

# ANIMAL INDUSTRY UPDATES



## NEW WORLD SCREWWORM UPDATE

The battle to stop the northern march of New World Screwworm continues. Stopping the spread will require ongoing vigilance by all of us. Please report any suspicious findings to your IDALS District Veterinarian or the State Veterinarian's Office at 515-281-5305.

Animals infested with NWS may display the following clinical signs:

- Irritated behavior
- Head shaking
- Smell of decay
- Presence of larvae in open wounds

For more information, visit the [USDA New World Screwworm website](#). Information about the current outbreak in Central America and Mexico can be found at [USDA New World Screwworm Current Status](#).

For human health concerns, contact your primary care physician immediately. More information about the risks NWS poses to humans is available at [CDC.gov](#).

## 2026 EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS

Fair season will be upon us before we know it. The [2026 Exhibition Requirements](#) have been signed and are now available. No changes have been made from last year. If you have any questions, please contact your IDALS District Veterinarian. As a reminder all animals coming from out of state must meet the state of [Iowa import requirements](#).

## USDA OFFERS FREE SWINE EID TAGS

USDA has made available electronic identification (EID) 840 ear tags for the identification of swine. The tags are available for sow and exhibition swine producers. Tags can be ordered directly from Merck Animal Health at <http://www.840swinetags.com> soon. Producers must have a valid premises identification number. For questions regarding PINs, please contact Dee Clausen at 515-281-8236 or [Delores.clausen@iowaagriculture.gov](mailto:Delores.clausen@iowaagriculture.gov)

## ELECTRONIC CVIS

Electronic CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) provide many benefits: easier to complete, automatically sent to origin and destination, easy to share with clients, saves time, stored electronically. IDALS offers [Vet CVI](#) as a free platform to create electronic CVIs. This app can be used on your computer, tablet or mobile device.

## PREMISES IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PINS)

PINs assign a unique identification number to sites where livestock are housed and aid in disease response and producer outreach. Veterinarians can encourage producers to obtain Premises Identification Numbers (PIN) for their sites. You can find an [informational flyer](#) and [application](#) on IDALS website. Under Iowa law, IDALS can keep information associated with a PIN confidential.

## STATE HOLIDAYS

- January 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

515-281-5305

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