



Wyoming Livestock Board

"To represent and serve Wyoming's livestock industry through protecting livestock health and verifying livestock ownership."

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From: Wyoming Livestock Board

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Subject: Scrapie ID Requirements for Exhibition Sheep and Goats

Sheep and goat exhibitors at Wyoming jackpots, county fairs, and state fair are reminded of the Wyoming Livestock Board (WLSB) and USDA APHIS requirements that **ALL** sheep and goats exhibited in Wyoming **MUST** be individually identified with USDA APHIS approved scrapie identification. This requirement includes wethers. Scrapie identification should be traceable to the premises of origin (where the animal was born) through ownership records.

The state requirement is consistent with the federal USDA APHIS scrapie identification requirement. WLSB and USDA APHIS personnel will be checking for compliance with this requirement at county and state fairs. To avoid enforcement action, exhibitors are urged to be in compliance by having their sheep and goats properly identified *prior* to arriving at the fair.

The USDA will provide 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) 2021 or until the available funds are expended. Producers will need to purchase the compatible applicator from the tag manufacturer. USDA APHIS discontinued the availability of no-cost metal tags for producers in 2019. For those using the USDA APHIS provided tags, you will need to acquire a tag applicator. Exhibitors who want a different type of tag may purchase official plastic, metal, or RFID tags directly from approved tag manufacturers. A flock or premises ID is required to order tags from these sources.

For further details regarding USDA APHIS approved scrapie identification, please visit <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/sheep-and-goat-health/national-scrapie-eradication-program>

To request official sheep and goat tags, a flock/premises ID or both, call 1-866-USDA-TAG (866-873-2824).

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The Wyoming Livestock Board Chapter 13 Scrapie Rules can be found online at:
<https://rules.wyo.gov/>. Please see Section 6(b)(ii).

The USDA APHIS Scrapie Rules can be found online at:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/downloads/umr_scrapie.pdf
Please see Parts III and IV.

Cc: WLSB Director
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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:

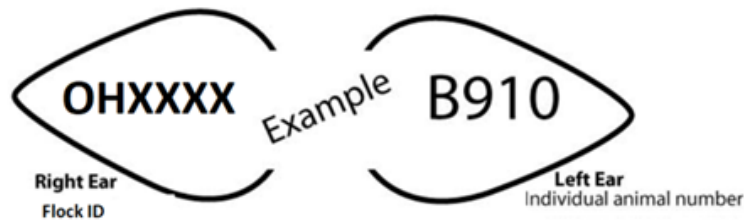
- Animals that cannot be ear tagged **because of absent or injured ears** may have the official ear tag attached to a durable neck strap or collar that can only be removed by cutting the strap, collar or ear tag and which must accommodate the expected growth of the animal, which may include:
 - Placing 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



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

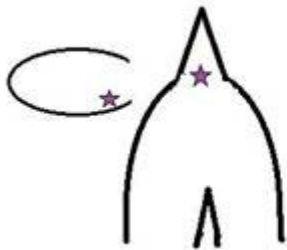
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Microchip or Implant (All Animals):

- 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 IN16345, Lot IN16345-041919-1	
Number and Type of Goats in Group 6 meat does, 4 dairy does	
Name/Address of Destination The End Facility 1111 Slaughter Lane Ender, IN 45900	
These animals are in slaughter channels Bob Doe	

→ Compliant Animal