



PigTrace Canada, British Columbia Pork Industry and BC 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.

Why are we doing this?

Emergency Preparedness

PigTrace is about improved emergency management. In the event of a food safety issue or foreign animal disease outbreak in the pork sector, traceability gives animal health officials and food safety officials the tools to quickly and effectively contain and deal with the situation. Improved response time reduces the economic impact on the industry, producers and all Canadians.

Financial Stability

PigTrace is an important tool for quickly identifying affected swine operations in order to avoid costly market disruptions and production losses in the event of a disease outbreak or food safety issue.

By quickly containing problems in this way, the pork industry has a better chance of returning to business in a shorter period of time than it would without a traceability system.

Market Access

PigTrace gives Canada's pork industry a competitive advantage in the market place. As more consumers question the source of their food, PigTrace offers supply chain confidence, both domestically and globally through the program's ability to demonstrate source verification.

Business Management

PigTrace is about prosperity and securing business continuity. The program works to safeguard business during a market disruption caused by food safety or animal health issues.

Security

PigTrace gives the Canadian pork industry a competitive edge by offering pork buyers and importing countries improved production security that is resilient to market disruptions resulting from disease or food safety problems. This improved security offers pork buyers peace of mind in knowing they are sourcing pork from one of the most secure supply chains in the world.

Canada is one of only a few countries to initiate a national swine traceability system. In being one of the first countries to initialize a national program, Canada is securing our position as a global leader.

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What is a Premise Identification Number (PID)?

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

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. For this year only, the 4-H animal tag or tattoo registered on the Project Id Sheet is required. 4-H members with swine livestock as projects will be able to track the movement of those animals on their Record Book Activity Log sheet. Information that is required:

1. Location where the animal is moving from (ideally this would be a PID, but physical address and phone number will do)
2. Location where the animal is moving to (ideally this would be a PID, but physical address and phone number will do)
3. Date/time the transport occurred
4. Licence plate of the truck/trailer used
5. Identification number (tag) of the animal.

And please remember to do the following next 4-H year:

Step 1. 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 an ear tag with an identifying number on it.

Step 2. Give the producer your information (your name, PID, licence plate for the truck/trailer).

Step 3. Every time you move your animal to a different site, you must enter the information into PigTrace (see above for this year's exception).

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.

If you have any questions about biosecurity in the BC Pork industry, please contact BC Pork at (604) 287-4647. For more information about PigTrace, you can visit the website www.pigtrace.ca or call BC Pork. And if you wish to register for a Premise Identification Number, you can visit the BC Government Ministry of Agriculture website (http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/foodsafety/bc_pid.htm) or call 1 888-221-7141 or (604) 556-3001 and ask for a Premises Identification Program Representative.

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

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