

Attention Junior Fair Sheep & Goat Exhibitors

Mandatory Scrapie Information

~ Permanent identification is mandatory for all sheep and goats. ~

Who must have Scrapie Identification before coming to May Taggings, & Weigh-Ins?

- ~ Market Lambs – Ewes & Wethers
- ~ Market Goat – Does & Wethers

Who must have Scrapie Identification before doing online entries in June?

- ~ Breeding Sheep - Rams & Ewes
- ~ Dairy Goats – Does
- ~ Pygmy Goats – Does & Wethers
- ~ Production Meat Goats - Does

What forms of Scrapie Identification are acceptable?

- ~ USDA provided ear tags
- ~ USDA approved ear tags
- ~ USDA assigned tattoos
- ~ Registration tattoos that are accompanied by the original registration papers

Who is responsible for making sure the animals have proper Scrapie Identification?

- ~ If you purchase them, it is the responsibility of the seller. The Scrapie ID needs to be able to be tracked back to the farm where the animal was born.
- ~ If you are breeding and raising the animals, it is your responsibility to register with USDA.

How do I get USDA provided, approved or assigned tags or tattoos?

- ~ You need to call the Ohio office of USDA, APHIS at 614-856-4735.
- ~ Fill out the sheet attached to this packet and send it to the appropriate address at the bottom of the page.



Official ID Types for Sheep and Goats

Ear Tags:

- Official ear tags are those approved for use in sheep and goats **with the US shield printed onto the tag**

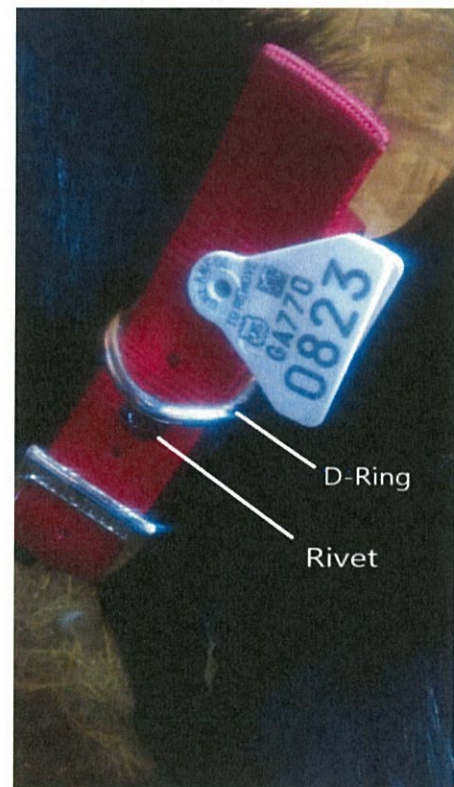


- Ear tags come in various shapes, sizes, colors and numerical sequences (examples below)



Animals with Absent or Injured Ears:

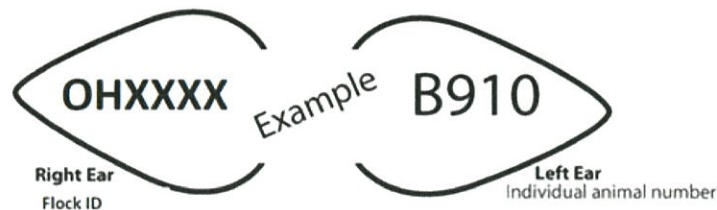
- Animals that cannot be ear tagged **because of absent or injured ears** may have the official ear tag attached to a durable neck strap or collar that can only be removed by cutting the strap, collar or ear tag and which must accommodate the expected growth of the animal, which may include:
 - Placing the tag at the end of the collar after the "D" ring which must be small enough that the tag cannot be pulled through (pictures below)
 - Overlapping the collar in such a way that the tag pierces through the overlapped portion of the collar
 - Placing a rivet through the collar so that the rivet or the collar must be cut to remove the collar with attached ID
- The neck strap or collar with ear tag must be treated the same as an ear tag and **may not be removed or replaced**



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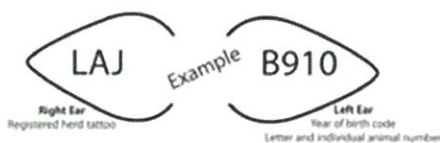
Flock ID Tattoos:

- The Flock ID that has been assigned to the owner must be tattooed in the right ear and an individual animal ID number must be tattooed in the left ear of the animal
 - Animals with either absent or injured ears can have the tattoo in the tail web or flank
- The tattoo must be legible
- Flock ID tattoos are not considered Official ID for movements to slaughter or through a market
- The animal must be accompanied by a statement that contains the Flock of Origin information
 - Examples: ICVI, Owner/Hauler Statement, etc.



