

Wisconsin Livestock Premises Registration Questions and Answers

Question: *What is Livestock Premises Registration?*

Answer: As of November 1, 2005, the Wisconsin Premises Registration Act requires that anyone who keeps or houses livestock register that location. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection ("DATCP") has stated that the goal of Premises Registration is to trace disease outbreaks, know where susceptible animals are located and to control the spread of disease more quickly.

Question: *What animals trigger the need to register?*

Answer: Any "livestock animals" which includes horses, donkeys, mules, bison, cattle, llamas, alpacas, deer, elk, moose, caribou, reindeer, musk deer, fish, pheasants, quail, wild turkeys, migratory wildfowl, pigeons, exotic birds, chicken, turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea fowl, sheep, swine, ostriches, emu, cassowary, kiwi, rheas.

Question: *I just have one horse in my backyard; I don't need a Livestock Premises Registration Number, do I?*

Answer: Actually, you do. Wisconsin requires that any person keeping one or more "livestock animal," (see above for a partial list) register with the state. Only one registration per premises is required, so if you run a boarding facility you have to register the boarding facility, but each horse owner does not have to register individually.

Question: *What do I need to know about the registration process?*

Answer: Registration has to be renewed every three years, but is free. If you sell the premises, the number stays with that property. The DATCP has stated that information you provide is confidential unless disclosure is necessary to prevent or control disease or protect public health. You can register online at <http://www.wiid.org/livestock-premises-registration> or request an application by calling 1-888-808-1910. You'll have to provide your name or your business' name, mailing address and telephone number, the primary premises and up to three secondary locations, a contact person who would have knowledge of the movement of the animals, the type of operation and the type of livestock you are keeping. You'll receive a card with your premises number in the mail. If you set up an online account, you can access your account online when you need to renew your number, you can renew online at <http://www.wiid.org/content/premises-renewal>, or you can call 1-888-808-1910.

Question: *What if I don't register?*

Answer: According to the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium, penalties for violations will generally range from \$200.00 to \$5,000.00.

Question: *Where do I go for more information?*

Answer: You can visit [the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer protection at: http://datcp.wi.gov](http://datcp.wi.gov) or the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium at: <http://www.wiid.org>.