

# Oklahoma Exhibition Swine Identification Requirement

Effective December 1, 2016 all exhibition swine were required to have an 840 electronic identification (EID/RFID) tag at the time of testing to be eligible to show in Oklahoma.

For 2018 shows, Oklahoma Youth Expo and Tulsa State Fair tags **WILL NOT** be Official Identification Tags.

Owners may order and apply their own 840 EID tags prior to testing or a veterinarian may tag the animal at the time of testing. Veterinarians may order tags and apply them if the owner does not have the proper tags.

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](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 (PIN) 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](http://www.allflexusa.com)



[www.destronfearing.com](http://www.destronfearing.com)



[www.templetag.com](http://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 and 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 prior to or at the time of testing. 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 NOT** meet this requirement.
- ◆ Pigs 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)
- ◆ 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, pigs are required to be Officially Identified, tested for Pseudorabies and Brucellosis, have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate), and get a permit number before entering Oklahoma. 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.

In 2015 the Slaughter Swine Industry began requiring that cull sows and boars 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. A link to suppliers of PIN Tags is here: <http://www.pork.org/programs-and-events/swine-id/pin-tag/approved-pin-tag-suppliers/>



Premises Identification Tag (PIN Tag) for cull sows and boars

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