Registration Tattoo:

- The Breed Registry Prefix that has been assigned to the owner must be tattooed in the right ear and an individual animal ID number must be tattooed in the left ear
 - Animals with either absent or injured ears can have the tattoo in the tail web or flank
- The tattoo must be legible
- Registration tattoos are not considered Official ID for movement to slaughter or through a market unless the sale is for registered animals and registration papers are transferred
- A copy of the registration certificate must accompany the animal at all times
 - This certificate should have the tattoo information printed on it from the registry and must correspond to the tattoo in the animal's ears
 - If the certificate is not in the name of the current owner, a copy of the completed application for transfer of ownership in the name of the current owner is permitted provided the sale occurred within the last 60 days



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→ Compliant Animal

- ❖ Unregistered animals from registered flocks can tattoo animals via the standards described under "Flock ID Tattoo"

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Microchip or Implant (All Animals):

- Implants must be located between the skin and the cartilage of the back side of the ear near the base or between the skin and the bone of the tail near the base of the tail
 - The animal must be tattooed with a legible "E" if the implant is at the base of the ear, or an "ET" if the implant is in the tail fold ★
- The animal must be accompanied by an implant reader
- The implant must comply with ISO 11784 and ISO 11785 and must be an approved device (other devices applied before March 11, 2015 are allowed)
- The implant number must be an Animal Identification Number (840) issued to the flock of origin (other number formats applied before March 11, 2015 are allowed)
- Implants are not considered Official ID for movement to slaughter or through a market

Registered Animals:

- Registered animals must be accompanied by a registration certificate in the name of the current owner where the implant number has been recorded on the certificate



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→ Compliant Animal

Unregistered Animals:

- Unregistered animals must be accompanied by an ICVI or an OHS that lists the flock of origin, the Flock ID and the electronic implant number
- Unregistered animals must also be **legibly tattooed** with the flock identification number, as well as having a tattoo noting the location of the implant as described above



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Sample Owner/Hauler Statement	
Bob Doe 123 East St Wood, MI 12345 876-987-0987 4-19-19	Must also contain Hauler name & Address if different from Owner
Group/Lot ID IN 6345, Lot IN16345-041919-1	
Number and Type of Contain Group 6 meat does, 4 dairy does	
Name/Address of Destination The End Facility 1111 Slaughter Lane Ender, IN 45900	
These animals are to slaughter channels <i>Rob Doe</i>	

→ Compliant Animal

Ohio Scrapie Tag Order Form

Name (Last, First): _____

Flock ID: _____
(Assigned by USDA)

Premises or Federal ID: _____
(Assigned by ODA)

New Producer Repeat Customer Other: _____

OWNER INFO	Primary Contact (18 or older)	Secondary Contact (Relationship)
Name		
Mailing Address		
City, State		
Zip		
County		
Home Phone:		
Cell Phone:		
Office Phone:		
Email:		

Farm Name (Optional):	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheep	<input type="checkbox"/> Goats	# of Adults:
Address where animals are located (if different from above:	Primary Breed(s):		
	Goat Breed Registry Prefix: _____ Registry Name: _____		
Primary purpose:	<input type="checkbox"/> Breeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy
	<input type="checkbox"/> Feedlot	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiber	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition (4-H/FFA)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hobby	<input type="checkbox"/> Research	

Select all that apply:

- I am going to purchase [USDA-Approved Eartags](#) to officially identify my animals
- I am going to use my Scrapie Flock ID number to officially tattoo my animal(s)
- I am going to use my Breed Registry Prefix to officially tattoo my animal(s)
- I am going to use official Electronic Implantable Identification (EID/microchips) to officially identify my animal(s)
- I am a new producer eligible for [USDA-provided tags](#) to use as Official ID for my animal(s)

FOR USDA USE ONLY:

Information Packet

ID Letter

Email USPS

Date Tags Ordered: _____

Date Order Filled: _____

Order Filled By: _____

Please return your completed order form to:

USDA APHIS Veterinary Services
12927 Stonecreek Drive
Pickerington, Ohio 43147

Phone: 614-856-4745
Toll-free: 1-866-873-2824 (within Ohio)
Fax: 614-866-1086

Ohio Sheep and Goat Identification

The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), National Scrapie Eradication Program, is providing up to 100 plastic flock ID tags free-of-charge to first-time participants in the sheep and goat identification program through fiscal year (FY) 2020 or until the available funds are expended. Producers will need to purchase the compatible applicator from the tag manufacturer. APHIS is working with sheep and goat organizations to transition toward electronic identification to improve our nation's ability to quickly trace exposed and diseased animals in the event of an outbreak.

APHIS discontinued the availability of no-cost metal tags for producers on August 31, 2019. Dealers and markets may continue to receive metal serial tags at no cost through FY 2020 or until the available funds are expended. Flock ID tag numbers are the producer's flock ID assigned by APHIS or the State followed by an individual animal number. Metal serial tag numbers have the state postal abbreviation, 2 letters followed by 4 numbers. Plastic serial tags have the state postal abbreviation, a letter and a number in either order, followed by 4 numbers.

To request these official sheep and goat tags, a flock or premises ID or both, please complete and return the Ohio Scrapie Tag Order Form or call 1-866-USDA-Tag (866-873-2824).

Producers and others who handle sheep or goats in commerce who need additional tags or want a different type or color of tag may purchase official plastic, metal or radio-frequency identification (RFID) tags directly from approved tag manufactures. A flock or Premises ID is required to order tags from these sources. A National Premises ID is also required to purchase official 840 RFID tags or implantable devices.

For those who use the APHIS-provided tags, please note that you will need to purchase a compatible applicator.

- Plastic Shearwell tags require the V6 Sheep SET Tag Applicator. Order forms for this applicator can be downloaded [here](#).
- Metal National Band and Tag official identification devices require the 505S applicator. This applicator is available for purchase from the National Band and Tag Company at (859) 261-2035.

A list of approved companies with approved is available on the [APHIS website](#). These ear tags and devices are approved for the official identification of sheep and goats in interstate commerce. There are restrictions on the use of implantable devices, refer to page 55 of the [National Scrapie Eradication Program Standards](#).

Note: SFCP tags may only be purchased by owners of flocks participating in the Scrapie Free Flock Certification Program. Regular program tags may be purchased by any producer who has a flock/premises ID.