

PigTrace Program

Traceability requirements for Canadian pork producers

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What is PigTrace?

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.

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.

The PigTrace program is **mandatory** under federal *Health of Animals Regulations*, enforced by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). The CFIA can issue non-compliance letters and fines to those who do not comply with PigTrace requirements.

PigTrace tags

PigTrace ear tags can be purchased from the Ontario Pork office. The tags are applied using an Allflex tag applicator, available at most farm supply stores.

You should allow two weeks for the tags to arrive by mail.



PigTrace Program Requirements

1. All pig owners in Canada are required to enroll in the PigTrace program to support animal health and food safety. To register, contact Ontario Pork at memberservices@ontariopork.on.ca or 1-877-668-7675 ext.1220.

2. Pig movements to and from any premises must be reported within seven days.

To complete the PigTrace movement, you will need to report:

- ✓ The farm premises identification (to register for a Premises ID, please contact the Ontario Pork office)
- ✓ The Premises ID of the location where the pigs(s) are going
- ✓ The day and time (departure and arrival) of the movement
- ✓ Licence plate number of vehicle transporting pigs
- ✓ PigTRACE tag number(s) or herd mark tattoo of the pig(s)

To make this report, log into [PigTrace.ca](https://pigtrace.ca) or use the PigTrace Swine Movement Report form found at ontariopork.on.ca/Producers/PigTrace

3. Pigs are to be identified using one of these methods:

- **For processing:** pigs require a 15-digit PigTrace individual ID ear tag (as shown below), a PigTrace 5-digit herd mark ear tag or a registered 5-digit herd mark tattoo.
- **To agricultural fairs:** pigs require a 15-digit PigTrace individual ID ear tag.
- **To sales yard or auction:** pigs require either a 15-digit PigTrace individual ID ear tag or a PigTrace 5-digit herd mark ear tag;
- **Farm-to-farm:** all pigs used for breeding must be tagged with a 15-digit PigTrace individual ID ear tag. Non-breeding pigs do not need to be tagged or tattooed.

For more information on PigTrace visit ontariopork.on.ca/Producers/PigTrace