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Premises Tags and Individual Tags for Show Swine in Arkansas

Basic Principles

1. Arkansas Exhibition Requirements state that all swine exhibited at any Arkansas fair will have a premises tag including out of state swine. Also, out of state swine are required to have an individual identification tag.
2. When a show hog is purchased in state it should have a premises tag in its ear. The premises tag should not be removed. If a show hog is purchased out of state the hog must have a USDA approved ID tag. This tag should not be removed. The out of state hog may also have a premises tag. If so, this tag should not be removed.
3. All show swine from Arkansas that have a premises tag will also need a USDA approved ID tag (such as an 840 tag) to go to shows out of state. Some out of state exhibitions require an 840 tag. An exhibitor must register his premises with the USDA to be able to purchase 840 tags.
4. All show swine involved in interstate movement must meet the requirements of the receiving state and the USDA Animal Disease Traceability rule.

In-State Show Pig Purchases

1. All breeders of show pigs in Arkansas will have the responsibility of putting premises ID tags in all show pigs sold at time of sale. These tags will remain in the animal's ear for the life of the animal.
2. The breeder will be responsible to report by mail or e-mail to Livestock and Poultry a log of all show pigs sold. The deadline for this is to be submitted by July 1 of the current year. The Premises ID Log Form will be available for breeders to download from the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry website (www.alpc.arkansas.gov).
3. The Premises ID Log Form shall include the following:
Breeder name, address, phone number, Premises ID Number, PRV # and Brucellosis #;
Purchaser name, address, phone number, Breed and Sex, Date of Sale, Birthday of Show Pig

Out-of-State Show Pig Purchases

1. All out of state show pigs shall meet all the out of state health requirements for interstate shipment to Arkansas.
2. All out of state show pig purchasers will contact the Livestock and Poultry Commission to purchase their individual premises ID tag that will remain in the animal's ear for the life of that animal. Purchaser will report the out of state breeder's name, address, phone number, PRV #, Brucellosis # and original premises ID of the animal purchased. The animal's sex and breed will need to correspond to the original health paper required upon entry to Arkansas.
3. Premises tags that are requested from Arkansas Livestock and Poultry will cost the price of the tag plus shipping.

Caution

Premises tags and required testing are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Failure to follow these rules will disqualify a hog for exhibition in an Arkansas fair.

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