

## Procedures for identification of Swine for Fairs in New York

New York now requires ear tags for swine exhibited at county and state fairs. All of the following tags are official, and 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. **The following tags are acceptable:**

1. Breeders are encouraged to utilize “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 or as official identification for interstate movement or sale. Information can be found at [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/swine\\_device\\_listing.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/swine_device_listing.pdf) In NY State we accept PIN tags with preprinted producer’s livestock production numbers such as the examples shown below as official identification.



2. **Animal Identification Number (AIN) tags-** These are 15 digit numeric tags with the first three digits indicating the country of origin ('840' for USA, '124' for 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. The can be used for official identification for all purposes. Descriptions of AIN tags are found at [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/ADT\\_device\\_ain.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/ADT_device_ain.pdf)



3. **Plastic NUES tags are available from the Division of Animal Industry offices at no charge.** These tags are intended for swine for exhibition and for market hogs.



4. **Metal clasp tags** with the National Uniform Eartag System (NUES) numbering are acceptable in swine. For tags issued in New York, the number starts with '21'. Both the retention and **readability of these tags is poor**. Descriptions of NUES tags are found at [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/ADT\\_device\\_nues.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/ADT_device_nues.pdf)

