



FAQ

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES & TRACEABILITY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who needs to obtain a PID Account?

Under Alberta's Premises Identification (PID) Regulation, both livestock animal owners and commingling site operators are required to obtain a PID Account.

Regarding commingling sites, whose responsibility is it to apply for premises identification – the owner of the land or the operator of the event?

Operators of commingling sites need to apply for a PID Account and obtain a PID Number. If your agricultural society runs the facilities (e.g. track, fairgrounds, buildings, etc.) on a site where events are held, you are considered an operator of the site. You do not need to be the owner of the site or the group managing the event in order to be considered an operator; therefore, in many cases, it is the agricultural society's responsibility to apply for premises identification.

As a commingling site operator, do I need to register each site where animals are?

Operators of commingling sites are required to register all their commingling sites and obtain a PID Number for each site (or premises). However, a single PID Number is all that is required for a site that consists of multiple facilities (e.g. riding arena, fairground, etc.).

Do parade routes require a PID Number?

If there are livestock that fall under the PID Regulation in a parade, the parade staging area may require its own PID Number if it is not in close proximity to the agricultural society's commingling site. If that is the case, add the parade staging area as a separate premises under your PID Account.

What species of animals are included under premises identification?

Any animal listed in the PID Regulation needs to be recorded under your premises. This includes cattle, horses, sheep, pigs, peafowl, poultry, rabbits, etc. Many other animals visit agricultural society sites that would not need to be recorded on a PID Application, including birds of prey, bears, etc. For a complete listing of the species included under the regulation please see Schedule A, Part 7 of the PID Application, or the Alberta Premises Identification Regulation. If any of these animals might be on your premises during an event, they should be recorded on the application or added to your account.

How do I determine the maximum capacity for each species?

Maximum capacity is an estimate of the highest number of animals (of the selected species) that you would have on your site at any one time.

What are some best practices for contact information when completing the PID Application?

It is important that you keep your account information, including contact information, up-to-date as it may change regularly.

Account Contact - It is suggested that an employee of the agricultural society who is involved in the operation of the site be listed as the account contact. If the agricultural society does not have employees, a board member like a Director or President who is actively involved in the operation of the site may be listed as the account contact.

Premises Contact - This may be the same person as the account contact, but it is ultimately who would be contacted or notified of an emergency event that may affect the site.

Should agricultural societies display their PID Number?

All commingling sites need to make the PID Number available to the users of their site. To support agricultural societies, a poster has been provided in your Traceability Outreach Kit that you can record your PID Number on and display in your facility. Other options, but not limited to, include posting the PID Number on your website and putting the number on your event registration packages. If you have any suggestions on how to display your PID Number, please contact the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies.



What happens if someone uses our PID Number in error?

You are not responsible if someone purposely or inadvertently uses the PID Number of your site in error. In an animal health event, you may be notified, but emergency responders can quickly determine whether or not the PID Number provided was used in error.

Why is it important that agricultural societies apply for premises identification?

Agricultural societies may operate commingling sites, which are locations where animals owned by different people are kept together either temporarily or permanently. Since animals are mingling, there is an increased opportunity for animals to come into contact with an infectious disease. Premises identification is a tool that government and industry use to trace animals in the event of an animal health emergency such as a disease outbreak. By having a PID Account, agricultural societies will be quickly notified of an animal health event and informed about the risks and disease control procedures. Agricultural societies can then notify the users of their site so that they can take precautions.

What is the responsibility of an agricultural society regarding traceability?

Animal identification and animal movement requirements don't generally apply to agricultural societies, unless they own the animals themselves.

Under current regulations, your responsibilities for premises identification include:

- Applying for a PID Account and obtaining a PID Number for each commingling site the agricultural society operates.
- Maintaining the information in your PID Account.
- Providing the PID Number to the users of your site.

However, the federal government is looking at changing regulations regarding movement reporting that may impact sites operated by agricultural societies.

What role would agricultural societies play in an animal health emergency, such as a disease outbreak?

The level of involvement of an agricultural society in an animal health emergency would vary based on the nature and location of an animal health event. Agricultural societies would be expected to cooperate with emergency responders and provide the information necessary to help trace a disease.

Where can I get more information on Traceability in Alberta?

For more information, please visit www.agriculture.alberta.ca/traceability or call the Alberta Ag-Info Centre toll-free at 310-FARM (3276).



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