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## PigTrace Options for Backyard Production

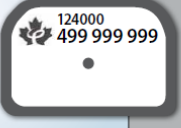




### Requirements:

#### (1) Report all incoming and outgoing pig movements to the PigTrace system

- can report by: logging into pigtrace.ca (computer or mobile), fax, phone
- must have registered account through PigTrace or via provincial pork organization
- information to report:
  - origin and destination
  - date & time of departure or reception
  - license plate of vehicle or trailer (if tandem unit)
  - number of pigs
  - animal identification (\*where applicable, see below)
- contact 1-866-300-1825 or your provincial pork organization to learn more

#### (2) Animal identification required for certain types of movements

- pigs going to **slaughter** must have either:
  - Herd Mark shoulder slap tattoo
  - PigTrace Herd Mark ear tag
  - PigTrace Individual ID ear tag
- pigs being **exported** must have either:
  - PigTrace Herd Mark ear tag
  - Herd Mark ear tattoo (feeder pigs only)
  - PigTrace Individual ID ear tag
- the PigTrace Individual ID ear tag must be used (i.e., is the only option) when:
  - pigs are imported
  - pigs go to fair, exhibition or auction
  - sows/boars move from one farm to another farm

Approved animal identifiers INDIVIDUAL ID		Approved animal identifiers HERD MARK			
LARGE EAR TAG	Sows/boars moving to a farm premises Large pigs going to fairs Pigs going to slaughter Exported breeding pigs Imported pigs	LARGE EAR TAG	Pigs going to slaughter	SHOULDER SLAP TATTOO	Pigs going to slaughter
					
SMALL EAR TAG	Small pigs going to fairs	SMALL EAR TAG OR EAR TATTOO*	Exported piglets and feeder pigs		
					

\* (U.S. REQUIREMENT)



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The program provides two options for pig identification:

- The **herd mark** is a 5-digit number assigned to a farm. It can only be used for slaughter or export movements, as it must identify the last farm of residence before slaughter or export. The herd mark may also be applied as a shoulder slap tattoo (slaughter) or ear tattoo (exported feeder pigs).
- The **individual ID** is a unique number specific to every pig, and can be used to identify pigs going anywhere.

### **Potential options for backyard production:**

- (1) Backyard producers who buy piglets for feeding and eventual slaughter can identify pigs in preparation for slaughter by applying a:
  - Herd Mark shoulder slap tattoo at the time of slaughter,
  - PigTrace ear tag at a young age (small or large tag with either ID format), or
  - PigTrace ear tag at time of slaughter (\*not recommended, as it's a fresh wound that is often chewed on by other pigs. Also, tagging 100+ pound pigs isn't much fun).
- (2) Sow farms that sell piglets to backyard producers for further growing **could** apply individual ID tags (small piglet tag) before shipping/selling to customers. Customers would then already have pig identification for eventual slaughter.
  - Potential solution for farms that do not have taggers (\$25) or tattooing equipment (~\$80).
  - \*PigTrace can now offer tag orders of less than 25 through its inventories at most provincial pork offices.

More information and ear tag pictures can be found on the PigTrace website at <http://pigtrace.ca/animal-identification-page/>.

If you have questions or concerns please contact your local provincial pork office or contact Jeff Clark, Manager of PigTrace Canada at 204-235-4440, 1-866-300-1825 or via email at [clark@cpc-ccp.com](mailto:clark@cpc-ccp.com).

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