



ID Info-Expo 2004
PREMISES IDENTIFICATION

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Premises Identification

- **USAIP Definition** – “A premises is an identifiable physical location that, in the judgment of the State Animal Health Official or the Area Veterinarian in Charge, and when appropriate, in consultation with the affected producer, represents a unique and describable geographic entity (where activity affecting the health and /or traceability of food producing animals may occur) or represents the producer contact location when extensive grazing operations exist”



What does this mean?

- *Hillman's common sense version:*
 - “A premises is a location which has a mailing address and that has livestock and livestock handling facilities”



Note: An “exception” process will be used to allocate the Prem ID Number in the event there is no actual address.

Premises Identification Number

- Unique in the United states
 - Assigned by national Premises Allocator
- 7-Character alphanumeric number
 - Example - A23L449

Administration of Premises Identification

- State animal health official responsibility
 - May be accomplished by the state veterinarian's office
 - State animal health official may designate another state entity to provide premises identification services
 - State animal health official may contract for the service with a service provider

Administration of Premises Identification (2)

- State animal health official may utilize the Standardized Premises System provided by USDA, or
- Acquire and maintain a Certified Premises Identification system (at their expense)
- Responsible to:
 - identify premises within state
 - keep premises information confidential – only essential data will be available to authorized officials
 - Update new and revised premises records to National Premises Repository

How do I get a Premises Identification Number?

- Contact state animal health official in your state
 - Phone/fax
 - E-mail/web mail
 - “Snail mail”
- Provide required information
- State animal health staff will electronically submit information to allocator, verify that a prem id number is not already present for your location
- Allocator will assign a unique prem id number
- State animal health staff will provide the new prem id number to the producer

Which “premises” need Prem Id number?

- Farms and ranches
- Feedlots
- Livestock Markets
- Slaughter facilities
- Collection points/buying stations
- Veterinary clinics/hospitals
- Grazing areas where animals of different origin or ownership are commingled
- Other



I have more than one ranch/farm, do I need a Prem Id number for each?

- Discretion of State Vet/AVIC – in consultation with producer
 - Depends on how the ranches are operated and where they are located
 - No movement of animals between the facilities, or different herd disease status (i.e Brucellosis Certified Free/TB Accredited Free) – should have separate Prem Id
 - Movement of animals between ranches occurs – may not need separate Prem Id
 - Different states – need separate Prem Id

Which “premises” do not need a Prem Id number?

- Grazing lands utilized by one owner that are not contiguous with facilities that have livestock handling facilities
- Wheat pastures and other types of foraging areas utilized by one owner



Challenges and Opportunities

- **Brand states**

- System and personnel already in place
- Livestock owners and their locations already identified
- Relatively simple to incorporate Prem Id data standards and convert to new Prem Id system

- **Non-brand states**

- Many have a hodge-podge of prem id systems in place which identify some livestock operations – generally by name
- Must initiate the new Premises Identification System

Challenges and Opportunities (2)

- **Clean up our databases**
 - Based on owner name – many duplications, multiple identifications for same operation
 - Not up to date – contains owners who are no longer in business
- **One premises identification number for a facility – rather than many**
- **Tied to a location rather than an owner or ranch name**
 - Prevent or at least reduce duplications or multiple names for same operation
- **Personnel/ funding** – few if any of the states have sufficient personnel or funds to implement the new Prem Id system
- **Uniform system across the United States** – facilitate access and utilization of information

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