

Pork Checkoff Report
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REMEMBER TO USE YOUR PREMISES IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Which site is it? Is it Nursery Site #2, the Old Nursery-Finisher Place, or the County Road 53 Nursery—or are they the same place? Each of these names could easily identify a specific site for a local veterinarian or farmer, but it is confusing for anyone else who may need to confirm a location or compile disease reports.

Producers who are participants in the N212 Voluntary Regional PRRS Elimination Project have agreed to share their PRRS status with their neighbors. If a Premises ID Number is not included on laboratory submissions or with their site locations, it is difficult to determine whether or not diagnostic results are from participants or non-participants. One of the goals of the project is to simplify reporting of PRRS diagnostics, but the confidentiality of disclosure is so important that without absolute site confirmation, this is very difficult.

Swine producers are required to obtain a Premises ID Number for their PQA site assessments and for shipping hogs to most packing plants. However, there is still confusion about which number to use—the five-digit state number or the seven-digit federal number that includes both numbers and letters. After consulting the Minnesota Board of Animal Health, the Minnesota Pork Producers and several packing plants, the consensus recommendation for veterinarians and farmers is to *use the National (Federal) Premises Identification Number*.

If you do not have a Premises ID Number or don't remember it, call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-201-6816 or go to their website and click "Register Your Premises" (<http://mn.gov/bah/forms/pin-registration.html>). They can send you a convenient wallet card with both state and federal numbers.

Don't risk confusion! Use National Premises Identification Numbers on all laboratory submissions and disease status correspondence.