

PREMISES REGISTRATION

Why it's important. How information will be used.

Wisconsin continues to move forward with mandatory premises registration. The Wisconsin Premises Registration Act requires all those who keep, house, or co-mingle livestock/horses to register their premises. Premises registration provides for:

1. ***Faster reaction in the event of a disease outbreak.*** Animal health officials would know where animals are located and what species are housed at those locations. This information would help to minimize economic impact and increase vital response time.
2. ***Proactive precautions and prevention.*** Animal owners with registered premises can receive early information about important and appropriate precautions to limit the chance of a disease outbreak impacting their premises.

How will I be notified in the event of an animal disease outbreak?

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) manage communications and inform registered premises with susceptible species when:

- A foreign animal disease is diagnosed in Wisconsin or in other states.
- A disease is reported and diagnosed in Wisconsin with the potential for significant death loss or economic impact.
- A new strain of an existing disease is diagnosed in Wisconsin with the potential for significant death loss or economic impact.
- A species not known to be previously affected by a disease with the potential for significant death loss or other economic impact has been infected.
- Outbreak of an animal disease which could also infect people (zoonotic) is reported by Wisconsin public health officials.
- Conditions are present that make an outbreak likely of a zoonotic disease or a disease with potentially high death loss or other economic impact.

DATCP is continuing statewide outreach and education about the benefits of premises registration. Premises registration consists of the premises address, the species of animals housed at that location and contact information for the caretakers. Premises registration does not include the number of animals, ownership, animal identification or other information.

There are three ways to register a livestock premises:

1. Register online at www.datcp.state.wi.us/premises/index.jsp and click on the link for Premises Registration System.
2. Registrants without computer access may call WLIC at 1-888-808-1910 to request a form.
3. Visit your county Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to pick up information and a premises registration form. Or, use a computer located at your FSA office to register.

