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608-848-5237[lketterhagen@wiid.org](mailto:lketterhagen@wiid.org)**January 1<sup>st</sup> Premises Registration Reminder for Livestock Owners**

**VERONA, WI (December 21, 2005)** The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC) are issuing a reminder to livestock owners not currently licensed by the DATCP who keep, house or co-mingle livestock to register their premises by January 1, 2006. Those premises currently licensed by DATCP must register by their annual license renewal dates.

“January 1<sup>st</sup> is the date when livestock premises not licensed by the DATCP need to be registered in the state, those premises currently licensed by DATCP need to register their premises by their license renewal date in 2006,” states Dr. Paul McGraw, Assistant State Veterinarian, regarding the deadlines.

The purpose of premises registration is to provide basic information to animal health officials in the event of an animal disease outbreak. Premises registration applies not only to large farms but also to any rural or city residence housing any type of livestock species, regardless of number.

Serving as DATCP’s agent, WLIC maintains and administers all registrations, confirmations and communications regarding premises registrations. Current premises cards bearing either a WLIC or DATCP logo are valid through 2006. Renewals for non-licensed entities will be contacted in the fall of 2006 to verify accuracy.

Premises are defined as: farms and hobby farms; veterinary clinics; stables, livestock markets; livestock trucker and dealer premises where animals are kept; slaughter and rendering facilities; livestock exhibitions; and any other location where livestock are kept.

There are four ways to register premises: computer registration at <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/premises/index.jsp> or [www.wiid.org](http://www.wiid.org) is available by clicking on the link for Premises Registration; a premises registration form can be mailed directly in response to anyone who calls 1-888-808-1910; on-line registration or paper forms can be completed at a county Farm Service Agency (FSA) office; and premises may be registered through a WLIC agent listed at [www.wiid.org](http://www.wiid.org).

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