National Livestock Identification System requirements - agricultural shows, events and rodeos

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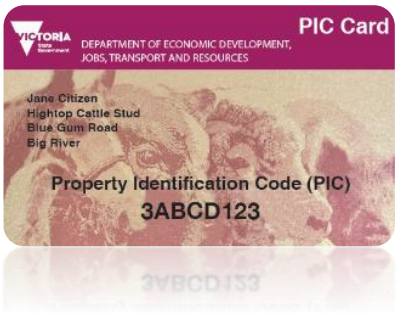
It is vital that livestock can be identified and tracked from their property of birth to slaughter. Traceability protects human health, maintains public confidence and supports the increasing demand of consumers for healthy and safe foods. The National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) is used in Australia to identify and track livestock.

As agricultural events involve the congregation and movement of livestock, ensuring that you use robust livestock traceability practices and meet legislative requirements is very important.

Those operating agricultural shows, events and rodeos are required to ensure that livestock are correctly identified, scanned and 'sighted' on the NLIS database.



Agricultural shows, livestock event and rodeo operators must:

☑ **Obtain a Property Identification Code (PIC)**

- ensure a PIC is registered to the property at which they run the show, event or rodeo
- ensure the PIC details are up-to-date

PICs can be obtained or updated online at **www.pic.agriculture.vic.gov.au** or by calling the Agriculture Victoria NLIS Helpline.

☑ **Obtain an NLIS account**

- a 'sporting event' NLIS account is required to enable a 'sighted' function to be performed

An NLIS account can be obtained online at **www.nlis.com.au** or by calling the NLIS Database Helpdesk.

☑ **Ensure that all livestock present are tagged with an NLIS (Cattle) or NLIS (Sheep) as appropriate**

- if an animal is untagged, is incorrectly tagged or has a non-reading device, an orange (cattle) or pink (sheep & goats) Post-Breeder tag bearing the PIC of the show, event or rodeo must be affixed to the animal's ear
- a non-reading NLIS tag must be removed before being replaced.

Post-Breeder tags can be ordered online at **www.tags.agriculture.vic.gov.au** or by calling the **Agriculture Victoria NLIS Helpline** on **1800 678 779** and must be ordered in time to be available for use at an event.

Sheep and goats dispatched to an event from interstate must be identified in accordance with the legal requirements of the jurisdiction from which they were dispatched.

Scan livestock tags

- all cattle, sheep and goats present at an agricultural show, event or rodeo must be scanned
- if event operators do not have access to a scanner, they can be borrowed from an Agriculture Victoria Animal Health staff member, or a contractor can be engaged to undertake the scanning.

Upload the following data by completing a 'sighted movement' on the NLIS database

- Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) internal number, or visually read external NLIS tag number for each animal
- date of scanning at the event
- PIC of the property for the event
- Event name or description e.g Benalla A & P Society Spring Show 2018

The sighted movement **must** be completed within **two days** of the event.

Further information about completing the sighted transfer can be obtained from the *Tech Tip (NLIS Database) Sighted Livestock* or by contacting the NLIS Database Helpdesk.

For assistance contact:

Agriculture Victoria

Agriculture Victoria NLIS Helpline operates between 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Phone: 1800 678 779

Email: nlis.victoria@ecodev.vic.gov.au

Website: www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/nlis

NLIS Database Helpdesk

Integrity Systems Company operates the NLIS Database Helpdesk from 9am-5pm (Sydney time), Monday-Friday.

Phone: 1800 654 743

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