



How to Obtain Premises IDs and Tags

Location Numbering Systems

Two processes, explained below, support the administration of location identifiers that adhere to the federal standards. State-issued location identifiers are referred to as LIDs, and the location numbers states' obtain through the federal allocator are referred to as PINs. **Both numbers are nationally unique and recognized.**

Premises Identification Number (PIN)

A national premises identification number (PIN) is a unique number, permanently assigned to a physical address where agricultural animals are located. All owner and premises information collected is stored and maintained in a federal database. Texas utilizes the USDA-APHIS provided Standardized Premises Identification System to obtain a PIN from the federal allocator. A PIN consists of seven alphanumeric characters, beginning with two leading zeros. **To obtain a PIN, contact the TAHC Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) department at 1-800-550-8242 ext. 733**

Location Identification Number (LID)

Texas has a state system and process for issuing a location identification number (LID). A LID is assigned to an owner's contact and operation information, which are stored in a state administered database. The information collected is not shared with the federal system, only the LID number itself is reported to the federal system as a valid number. All LIDs start with the state postal abbreviation (TX) followed by six random alphanumeric characters, which makes the LIDs nationally unique. **To obtain a LID, contact your local TAHC region office.**

Official ID

A complete list of acceptable identification devices/methods may be found at www.tahc.texas.gov, but the most commonly used devices include USDA NUES metal tags and US origin AIN 840 series Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags. Producers are encouraged to contact their veterinarian or TAHC to determine which method of tagging will be best for their operation.

National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tags

State animal health officials, tag distribution partners, approved tagging sites, and accredited veterinarians may provide NUES identification eartags to producers who wish to use them for official identification without administering the eartags through a specific disease program. NUES eartags are designed for one-time use (tamper evident) and are imprinted with the 9 character NUES number and the Official US Eartag Shield. **NUES tags are available at no cost, while supplies last. The tags and/or pliers may be obtained by contacting your local TAHC region office or tag allocation partner.**

Animal Identification Number (AIN) Devices

AIN device manufacturers and managers distribute AIN devices with the 840 prefix to producers. All recipients of AIN devices must first have a LID or PIN and provide that number to the person that they are obtaining the devices from. Producers electing to use AIN devices may contact the supplier of the tags in their area. The complete listing of approved AIN devices and the AIN tag manufacturer's information can be found at:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/ADT_device_ain.pdf

For additional information, visit www.tahc.texas.gov, contact the TAHC ADT department at 1-800-550-8242 ext. 733 or your local TAHC region office.

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