

PREMISES REGISTRATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - EQUINE

What defines a premises?

“Premises” includes farms and hobby farms; veterinary clinics; stables; livestock markets; livestock trucker and dealer premises where animals are kept; slaughter, rendering and dead animal plants; livestock exhibitions; and any other location where livestock is kept.

What species must be registered?

“Livestock,” as defined by the Wisconsin Premises Registration Act rules, includes aquaculture, bovine (bison, cattle), camelids (llamas, alpacas), cervidea (deer, elk, moose, caribou, reindeer, and the subfamily musk deer), equine (horses, donkeys, mules), goats, pheasants, poultry (chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea fowl), quail, ratites (rheas, ostriches, emu, cassowary, kiwi), sheep and swine.

Is there any cost?

There is no charge for premises registration.

How do I register?

There are three simple ways to register a premises:

- One can register a livestock premises at www.wiid.org by clicking on the link for WLIC Premises Registration.
- If you do not have computer access, call WLIC at 1-888-808-1910 to request a form.
- You may also register your premises through a WLIC Agent who may register on your behalf with your permission. For a list of WLIC Agents go to www.wiid.org.

What if the premises houses two or more owners' horses?

If two or more people keep horses on the same premises, it can only be registered by one person. We recommend that the person managing the horses register the premises.

How will DATCP enforce compliance?

DATCP will promote voluntary compliance until mandatory compliance on November 1, 2005. Penalties for violations are set by statute, equivalent to other animal health and food safety laws, generally ranging from \$200 to \$5,000 penalties. Also, an individual may not be compensated for indemnification (paid for animals put down) during a disease outbreak if they do not have a premises ID. Exhibiting, selling or slaughtering livestock from unregistered premises is prohibited if USDA mandates premises registration or all surrounding states impose the same prohibition.

With premises registration am I obligated to participate in animal ID and tracking?

Registering a premises doesn't obligate the premises to participate in the next steps of the plan (animal ID and animal tracking). USDA currently supports voluntary compliance; however, individual states may have other requirements.

What is the next step?

Many individuals have questions about the animal identification and animal tracking steps. The National Animal Identification System (NAIS) and the states' efforts are still in the planning stages for animal identification and animal tracking. Wisconsin's efforts are primarily focused on premises registration. WLIC is currently working with different species and industry groups to advance animal ID and animal tracking through pilot projects. For more information about animal ID go to www.wiid.org or www.usaip.info or <http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/index.shtml>.