

Attention – New Requirements for ALL Market Hogs for the NWJLS for 2024 and beyond.

Please see the attached document detailing the new requirement from WSDA for all exhibition swine to have official USDA approved identification. AKA 840 Tags, all swine to be eligible to cross the scales on weigh in day must have USDA Approved Identification Tags.

The breeders who you purchase your animals through for your projects will need to install these tags for you as they are specific to each producer and location. If you have any questions, please reach out to Matt Laukala at Matt@caliberconcrete.com



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DATE: May 26, 2023
TO: Washington Fairs
SUBJECT: New Swine Identification Requirements
FROM: Dr. Amber Itle, State Veterinarian

As a port state, our Washington swine herds are under persistent threats of economically devastating foreign animal diseases such as African Swine Fever that has killed 25% of the global pig population in recent years. Our domestic exhibition pigs are also at higher risk of becoming infected with swine influenza viruses that can reassort and become a public health threat to exhibitors and the public alike.

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) has worked hard over the past several years to build a robust animal disease traceability program in Washington, especially at points of commingling where there is increased risk of disease transmission. It is estimated that 15,000 pigs participate in fairs and exhibitions across the state each year. The use of official individual identification is critical for animal diseases traceability. Being able to locate and trace individual animals allows for rapid response and avoids prolonged quarantines that could interfere with business continuity for your fair.

WSDA recently conducted rulemaking (attached) to change the regulations in [chapter 16-80 WAC](#), Domestic and Feral Swine in Washington State. Effective June 11, 2023 *all swine that leave the farm of origin or move through a public livestock market or collection facility and all exhibition swine, must have official USDA-approved identification.*

We understand that this new requirement may not be able to be implemented immediately. WSDA will use this fair season to educate fairs and youth exhibitors about the new requirement, the benefits of utilizing official identification, and the importance of animal disease traceability. We ask that you distribute this information widely to your 4-H and FFA leaders, swine superintendents, and exhibitors.



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We are excited to announce that we have a supply of electronic official USDA-approved identification tags and applicators to provide to fairs and youth swine exhibitors for **FREE!** To get your free tags, please contact our animal disease traceability coordinator, David Hecimovich, by phone at (360) 725-5493 or by email at dhecimovich@agr.wa.gov.

Thank you for your partnership in building a robust disease traceability system in WA. Your role is critical as you educate and support youth, promote animal agriculture to the public, and help us protect the economic viability of agriculture in our communities.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 961-4129 or by email at aitle@agr.wa.gov.

Chapter 16-80 WAC
DOMESTIC AND FERAL SWINE ((DISEASES-REGULATED)) IN WASHINGTON STATE

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 10-13-057, filed 6/10/10, effective 7/11/10)

WAC 16-80-005 Definitions. In addition to the definitions found in RCW 16.36.005, the following definitions apply to this chapter:

~~("Department" means the Washington state department of agriculture.~~

~~"Director" means the director of agriculture of the state of Washington or his or her authorized representative.~~

~~"Exposed" means to have had contact with an animal infected with an infectious or communicable disease.)~~

"Feral swine" means animals included in any of the following categories:

- Animals of the genus *Sus* that are free roaming on public or private lands and do not appear to be domesticated;
- Swine from domesticated stocks that have escaped or been released or born into the wild state;
- European wild hogs and their hybrid forms (also known as European wild boars or razorbacks), regardless of whether they are free roaming or kept in confinement; or
- Animals of the family *Tayassuidae* such as peccaries and javelinas, regardless of whether they are free roaming or kept in confinement.

"Official USDA-approved identification" means methods of identification, as approved in 9 C.F.R. (~~Chapter 1, Section 71.19, January 1, 2009~~) Sec. 71.19, revised January 9, 2013.

~~("Pseudorabies infected herd" means a herd of swine in which pseudorabies has been diagnosed in one or more animals by the National Veterinary Service Laboratory (NVSL) or a state laboratory approved by USDA to conduct official pseudorabies tests.)~~

"USDA" means the United States Department of Agriculture.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 10-13-057, filed 6/10/10, effective 7/11/10)

WAC 16-80-006 Adoption of USDA pseudorabies eradication program standards. In addition to the rules adopted in this chapter, the Washington state department of agriculture adopts the procedures and methods of the USDA pseudorabies eradication state-federal-industry program standards, effective November 1, 2003. The department maintains a copy of this document for public inspection. You may ((also)) find the information on the internet at(~~http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal-health/animal-diseases/pseudorabies/downloads/program-stds.pdf~~) <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/swine-disease-information/swine-pseudorabies>.



**RULE-MAKING ORDER
PERMANENT RULE ONLY**

**CR-103P (December 2017)
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)**

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DATE: May 11, 2023

TIME: 1:20 PM

WSR 23-11-043

Agency: Washington State Department of Agriculture

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

31 days after filing.

Other (specify) _____ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The Department is amending chapter 16-80 of the Washington Administrative Code to:

- Change the title of the chapter to 'Domestic and Feral Swine in Washington State';
- Remove definitions for "Department", "Director", "Exposed", and "Pseudorabies infected herd";
- Update the definition of 'Official USDA-approved identification' to reference the January 9, 2013 version of 9 C.F.R Chapter 1, Section 71.19;
- Update hyperlinks to standards adopted in sections -006 and -008;
- Repeal sections -009 and -010;
- Clarify official USDA approved identification requirements for swine in section -045; and
- Require observations of feral swine to be reported to the Washington Invasive Species Council (WISC).

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:

Repealed: 16-80-009, 16-80-010

Amended: 16-80-005, 16-80-006, 16-80-008, 16-80-045, 16-80-060

Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 16.36.040

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 23-07-136 on March 22, 2023 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: N/A

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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