

21—64.211(163) Approved terminal feedlots. Approved terminal feedlots allow purchasers of young sexually intact feeder animals from out of state to bring those animals into Iowa without official identification provided that the animals are restricted to an inspected and approved premises and all are delivered to slaughter by 18 months of age.

64.211(1) Requirements for approved terminal feedlots. All sexually intact animals of out-of-state origin that have arrived without official identification must be moved directly to slaughter by 18 months of age. Other sheep or goats that require official identification may be maintained on the premises provided that the requirements described herein are met. The approved terminal feedlot premises must be designated as either:

a. Feeder-only premises. Feeder-only premises may contain only feeder animals destined to slaughter by 18 months of age.

b. Breeding flock/slaughter-only premises. The breeding flock/slaughter-only premises allows a breeding flock to be maintained on the site. All offspring must be sent to slaughter by 18 months of age (except as noted below), and do not require official ID provided that the slaughter animals move directly to slaughter. Adult animals must be identified, and any of their offspring retained as replacement breeding stock must have official ID applied prior to weaning. Production, inventory, purchase, and sales records will be inspected on all breeding animals.

c. Separate operation premises. The separate operation premises allows animals other than the nonidentified feeder animals to be kept on site, and sold other than to slaughter, but these animals must be separated from the feeder animals by a distance of 30 feet or by a solid wall that prevents contact or the passage of fluids. Offspring must be identified prior to weaning. Records must account for the arrival and dispersal of each individual animal in the separate flock, and there shall be no identification exemption on these animals.

All three types of approved terminal feedlot premises require that all nonidentified feeder animals be moved directly to slaughter, or another approved terminal feedlot, prior to 18 months of age. These animals may only be sold through a licensed market or licensed dealer if the owner identifies sexually intact animals with official blue metal “meat only” tags, and the animals are sold to slaughter.

64.211(2) Identification at approved terminal feedlots. Out-of-state origin sexually intact feeder animals moved to an approved terminal feedlot will be exempted from identification requirements provided that the feedlot maintains compliance with all rules and regulations governing approved terminal feedlots.

64.211(3) Registration of approved terminal feedlots. All approved terminal feedlots must obtain a permit issued by the department. Approved terminal feedlots will be subject to periodic records and premises inspections. The department shall assign an approved terminal feedlot number for each approved terminal feedlot facility.

64.211(4) Records for approved terminal feedlots. All approved terminal feedlots must maintain appropriate records for a period of five years. Records will include Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for all animals of out-of-state origin received by the facility and slaughter records sufficient to conduct inventory reconciliation. If a breeding flock or any other sheep or goats that require official identification are maintained on the same premises, then records shall also include an inventory of animals, lambing and kidding records, bills of sale, slaughter receipts, and any Certificates of Veterinary Inspection sufficient to account for the acquisition and dispersal of all animals. Failure to maintain appropriate records shall be grounds for revocation of the feedlot permit. All animals without official identification must be moved directly to slaughter, and movement to slaughter must be completed before any of the animals reach the age of 18 months. If blue metal “meat only” tags are applied, then records on tags applied must be maintained and shall consist of serial tag numbers, origin of the group(s) (state, market, or individual), date of tagging, and destination (date sold and buyer).