

For Sheep and Goats in Wisconsin



Official Identification Requirements

Resources

- If you are on-site and have questions about official ID, call:

(608) 224-4872

- Details can be found on our website at: datcp.wi.gov, search “scrapie”

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Official ID: Legible Tattoo

- Applied most commonly to inner ear, or rarely the tail web or flank
 - Breed association or registration tattoo with management number accompanied by registration papers in owner's name
- OR**
- Flock ID with unique management number



Moving Sheep and Goats

A Moving within Wisconsin

- Must have Official ID except for:
 - Neutered animals under 12 months of age
 - Intact animals under 12 months of age moving directly to slaughter establishment. Private homes/farms and most markets are NOT slaughter establishments.

B Importing into Wisconsin

- Must have Official ID for all sheep and goats
- Valid certificate of veterinary inspection UNLESS moving directly to slaughter establishment or federally approved import market

C Exporting out of Wisconsin

- Must have Official ID (see A)
- Valid certificate of veterinary inspection UNLESS moving in slaughter channels
- Exporting animal owners are responsible for complying with requirements of destination states or countries

Only **ONE** Form of Official ID Required: Scrapie Eartag



- Metal or plastic scrapie ear tag with flock ID and management number
- Must have US Shield



Official ID: Serial Eartag



- Metal or plastic scrapie “serial” eartag that has numbers and letters
- Must have US Shield



Official ID: Slaughter Eartag



- For sale to slaughter, a blue metal or plastic ear tag that has numbers and letters with “SLAUGHTER ONLY” or “MEAT”
- Must have US Shield
- Acceptable but not required for slaughter



Official ID: USDA RFID Tag



- 15 digit number beginning with “840”
- Must have US Shield



Official ID: Implanted Microchip

Must be USDA approved and accompanied by:

- (Electronic) reader AND
- Registration papers in owner’s name OR certificate of veterinary inspection with implant number



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