## Frade and Consumer Department of Agriculture,

## Wisconsin Livestock Owners Encouraged to Renew Their Premises Registration for 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 6, 2025

Contact: Molly Mueller, Public Information Officer, (608) 910-1929

molly.mueller@wisconsin.gov

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), in partnership with the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC), is asking every livestock owner to renew and update their livestock premises registration. State law requires that all livestock\* owners register where their animals are kept, and current registrants must renew their premises registration by July 31, 2025.

Registrants can contact WLIC to renew. All registrants should have received email registration notifications from DATCP; however, registrants without email addresses will receive a letter this spring. Livestock owners must register their premises regardless of the number of animals they keep. There is no cost to register. DATCP uses the information to rapidly respond to animal disease outbreaks to protect animal health, the food supply, public safety, and Wisconsin's agriculture economy. Registrant information is never shared or sold commercially. Examples of locations that require registration include:

- Farms and hobby farms
- Backyard poultry flocks
- Veterinary clinics with large animal hospital facilities
- Stables
- Livestock exhibitions, markets, and feedlots
- Dealers and haulers that keep livestock on their property
- Slaughter, rendering, and dead animal facilities
- Any other location where livestock is kept or congregated

Registration renewal is required every three years. By reviewing the information on the renewal form and providing any updates to WLIC, current registrants can renew their premises registration or, as required, report that they no longer house livestock.

## Registering or Renewing a Premises

Those who need to register a new location can find more information on DATCP's website. Failing to register a premises can result in fines and ineligibility for state indemnity payments if animals are condemned due to disease exposure.

Livestock owners can register new premises or renew previous registrations by:

- Following the instructions included in the email directing to review their existing premises registration information directly online
- Visiting https://wiid.org/premises-registration-renewal/
- Calling WLIC at (888) 808-1910
- Downloading and mailing a paper application or returning the renewal form

Registrants will receive confirmation once their registration or renewal is processed. Premises ID numbers may be required by certain municipalities, organizations, and/or fairs.

\*Livestock in Wisconsin includes: Cattle and other bovine animals; swine; poultry; sheep; goats; horses and other equine animals; farm-raised deer and other cervids; gamebirds including pheasants, quail, wild turkeys, migrating waterfowl, pigeons, and exotic birds raised in captivity; bison; llamas and other South American camelids; ratites such as emus and ostriches; and farm-raised fish.

###