



Registering where you keep livestock in England

If you keep livestock (cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, and deer), including as pets, you are legally a 'keeper', and you must register where you keep your animals, known as your 'holding', with government.

It is vital government always knows where animals are kept, even temporarily, otherwise investigating and controlling disease outbreaks can be severely hampered.

To ensure your land and livestock locations are correctly registered please follow these steps:

Step 1: Apply for a County Parish Holding (CPH) number for land or buildings you will use to keep livestock by contacting the Rural Payments Agency (RPA).

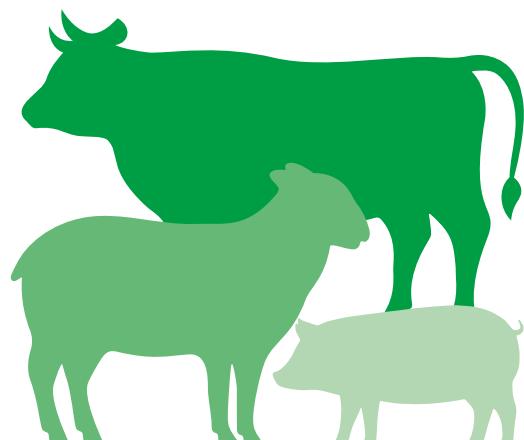
The RPA will register the land you use on a permanent basis and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) will register any additional seasonal/temporary arrangements (see below).

Temporary land associations and temporary CPHs

If you plan to temporarily (for less than a year) keep your livestock on someone else's land, or in their buildings, you must apply to APHA for a temporary land association (TLA) or a temporary CPH (tCPH). You cannot apply for a tCPH or TLA if your livestock will mix with someone else's livestock at that location. TLAs and tCPHs must be re-applied for annually.

Temporary land associations (TLAs):

- A TLA associates the land or buildings you're using temporarily to your existing permanent CPH number.
- You can apply for a TLA if the land or buildings are within ten miles of the main area you keep livestock (your permanent CPH). You can treat the land or buildings as part of the CPH they are associated to, so you do not need to record or report livestock movements between your CPH and the TLA land or buildings.
- You may not move animals off the TLA if the CPH it's associated to is under a standstill.
- If you keep bovine animals, the land or buildings must be in the same bovine TB risk area as the CPH they are associated to.



Temporary CPHs (tCPHs):

- You will need a tCPH number if the land or buildings are more than ten miles from the main area you keep livestock (your permanent CPH).
- All movements between the t(CPH) and your permanent CPH must be recorded and reported.
- Standstill rules also apply. However, the land can be in a different bovine TB disease risk area from your permanent CPH.

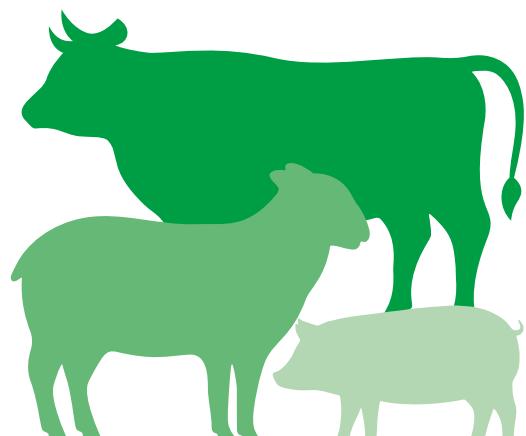
Note: You may be allocated a 7000 series landless keeper CPH number by the RPA for your permanent registration if you do not own the land where you keep livestock. If so you must also get a TLA or tCPH; APHA will be unable to issue a herd or flock mark without an active TLA or tCPH in place.

Step 2: Register with APHA to get a flock or herd mark. Your flock or herd mark is used along with an animal number to mark your animals (usually with tags).

You should register before you move the livestock onto the temporary land or into the temporary buildings where you will keep them.

Step 3: Keep your registration up to date.
You must let government know if you stop keeping livestock, change the species you keep, or change where you are keeping them.

- If you intend to add or remove land to or from your holding permanently, contact the RPA.
- For changes to temporary land use contact the APHA Temporary Land Team.
- For changes to the livestock species you keep, or to register/deregister your livestock account, contact the APHA Customer Registration Team.



Contact information

The Rural Payments Agency

Call: 03000 200 301

Apply for a CPH in England with the RPA here:

www.gov.uk/rpa/apply-for-cph-number

The Animal and Plant Health Agency

Call: 03000 200 301

To register with APHA to get a flock or herd mark visit:

www.gov.uk/apha/get-flock-or-herd-mark

or email: customer.registration@apha.gov.uk

For more information on TLAs and tCPHs and to apply visit:

www.gov.uk/apha/register-temporary-livestock-holding

Or email: temporaryland@apha.gov.uk

If you stop keeping livestock or change the species you keep, contact the Customer Registration Team:

customer.registration@apha.gov.uk