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A New Sign Encouraging Producers to Tag Sheep and Goats to Comply with Scrapie Requirements is Now Available in Spanish

Colorado Springs, Colorado – A sign encouraging sheep and goat producers to follow scrapie compliance requirements by ordering free USDA tags is now available in Spanish.

The sign prominently displays 1-866-USDA-TAG, the toll-free number to call and order free official USDA tags and applicators. The sign also notes that official identification of most sheep and goats in commerce is required.

Proper tagging is vital to the success of the National Scrapie Eradication Program; it is hoped that this sign will help producers comply with the scrapie program animal identification requirements.

The 18-x-12-inch sign is printed on laminated, weather resistant stock, so it's ideal for sale barns, terminal markets, exhibition halls and other facilities where sheep and goat producers might bring their livestock, as well as veterinary and extension offices and clinics.

The sign is also available for preview at www.eradicatescrapie.org in PDF format. An order form to request your free sign is also available at this web address. Bulk orders can be placed on the website, or by contacting Scrapie@AnimalAgriculture.org.

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Services, which administers NSEP.

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¿NECESITA ARETES? Llame gratis al 1-866-873-2824

1-866-USDA-TAG

Se requiere la identificación oficial de la mayoría de las ovejas y cabras comercializadas. ¡Cumpla hoy mismo al pedir GRATIS sus aretes y aplicadores oficiales del Departamento de Agricultura.



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