

PIN fact sheet

What is a PIN?

- Premises Identification Number
- A location-based official identification number for animal premises
- Single PIN for each location, regardless of different species
- Permanent number assigned to location; does not change if premises are sold
- Required by the USDA for animal disease and emergency response
- Consists of seven alphanumeric characters, for example, A123R79
- Issued by the Minnesota USDA area office through the USDA PIN allocator

NOT to be confused with a LID (or “Minnesota Premises ID”)

- Location Identification Number
- Also a location-based official identification number
- Used by the State of Minnesota for animal disease traceability, and disease and emergency response
- Consists of eight alphanumeric characters beginning with MN and followed by 6 digits
- Issued through the State of Minnesota’s animal health database

Obtain or verify your PIN:

- Online through the MN Board of Animal Health website:
<https://www.bah.state.mn.us/register-your-premises/>
- To request a new PIN by telephone, call the USDA area office at: 651-234-5680
- To verify an existing PIN (or LID) by telephone, call the Board of Animal Health at: 651-296-2942

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this information is available in alternative forms of communication upon request by calling 651-201-6000. TTY users can call the Minnesota Relay Service at 711. The MDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.