

# National Scrapie Eradication Program Record Guide for Sheep and Goats



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Records are an important tool in eradicating scrapie. This booklet is intended to be helpful to producers as a best practices guide for keeping scrapie-required records.



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Your Scrapie Flock ID#:

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**To Order Scrapie Tags Call:  
1-866-USDA TAG (873-2824)**

## Tips for Tagging\*

Sheep and goats only need to be officially identified when leaving the premises\*\* or when sold to another owner.

Do not buy animals of any age that may be used for breeding or sheep over 18 months of age for any purpose unless they have official ID applied.

If you're selling or buying breeding animals—they need to be officially identified, prior to or at the time of sale.

If selling groups of animals that are tagged as a sequential group at the time of the sale, it is acceptable to list the first and last number in the series of the tags applied, as long as a sequential series of tag numbers is used and noted.

\* These tips will ensure compliance, however they do not include all exceptions.

\*\* Depending on the state: sheep moved for grazing or similar management purposes without change of ownership may not need official ID.

TIPS

### **Tips for Tattooing**

Registered animals may be identified with a registration tattoo as long as the animal is accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate listing the current owner. Alternatively, for animals that are not registered, the Flock/ Herd ID assigned by USDA may be tattooed in the right ear and the animal number unique within the flock/herd in the left ear.

Do not buy animals of any age that may be used for breeding or sheep over 18 months of age for any purpose unless they have official ID applied. If you are selling or buying breeding sheep/goats, they need to be officially identified prior to the time of sale.

### **Please Note**

The information in this publication is accurate for most states and most situations.

However, because the sheep and goat industries vary greatly from state-to-state, scrapie identification / movement regulations may also vary.

For example some states have set higher standards for various categories of sheep and goats, than those of the National Scrapie Eradication Program. In addition, for very practical reasons, some states have different movement regulations.

For the most current information on your state (or states you might be shipping to), contact your state's animal health office. Telephone numbers are listed on pages 37-40.

## Ordering Official Tags

All official NSEP ID tags have the U.S. shield.

To order program tags compliant with USDA and state regulations, call 1-866-USDA-TAG (873-2824).

This office can place a tag order for Flock/Herd ID tags or in some cases, directly send serial tags at no cost to you, the producer. Alternatively, several types of official sheep/goat eartags in a variety of colors may be purchased directly from the approved tag manufacturers listed on page 5.

**Flock/Herd ID tags may only be used to identify sheep or goats that are part of a flock. Market operators, dealers, feedlots operators, and owners of similar operations must use serial tags to identify sheep and goats.**

If you use registry tattoos, provide your herd's registration prefix and ask that it be used as your Scrapie Flock/Herd ID number in conjunction with your postal abbreviation.

## Approved Tag Manufacturers

### ALLFLEX USA

P.O. Box 612266, 2805 East 12th Street  
Dallas Fort Worth Airport, TX 75261-2266  
Phone: (972) 456-3686;  
Fax (972) 456-3882  
E-mail: kcarrell@allflexusa.com  
Web: www.allflexusa.com  
Contact: Ms. Kristi Carrell

### Global Animal Management

816 North 1400 East, Logan, UT 84321-3630  
Phone: (435)752-1627; Fax (435) 752-1632  
E-mail: michael.coe@mygamonline.com  
Web: www.mygamonline.com  
Contact: Dr. Michael Coe

### Hasco Tag Company

P.O. Box 74130, Dayton, KY 41074-0130  
Phone: (859) 261-6000; Fax: (859) 261-6002  
E-mail: hasco\_tags@fuse.net  
Web: www.hascotag.com  
Contact: Mr. Tom Haas, Ms. Linda Gerkin, Ms. Cheri Willis

### National Band and Tag Company

721 York Street, P.O. Box 72430, Newport, KY 41072-0430  
Phone: (859)-261-2035; Fax: 1-800-261-8247  
E-mail: tags@nationalband.com  
Web: http://www.nationalband.com  
Contact: Mr. Kevin Haas

### Premier Sheep Supplies, Ltd.

2031 300th Street, Washington, IA 52353  
Phone: (800) 282-6631; Fax: (800) 346-7992  
E-mail: ssexton@premier1supplies.com  
Web: www.premier1supplies.com  
Contact: Ms. Stephanie Sexton

### Sheep Required to be Tagged

The following sheep are required to be identified by federal and/or state regulation as part of the National Scrapie Eradication Program.

