

New Oklahoma Exhibition Swine Identification Requirement

Effective December 1, 2016, The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF) will require that all exhibition swine have an 840 electronic identification (EID/RFID) tag at the time of testing to be eligible to show in Oklahoma. Tags must be applied by the owner prior to testing or may be applied by an accredited veterinarian at the time of testing.

ODAFF has worked closely with the Oklahoma Youth Expo and Tulsa State Fair to make certain their show-specific tags and nomination dates align with this new requirement. If swine are nominated for these end-of-season exhibitions, exhibitors will receive an approved 840 EID tag that is good for the entirety of the respective exhibition season.

For swine that are not nominated for end-of-season exhibitions, owners may order and apply their own 840 EID tags or a veterinarian may tag the animal at the time of testing. There are different sizes and formats of 840 EID tags available for purchase. If you wish to research all the USDA approved options, you can visit the following webpage and select an 840 EID tag that is approved for swine: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/ADT_device_ain.pdf. This webpage is updated regularly by the USDA, but it also lists approved "Visual-Only 840 Tags". Visual-Only 840 tags will not meet this new requirement.

For the majority of exhibitors and veterinarians searching for a basic economical 840 EID, ODAFF recommends a "Full Duplex (FDX) 840 EID". Allflex, Destron Fearing, and Temple Tag all produce a button style FDX 840 EID that can easily be purchased online for between \$2.00 and \$2.50 per tag. These manufacturers' webpages are listed below and may be searched for more information and links to distributors. You may also simply use an online search engine for distributors by searching "FDX 840 EID" along with the specific manufacturer's name. When purchasing, you will be required to provide the premises ID for the animal location. If the purchaser does not already have a PIN, one may be acquired by calling ODAFF at 405-522-6141.



www.allflexusa.com



www.destronfearing.com



www.templetag.com

Please remember that the 840 EID tags need to be applied prior to or at the time of testing for the animal to be show eligible in Oklahoma, and this tag (along with ear notches) must be listed on the official test chart or certificate of veterinary inspection completed by the veterinarian. Furthermore, **official government identification is permanent and unlawful to remove from an animal once applied.** For those herds that participate in ODAFF's Validated/Qualified (VQ) Herd Program, an 840 EID tag must be applied to all adult swine at the time of quarterly testing and then any show swine prior to being exhibited. This new requirement is restricted to exhibition swine only, and does not apply to other species or non-exhibition swine. If you have any questions, please contact ODAFF Animal Industry Services Division at 405-522-6124.

SHOW SWINE IDENTIFICATION HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Beginning December 1, 2016 show pigs must be identified with an 840 RFID tag when they are tested. The veterinarian should record the pig's ear notches as well as the 15 digit 840 number on the test chart and CVI.
- ◆ Tags supplied to exhibitors when pigs are nominated for OYE or Tulsa State Fair will meet this requirement.
- ◆ Pigs that are not nominated for OYE or TSF can be tagged with tags supplied by veterinarians or the producer may purchase and use their tags. (Encourage your veterinarian to keep an inventory of their own tags)
- ◆ Young pigs offered for sale by the breeder at show pig sales prior to the June 1 and December 1 testing windows are not required to be tagged until the time testing occurs.
- ◆ Pigs of any age moving from one state to another are required to have Official Identification (840 tag or metal USDA tag) and several states require testing. It is the purchaser's responsibility to meet his state's requirements when transporting the pigs. Sale management should assist purchasers by being prepared to accommodate tagging and Health Certificate requirements.
- ◆ When purchasing show pigs from other states, call our office (405-522-6141) to let us know where and when you're going. If you purchase pigs and are unable to get them tested or get a Health Certificate, call us first thing the next weekday to let us know what you purchased. We will make a note of it and allow you to get the pigs tested by your veterinarian.
- ◆ Slaughter Plants require that any cull sow have a Premises ID (PIN)Tag at the time of sale for slaughter. A PIN tag has the 7 digit PIN number on it and may be electronic or non-electronic. 840 tags do not meet this requirement. A PIN Tag must be applied to cull sows and boars before they are sold for slaughter. Below is a link to suppliers of PIN Tags:

<http://www.pork.org/programs-and-events/swine-id/pin-tag/approved-pin-tag-suppliers/>

