

Alabama Scrapie Eradication Program

Flock ID Application/Tag Order/Tattoo Registration Form

For questions about scrapie or ordering your tags,
please call 866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824) or 334-240-7215

Owner Name: _____

Farm Name: _____

Physical Street Address (where sheep/goats are located): _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____, AL Zip: _____

County: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Work Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Adult Goats: _____ Number of Adult Sheep: _____

My goats are identified with a registered tattoo. My tattoo is: _____

Primary Breeds of Sheep and/or Goats: _____

Send me information on the Scrapie Flock Certification Program:

Select Monitored Category Export Category

Have you ordered Scrapie Eradication Tags previously?

Yes No

If yes, what is your USDA-assigned Flock/Herd ID? _____

Do you have a National Premise ID?

Yes No

If yes, what is your National Premise ID? _____

Number of tags requested:

10 20 40 60 100

Please return this form to the following address:

Animal Industries
1445 Federal Drive, Room 126
Montgomery, AL 36107

Or, you may email or fax this form to:

scrapie@agi.alabama.gov
(334) 240-7167

**SIGN UP FOR A FLOCK ID TODAY.
SEE HANDOUT TO FIND OUT HOW
TO OBTAIN FREE TAGS!**

**RECORDS OF TAGS OR
OTHER OFFICIAL
IDENTIFICATION
APPLIED, SALES AND
ACQUISITIONS MUST BE
KEPT FOR 5 YEARS
AFTER ANIMAL IS SOLD
OR DISPOSED OF.**

TIPS

- ⇒ *Previously tagged animals do not need to be re-tagged. Federal law states it is unlawful to remove official identification.*
- ⇒ *It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that animals are officially identified prior to change of ownership.*

USDA/APHIS/ Veterinary Services

1445 Federal Drive
Suite 228

Montgomery, AL 36107

Phone: 334-551-2180

For more information, visit:

*[http://agi.alabama.gov/divisions/
animal-industries/scrapie](http://agi.alabama.gov/divisions/animal-industries/scrapie)*

*[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/
ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-
information/sheep-and-goat-health](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/sheep-and-goat-health)*



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What is Required?

The National Scrapie Eradication Program, coordinated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), is a mandatory program that began in 2001 and requires participation by **ALL** sheep and goat producers. Producers must follow federal and state regulations for officially identifying their sheep and goats. *Some states have ID requirements that are stricter than the federal requirements.* Please check your state's identification requirements. In Alabama, sheep and goats must be identified prior to a change of ownership.

Requirements to move within Alabama:

- ⇒ ALL sheep and goats must be officially identified before a change of ownership by any method.
- ⇒ EXEMPTION: Alabama sheep and goats moving from farm directly to an in-state livestock market or slaughter establishment.

Requirements to move out of Alabama:

- ⇒ ALL sheep and goats must be officially identified
- ⇒ Check destination state's requirements (some states may require an ICVI or owner hauler statement)
- * ALL sheep and goats moving out-of-state must meet the entry and state of origin requirements prior to transport.

What is Official ID?

- ⇒ Official ID provides permanent identification of livestock and ensure the ability to find the source of animal disease outbreaks.
- ⇒ Official ID are those approved for use in sheep and goats **with the US shield printed onto the tag or any approved devices listed on USDA's Sheep and Goat Health website.**



Official Identification for Sheep and Goats

⇒ Official Eartags including RFID tags

- Options for earless goats: (1) An eartag may be applied to a neck strap/collar such that the collar or eartag must be cut to remove the collar; (2) Backtags applied near the poll for direct to slaughter movement
- RFID tags require a premises ID.
- Official eartags may not be placed in any tissue other than the ear.

⇒ Group/Lot Identification

- Format: Flock ID-MMDDYY-sequence number
- A premises ID can be used in place of a flock ID
- If no flock or premise ID, a dealer license number (if registered) can be utilized.
- An owner hauler statement¹ is required

⇒ Flock ID tattoos *

- A combination of the flock ID number and an individual number unique within the flock.
- The numbers are placed in different ears or in same ear with flock ID above the individual number or, in the case of absent or injured ears, the tail fold or in animals where the tail fold is too small, the flank.
- An owner hauler statement¹ is required .

⇒ Breed Registry Tattoos*

- Registry tattoo must be approved by USDA and maintained in APHIS' database .
- Animal is accompanied with registry certificate.

⇒ Electronic Implantable Devices (EID)*

- Location: base of ear or tail with accompanying tattoo in the ear to denote location ("E" if implant in ear; "ET" if implant is in the tail fold).
- Require a premises ID

*Restrictions may apply

¹An owner hauler statement is a signed written statement that includes owner's information, hauler's information (if different from owner), date animals moved, flock identification or premises ID number, animal information (number of animals, species and breed), point of origin name and address and destination

Types Of Movements

SLAUGHTER

- ⇒ Sheep and goats moving from their farm of origin to a slaughter establishment **WITHIN** Alabama are exempted from ID requirements. Information captured within an owner hauler statement¹ must be provided to the slaughter establishment.
- ⇒ ALL sheep and goats moving out-of-state must meet the entry and state of origin requirements prior to transport. Requires an owner hauler statement¹ or in some states, an ICVI.

LIVESTOCK MARKET

- ⇒ Sheep and goats moving through a livestock market must be officially identified with visual ID (i.e. an eartag).
- ⇒ In-State: All sheep and goats arriving without official ID must provide information required for the owner hauler statement¹ to the livestock market.
- ⇒ Out-of-State: All sheep and goats (with or without official identification) must move on an owner hauler statement¹ or ICVI. Check with destination state .



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