- All breeding animals regardless of age when sold or ownership changes.
- All sexually intact sheep NOT in slaughter channels. For instance, all show sheep need ID.
- All scrapie-exposed and scrapie-suspect sheep.
- All sheep over 18 months of age.

Individual states may have more stringent ID regulations. Call your state veterinarian (see pages 37-40) for more information.

### Goats Required to Be Identified

The following goats are required to be identified by federal and/or state regulations as part of the National Scrapie Eradication Program.

- All goats when change of ownership occurs except:
  - Low risk commercial goats\* exempted by state, and
  - Goats in slaughter channels
- All sexually intact goats for exhibition
- All scrapie-exposed and scrapie-suspect goats.

Individual states may have more stringent ID regulations. Call your state's veterinarian (see pages 37-40) for more information.

\* Definition of Low-Risk Commercial Goat

- Are raised for fiber and/or meat;
- Are not registered or exhibited;
- Have not been exposed to sheep;
- Are not scrapie-positive, scrapie-high risk, or scrapie-exposed; and are not from scrapie-infected or source herd.

### **If You are Identifying with Tattoos...**

Use of registration tattoos is a privilege.

Owners must assure legibility of tattoos.

Owners must assist with tattoo reading process.  
Provide light to assist with reading.

Owners must keep accurate inventory records.

A copy of the registration certificate must accompany the animal in order for a registration tattoo to be used as official ID.

Culled breeding animals must be traceable to herd of origin.

### **How to Use the Record Form for National Scrapie Eradication Program Official Tag and Tattoo\*:**

**Official Scrapie ID number** = numbers on the USDA official Scrapie tag or official tattoo or approved radio frequency ID device

1. If you are selling or buying breeding animal - they need to have official identification, prior to or at the time of sale.

2. When buying sheep/goats, fill out the Form for Recording National Scrapie Eradication Program Official Tag and Tattoo.

3. When selling sheep/goats, fill out the Form for Recording National Scrapie Eradication Program Official Tag and Tattoo.

4. If selling groups of animals that are tagged as a sequential group at the time of sale, it is acceptable to list the first and last number in the series of the tags applied, as long as a sequential series of tag numbers is used and noted.

\*Utilize for your sheep and goats records.

**NOTE: Records must be kept for 5 years after the animal is sold or otherwise disposed.**

*Italicized information not required.*

**FOR SHEEP AND GOATS**

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RECORDS





**State Veterinarian (SV) & Area  
Veterinarian-in-Charge (AVIC) (cont'd)**

<b>Indiana</b> SV: 317-227-0300 AVIC: 317-347-3100	<b>Massachusetts</b> SV: 617-626-1795 AVIC: 508-363-2290
<b>Iowa</b> SV: 515-281-5305 AVIC: 515-284-4140	<b>Michigan</b> SV: 517-373-8200 AVIC: 517-324-5290
<b>Kansas</b> SV: 785-296-2326 AVIC: 785-270-1300	<b>Minnesota</b> SV: 651-296-2942 AVIC: 651-290-3691
<b>Kentucky</b> SV: 502-564-3956 AVIC: 502-848-2040	<b>Mississippi</b> SV: 601-359-1170 AVIC: 601-965-4307
<b>Louisiana</b> SV: 225-925-3980 AVIC: 225-389-0436	<b>Missouri</b> SV: 573-751-3377 AVIC: 573-636-3116
<b>Maine</b> SV: 207-287-3701 AVIC: 508-363-2290	<b>Montana</b> SV: 406-444-2043 AVIC: 406-449-2220
<b>Maryland</b> SV: 410-841-5782 AVIC: 410-349-9708	<b>Nebraska</b> SV: 402-471-2351 AVIC: 402-434-2300

