

## Swine Identification Requirements

As of October 1, 2012, the Swine Identification Rule became effective. What this means is that any pig (even a show pig) that is transported over public roads in North Carolina has to be identified by an ear notch, slap tattoo or Brite Tag. The means of ID have to be approved by the NC Department of Agriculture. Failing to meet this requirement can result in a fine of \$5000 per animal. The reason for this ruling is to try and prevent the transportation of feral hogs into and around the state. These feral animals can bring disease into the domestic herd that could be economically devastating. Some frequently asked questions and the answers concerning this rule can be found here: <http://www.ncagr.gov/ncfarmid/documents/SwineIDBillFAQ.pdf>



A Brite Tag

If you plan to show pigs at the April show, these animals have to be identified before you can transport them home. Check with the pig producer you will buy them from to make sure they can do that for you. The Livestock Show committee has purchased some ear tags that should be applied prior to moving the pigs to the show barn. These tags will be given to the counties that have exhibited swine in the past, which are Orange, Person and Wake. If you are not in one of these counties, but intend to show swine in April; please contact your livestock or 4-H agent so that tags can be provided to you. If you have questions, please contact your Extension office.

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