

PigTrace Canada, British Columbia Pork Industry and B.C. 4-H

PigTrace is an industry led, live animal traceability initiative designed to ensure protection, prosperity and peace of mind for the Canadian pork industry and its customers. This initiative requires all premises-to-premises swine movements be reported.

Starting July 1, 2014, PigTrace was mandated by law through the federal Health of Animals Regulation. The regulation applies to anyone who is involved in the care, control and transport of pigs. PigTrace is delivered by the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) and its provincial member organizations. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will enforce the regulation, and the CPC acts as the program administrator under the regulation.

What should 4-H do to participate?

Under the new regulations effective July 1, 2014, all custodians of swine and carcasses are required to report the necessary information to PigTrace Canada. Please follow these steps for the 2015 4-H year:

Step 1: Register for a Premises ID

Premises identification is the assignment of a unique identification number to a parcel of land where livestock or poultry may be located. Premises identification is a way of linking livestock and poultry to geographic locations. You must have a PID in order to use PigTrace.

Registration is free! Fill out the Premises ID form and submit it by mail, email, fax or dropping off to any BC Ministry of Agriculture office.

Have questions? Phone 1-888-221-7141 or (604) 556-3001 and ask for a Premises Identification Program Representative or send an email to BCPID@gov.bc.ca.

Step 2: Create a new account with PigTrace

PigTrace accounts can be requested by contacting BC Pork at (604) 287-4647 or using one of the following:

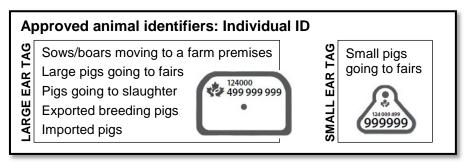
- (1) Go to the PigTrace login page ("login" button is at top right of the page at www.pigtrace.ca), then select "Request an Account" and complete the form, or
- (2) Contact PigTrace customer service at 1-866-300-1825, or
- (3) Send message via the PigTrace Contact Form at www.pigtrace.ca/contact-form





Step 3: Animal Identification with traceability ear tags

Approved traceability ear tags should be used on all swine destined for an auction or fair, all bred swine being shipped from one farm to another farm, as well as all swine being imported into Canada. Live animals being moved from one premises to another need to be tracked using the movement reporting in step 4.



Ensure the producer you are getting your 4-H project animal from has a PID, is an active participant with PigTrace, and your animal has a traceability ear tag with an identifying number on it.

If the producer has not provided a traceability ear tag, you can order your own by calling PigTrace customer service at 1-866-300-1825. If you ordered your own tag, bring it with you (and a tag applicator, if required) when you pick up your 4-H project animal.

Step 4: Movement Reporting

Every time you move your animal to a different site (including fairs), you must enter the information into PigTrace (www.pigtrace.ca). Fairs should have their own PID and should provide you this information.

At departure and destination:

- Locations origin and destination
- Date / time
 - of departure (at origin)
 - of arrival (at destination)
- License plate of vehicle
- Quantity of animals
 - Loaded (at origin)
 - Unloaded (at destination)
- Animal IDs

Did you know that you can go one step further to support the BC Pork industry? Proper sanitation and biosecurity goes a long way in keeping livestock healthy. By maintaining your livestock truck/trailer so that it is cleaned and disinfected between trips for any/all animals, and by only transferring livestock from your farm (and not sharing rides with other farms), you are doing your part to minimize the transfer of disease.

For more information about:

- **Biosecurity in the BC Pork industry**, please contact BC Pork at (604) 287-4647 or visit the "Traceability" section of their website, www.bcpork.ca.
- PigTrace, you can visit the website www.pigtrace.ca and look for the PigTrace Program Guide.
- Registering for a Premises Identification Number, you can phone 1-888-221-7141 or (604) 556-3001 and ask for a Premises Identification Program Representative or send an email to BCPID@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you for doing your part to protect the BC Pork industry!

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