**State Veterinarian (SV) & Area  
Veterinarian-in-Charge (AVIC) (cont'd)**

<b>Nevada</b> SV: 775-688-1180 AVIC: 916-854-3950	<b>Ohio</b> SV: 614-728-6220 AVIC: 717-237-7440
<b>New Hampshire</b> SV: 603-271-2404 AVIC: 508-363-2272	<b>Oklahoma</b> SV: 580-522-6131 AVIC: 405-751-1701
<b>New Jersey</b> SV: 609-292-3965 AVIC: 609-259-8387	<b>Oregon</b> SV: 503-986-4680 AVIC: 503-399-5871
<b>New Mexico</b> SV: 505-841-6163 AVIC: 505-761-3160	<b>Pennsylvania</b> SV: 717-772-2852 AVIC: 717-237-7440
<b>New York</b> SV: 518-457-3502 AVIC: 518-218-7540	<b>Puerto Rico</b> SV: 787-796-1650 AVIC: 787-766-6050
<b>North Carolina</b> SV: 919-733-7601 AVIC: 919-855-7700	<b>Rhode Island</b> SV: 401-222-2781 x4503 AVIC: 508-363-2290
<b>North Dakota</b> SV: 701-328-2657 AVIC: 701-250-4210	

**State Veterinarian (SV) & Area  
Veterinarian-in-Charge (AVIC) (cont'd)**

**South Carolina**

SV: 803-788-2260  
x234  
AVIC: 803-788-1919

**South Dakota**

SV: 605-773-3321  
AVIC: 605-224-6186

**Tennessee**

SV: 615-837-5120  
AVIC: 615-781-5310

**Texas**

SV: 512-719-0700  
AVIC: 512-383-2400

**Utah**

SV: 801-538-7160  
AVIC: 801-524-5010

**Vermont**

SV: 802-828-2421  
AVIC: 508-363-2290

**Virgin Islands**

SV: 340-778-0991  
AVIC: 787-766-6050

**Virginia**

SV: 804-786-2483  
AVIC: 804-343-2560

**Washington**

SV: 360-902-1878  
AVIC: 360-753-9430

**West Virginia**

SV: 304-558-2214  
AVIC: 614-856-4735

**Wisconsin**

SV: 608-224-4872  
AVIC: 608-662-0600

**Wyoming**

SV: 307-777-6443  
AVIC: 307-432-7960

**9 CFR 79.6  
NATIONAL SCRAPIE  
ERADICATION PROGRAM  
Sec. 79.6 Standards for States to  
qualify as Consistent States**

(a) In reviewing a State for Consistent State Status, the Administrator will evaluate the State statutes, regulations, and directives pertaining to animal health activities; reports and publications of the State animal health agency; and a written statement from the State animal health agency describing State scrapie control activities and certifying that these activities meet the requirements of this section. In determining whether a State is a Consistent State, the Administrator will determine whether the State:

(1) Has the authority, based on State law or regulation, to restrict the movement of all scrapie-infected and source flocks.

(2) Has the authority, based on State law or regulation, to require the reporting of any animal suspected of having scrapie and test results for any animals tested for scrapie to State or Federal animal health authorities.

(3) Has, in cooperation with APHIS personnel, drafted and signed a memorandum of understanding between APHIS and the State that delineates the respective roles of each in the National Scrapie Program implementation.

(4) Has placed all known scrapie-infected and source flocks under movement restrictions, with movement of animals only to slaughter, to feedlots under permit and movement restrictions that ensure later movement to slaughter, for destruction, or for research. Scrapie-positive and suspect animals maybe moved only for transport to an approved research facility or for purposes of destruction.

(5) Has effectively implemented policies to:

(i) Investigate all animals reported as scrapie suspect animals within 7 days of notification;

(ii) Designate a flock's status, within 15 days of notification that the flock contains a scrapie-positive animal, based on an investigation by State or Federal animal health authorities and in accordance with this part;

(iii) Restrict the movement, in accordance with paragraph(a)(4) of this section, of newly designated scrapie-infected and source flocks within 7 days after they are designated in accordance with Sec. 79.4;

(iv) Relieve infected and source flock movement restrictions only after completion of a flock plan created in accordance with Sec. 54.14 of this chapter or a flock plan created in accordance with an approved scrapie control pilot project, or as permitted by the conditions of such a flock plan, and after agreement by the owner to comply with a 5-year post-exposure management and monitoring plan;

(v) Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of source and infected flocks that includes the designation of high-risk and exposed animals and that identifies animals to be traced;

(vi) Conduct tracebacks of scrapie-positive animals and traceouts of high-risk and exposed animals and report any out-of-State traces to the appropriate State within 45 days of receipt of notification of a scrapie-positive animal; and

(vii) Conduct tracebacks based on slaughter sampling within 15 days of receipt of notification of a scrapie-positive animal at slaughter.

