



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
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## Identification of Swine Fairs and Exhibitions

Federal regulation 9 CFR. 71.19 requires that all swine being shown at fairs or exhibitions (interstate commerce) must have official individual identification. Swine presented that do not meet the federal official individual identification requirements may not be allowed entrance into the fair. The list of approved swine identification devices/methods includes:

- Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) ear tags;
- National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) ear tags;
- Ear notching, if the ear notching has been recorded in the book of record of a purebred registry association, with registry association documentation accompanying animal; and
- Ear or flank tattoo, for those recorded in the book of record of a swine registry association, with registry association documentation accompanying animal.

### EXAMPLES OF OFFICIAL SWINE IDENTIFICATION



*RFID Tag*



*NUES Tag*



*Ear notches*



*Tattoo 1*



*Tattoo 2*

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Destron (800) 328-0118

Allflex (800) 989-8247

Y-TEX (800) 443-6401