USDA (840) Approved Tags
These types of tags have a unique 15-digit number beginning with 840, are tamper resistant, and bear the U.S. shield. 840 tags may only be applied to swine born in the U.S. and may be obtained from USDA approved manufacturers, or their distributors. A Standardized National Premises Identification Number (PIN) is required to purchase ‘840’ tags or devices.

NUES Tags - Metal
Metal National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tags are approved as official identification in swine. These metal tags are available through MDARD at no cost.

NUES Tags for Exhibition - Plastic
Only fairs may order official plastic NUES tags for use in exhibition swine from MDARD, at no cost. The plastic tags are grouped for distribution and may be used by fairs as their show ID and official ID.

Ear notches or breed registry tattoos are allowed if recorded with a purebred registry association and official documentation accompanies the animals.

Contact MDARD for your premises ID number and to order NUES tags:

P.O. Box 30017
Lansing, MI 48909
Tel: (800) 292-3939
Fax: (916) 900-5333
michigan.gov/animalimports
aphis.usda.gov/traceability

For identification methods of companion swine (mini pigs, pot belly) please contact MDARD’s Animal Traceability Program at (517) 284-5674.