

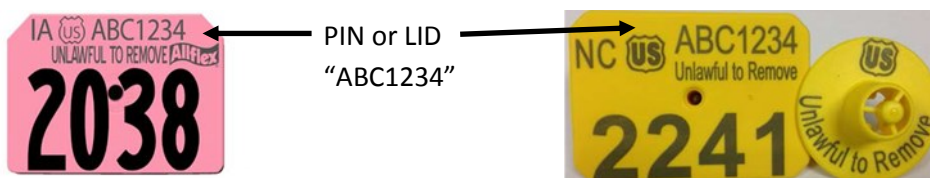
Identification Options for Swine in New York State

New York State requires identification for swine prior to interstate movement, upon arrival at a livestock market or dealer or if exhibited at county and state fairs (starting in 2020). The following tags are identification options for swine in New York State. The person receiving the tags from the manufacturer or from the Division of Animal Industry must retain records of the tag usage for a period of two years after application (five years for AIN tags).

1. **Animal Identification Number (AIN) tags**- These are 15 digit numeric tags with the first three digits indicating the country of origin (840 = USA, 124 = Canada). The round, button RFID tags have the best retention of any eartag. The entire 15 digit number must be recorded on all official documents. ***They can be used as official identification for all purposes. These will be accepted at the 2019 NY State and county fairs.***



2. **"PIN" tags** - These tags have the producers' Federal Premises Identification Number (PIN) or state issued Location Identification Number (LID) and either a preprinted producer's livestock production number or a blank area for the producer's livestock production number. These can be used as slaughter tags, for interstate movement or sale. In New York we accept PIN tags with preprinted producer's livestock production numbers such as the examples shown below as official identification. These will be accepted at the 2019 NY State and county fairs.



3. **NUES tags (plastic or metal)** are acceptable in swine. New York tags start with '21.' They are intended for market hogs within the United States. They are available to livestock markets, dealers (DAHP holders), veterinarians and producers. Both the retention and readability of these tags is poor. The metal tags can cause tissue irritation. NUES tags will be phased out in the next few years. These will be accepted at the 2019 NY State and county fairs.

Limited quantities available at
the NY Dept of Agriculture



For more information on swine tags, please visit <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/traceability>
There will be information on moving swine, different types of ID, tag manufacturers and other information.