

Manitoba Premises Identification Frequently Asked Questions



What is a premises?

A premises is a parcel of land, on which or on any part of which livestock or poultry are grown, kept, assembled or disposed of. This includes a farm/stable, feedlot, pasture, community pasture, hatchery, abattoir, assembly yard, auction/livestock sale facility, rendering plant, zoo/petting zoo, exhibition/fairgrounds/race track/competition facility, veterinary hospital and lab, insemination centre, and livestock and poultry research facility.

What is a premises identification number?

It is a unique national number assigned to a premises.

What are the benefits to producers and industry?

Planning and management of animal disease outbreaks will maximize the effectiveness of the emergency response and minimize the social, economic and environmental costs associated with the outbreak. Knowing where animals are located and how to contact producers is the key to rapid, accurate and cost-effective disease response. Premises identification is a critical component in developing a national traceability system.

Who can provide premises information?

The owner or operator of a livestock or poultry premises can provide the information.

What information will be required?

Basic land and contact information will be required.

Will the information I share be kept confidential?

Yes, your personal information is protected by The Protection of Privacy provisions of *The Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FIPPA)*. If you have any questions about the collection of personal information, contact the Manager of Administration, Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI), at (204) 945-3439.

How will this information be used?

Information will be used for emergency management purposes to prevent, prepare, respond or recover from a disaster, foreign animal disease outbreak, emergency threatening animal or human health.

How do I obtain a Premises Identification Number?

Applications can only be received by email or by completion of the online form. The online form can be accessed at <https://forms.gov.mb.ca/mpia/>. If you choose to send your form by email, fill out an application form and submit it to traceability@gov.mb.ca.

How much does it cost to apply for a Premises Identification Number?

There is no cost to participate in this program.

Is this a voluntary program?

Under the [Animal Premises Identification Regulation](#), all owners and operators of premises with livestock and poultry must complete a premises identification application.

What livestock and poultry are included in this program?

This includes dairy cattle, beef cattle, bison, pigs, broiler chickens, laying hens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, farmed ducks, farmed quails, farmed geese, farmed pheasants, guinea hens, pigeons, exotic or show birds, sheep, goats, horses, donkeys, mules, llamas, vicunas, alpacas, farmed elk, farmed deer, farmed bees, aquaculture, fur-producing mink and fox, farmed rabbits, wild boars and captive wildlife.

Do I need to provide an application for each location with livestock and/or poultry?

An application should be provided for at least one premises, preferably the primary premises. A primary premises is the legal land location on which the main animal operation is located. If you have multiple premises, you have the option to complete an application form for each additional premises. On additional forms, complete sections I and III. The information from section II does not need to be supplied on additional forms unless the information differs from the information supplied on the original form. If you have more than five premises, please contact your local Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development office for assistance.

What happens if my information changes?

Fill out any updated information on the Manitoba Premises Identification Application online or email traceability@gov.mb.ca or call us at **204-945-7684** with the changes.

Who can I contact if I have more questions?

For more information, contact your local Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development office, email traceability@gov.mb.ca or call us at **204-945-7684**. If you call, **please leave a message and your call will be returned.**