

Heritage Chicken Owners and Premises Identification

In Alberta, if you are an owner of heritage chickens and/or livestock animals, you must apply for a Premises Identification (PID) Account and obtain a PID Number for the land location where your heritage chickens are located.

Premises Identification (PID), one of the pillars of traceability, links livestock and poultry to land locations or premises. Alberta's PID Program was established to plan for, control, and prevent the spread of animal diseases. It is also used as an early warning system to notify animal owners of a natural disaster such as a flood or fire that could affect their animals or operations. Regulations requiring premises identification became law January 1, 2009 as part of the *Animal Health Act*.

You will need to have a PID Number to buy medication for your heritage chickens and/or livestock animals at retail outlets (this requirement took effect on July 1, 2014 as part of amendments to the Animal Health Act).

You can apply for and obtain a PID Account **online** by visiting:

<https://www.alberta.ca/register-with-the-animal-premises-identification-program>

Online registration is a simple 5 step process that only takes a few minutes to complete. By registering online you will have direct access to your information and the ability to immediately make any changes to it.

For additional information on Premises Identification, contact the Alberta Ag-Info Centre toll-free at 310-FARM (3276) or your local ARD Field Office.

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