(6) Effectively monitors and enforces quarantines.

(7) Effectively enforces State reporting laws and regulations for scrapie.

(8) Has designated at least one APHIS or State animal health official to coordinate scrapie program activities in the State and to serve as the designated scrapie epidemiologist in the State.

(9) Has educated those engaged in the interstate movement of sheep and goats regarding the identification and recordkeeping requirements of this part.

(10) Has provided APHIS with a plan and timeline for complying with the following additional requirements, which must be met within 2 years of designation of the State as a Consistent State \5\:

(i) Requires, based on State law or regulation, and effectively enforces official identification upon change of ownership of all animals of any age not in slaughter channels and any sheep over 18 months of age as evidenced by eruption of the second incisor such that the animal may be traced to its flock of birth; provided that:

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5\ This provision would apply until January 1, 2003. Any State designated as a Consistent State after that date would have to meet all requirements prior to designation.  
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(a) A State may exempt commercial goats in intrastate commerce that have not been in contact with sheep from this identification requirement if there has been in that State no case of scrapie in a commercial goat in the past 10 years that originated in that State and cannot be attributed to exposure to infected sheep, and there are no exposed commercial goat herds in that State; and

(b) A State may exempt commercial white-faced sheep or commercial hair sheep under 18 months of age in intrastate commerce from this identification requirement if there has been in that State no case of scrapie in the exempted class that originated from that State, and there are no exposed commercial whitefaced or hair sheep flocks in that State that have been exposed by a female animal

(c) States that exempt these types of commercial animals must put in place the regulations necessary to require identification of these animals within 90 days of these conditions no longer existing.

(ii) Maintains in the National Scrapie Database administered by APHIS, or in a State database approved by the Administrator as compatible with the National Scrapie Database, the State's:

(a) Premises information and assigned premises numbers and individual identification number sequences assigned for use as premises identification;

(b) Individual animal information on all scrapie-positive, suspect, high-risk, and exposed animals in the State;

(c) Individual animal information on all out-of-State animals to be traced; and

(d) Accurate flock status data.

(iii) Requires official individual identification of any live scrapie-positive, suspect, or high-risk animal of any age and of any sexually intact exposed animal of more than 1 year of age or any sexually intact exposed animal of less than 1 year of age upon change of ownership (except for exposed animals moving in slaughter channels at less than 1 year of age), whether or not the animal resides in a source or infected flock.

(iv) Effectively enforces movement restrictions on all scrapie-positive, suspect, and high-risk

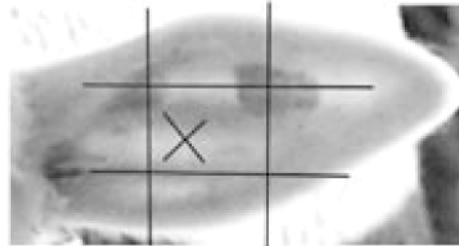
animals throughout their lives unless they are moved in accordance with Sec. 79.3.

(v) Requires that tissues from all scrapie-positive or suspect animals and female high-risk animals that have lambed (when they have died or have been destroyed) be submitted to a laboratory authorized by the Administrator to conduct scrapie tests and requires complete destruction of the carcasses of scrapie-positive and suspect animals.

(vi) Prohibits any animal from being removed from slaughter channels unless it is identified to the flock of birth, is not from an Inconsistent State, and is not scrapie-exposed or from an infected or sourceflock.

(B) If the Administrator determines that statutory changes are needed to bring a State into full compliance, the Administrator may grant up to a 2-year extension to allow a State to acquire additional authorities before removing a State's Consistent Status. The decision to grant an extension will be based on the State's ability to prevent the movement of scrapie-infected animals out of the State and on the progress being made in making the needed statutory changes.

### Suggested ID Tag Placement





If the animal leaves or arrives at the farm due to purchase, sale or show; that Scrapie ID tagging record must be kept for 5 years from that point of time.



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