



DID YOU KNOW?

Obtaining a PIN is:

- Fast
- Easy
- Free
- Required to sell your products in the event of a Foreign Animal Disease outbreak



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PREMISE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN)

All animal production or processing facilities in Minnesota are highly encouraged to register their site to obtain an official Premise Identification Number (PIN). The PIN is a location-based official identification number for each animal production site or animal product processing facility. This permanent number does not change, even if the premises is sold. In basic terms, the PIN is a unique number given to a livestock farm or processing plant that can be used as an identification number, especially when emergencies occur that affect our food supply chain.

Why is it important to have a PIN?

The PIN number maps to a farm or plant location. When an emergency occurs, animal and product movement may be restricted by location to control a disease or outbreak. For example, the USDA requires farms to have a PIN for animal disease traceability and emergency response in the event of a Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) such as African swine fever, avian influenza, or foot and mouth disease. If a FAD were to reach the United States, animal and product movement could be restricted in affected areas to control the spread of disease. Livestock and product would not be allowed to leave the farm or plant without a government issued permit; these permits can only be issued to farms with PIN numbers.

Why should I get a PIN now?

Preparation and proactive efforts will help us all be ready should a FAD occur in the United States. By having a PIN for your farm or plant, you can ensure you have the most basic piece in place to allow you to move your milk, animals, or other products off your premise in an emergency. Producers who wait are likely to see significant delays or may find themselves unable to move milk, animals, or other products off their farm at all.

How do I get a PIN?

Getting a PIN is easy and free. Go to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health website at www.bah.state.mn.us/premises-and-livestock-registration, register your premise, and get your Premise Identification Number. You may also call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-296-2942 if you need further assistance. An email verifying your PIN will be issued upon completion of the application.



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