN) Tags

- Identifies a sow or boar to the premises they were kept immediately prior to entering slaughter channels
- If the tag includes a unique within-herd management number (imprinted by the manufacturer), the tag would also qualify as an official ear tag for interstate movement



Ear Notching, with Breed Registration

- Acceptable if accompanied by documentation listing the breed registration number – pending registrations are not acceptable

Slap or Ear Tattoos

- Acceptable for feeding swine

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