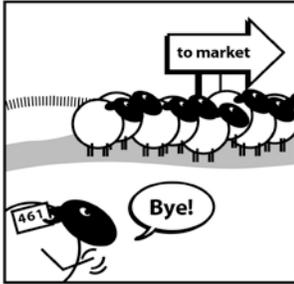


Scrapie Eradication Program

A Veterinarians Guide to a Flock Owners Responsibilities

Step 1



This list indicates which sheep and goats require USDA approved scrapie ear tags or other forms of approved ID to move within New York and crossing state lines.

- Sheep and goats of any age being sold for breeding or as a pet.
- All sheep and goats being exhibited.
- All sheep and goats (wethers included), over 18 months old, in slaughter channels. This includes animals going to a livestock market or directly to a slaughter plant.
- Any lamb or kid, under 18 months, that is being consigned to a livestock market at a sale that is **not** a "slaughter only" sale. NY State does not have any slaughter only sales.
- Sheep and goats staying on the farm property are not required to have USDA approved identification tags.

Step 2



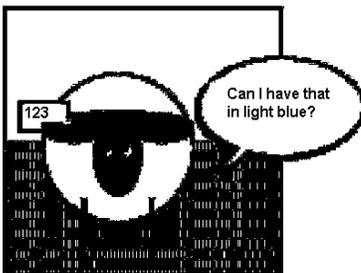
Flock owners order approved scrapie tags from USDA. This ID is unique to sheep and goats. The tags may not be used on any other livestock.

Flock owners complete an Identification Tag Request Form and mail it to:

USDA, APHIS, VS
500 New Karner Rd
2nd Floor
Albany, NY 12205

Or, Fax it to: (518) 218-7545

Step 3

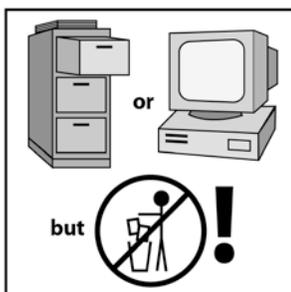


Flock owners determine which of the approved scrapie ear tags or other approved scrapie ID systems will work best for their animals.

Metal tags or plastic ear tags are free from USDA, Veterinary Services.

1. Other tag types (bangle, button, etc.) are available if paid for by the producer from companies such as Allflex, Premier or HASCO. USDA must assign a USDA flock identification number before a tag order can be placed.
2. Tattoos: Registry tattoos or premises number plus individual animal number tattoos.
 - Tattoos should be placed in the ears.
 - LaMancha goats are to be tattooed in the tail web.
 - Goat registry tattoos may be used as a form of approved ID, as long as the goat is accompanied by its registration papers.

Step 4



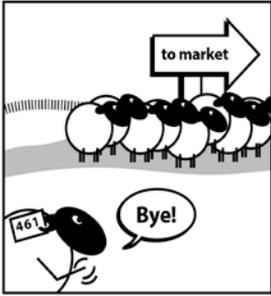
Flock owners set up a method to record the ear tags or other USDA approved ID that is applied.

Record Keeping Methods

- Notebook or
- Computerized Records

If an animal loses a tag, it may be re-tagged. Flock owners keep a record of the old tag number, the new tag number, and when the new tag was applied.

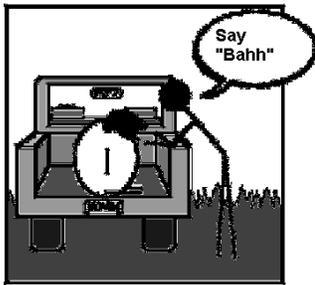
Step 5



Flock owners need to identify the animals before they leave their property.

All sheep or goats (as listed in Step 1 above) will need to be identified in their flock of birth. If the animal was not born in their flock, the flock owner must record what tag was applied, when the animal entered their flock and where it came from. If they know the flock of birth, record the flock name, address, and telephone number.

Step 6



Flock owners need to obtain a health certificate from an accredited veterinarian prior to interstate shipment, sale into interstate commerce of animals for breeding or exhibition and **sheep or goats exhibited at a fair in New York State.**

The health certificate must show the animal's approved scrapie identification number. This might be a USDA approved scrapie ear tag, approved flock ID as a tattoo, or registration tattoo. Please record both sides of the ear tag and any additional ID on the animal.

When a client calls your office for health papers for fair please ask them if they have approved scrapie ID for their sheep and goats. If not, please ask them to contact USDA for free scrapie tags or to find out how to use tattoos as an approved form of ID.

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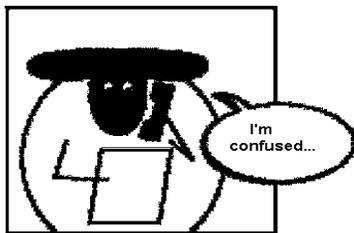
Step 7



Flock owners retain records for at least 5 years from the date the approved scrapie ID was applied to an animal.

The incubation period for Scrapie can be as long as five years from the exposure. Flock owners need to keep records of animals they buy and sell, including approved identification, dates, names and address information for the animal's origin or destination for at least 5 years. Flock owners should keep records of where every animal in their flock was born.

Step 8



For more information, call toll-free: 1-866-873-2824.

The above information should cover most sheep/goat producers in New York. There are always exceptions. Please contact the Area Office if you need more detailed information.

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