

Sheep & Goat Official Identification



Scrapie Tags

- Flock ID Tags: Issued to flock owners. Tags begin with owner's flock ID number assigned by the USDA or state (consisting of the state postal abbreviation and up to seven characters) followed by a unique animal ID number (up to six characters). If the tag includes the flock's national premises ID number (NPIN), it will not have the state postal abbreviation.
- Serial ID Tags Issued to accredited veterinarians. Tags begin with the state postal abbreviation followed by a letter/number combination that is six characters in length.



Animal Identification Number (AIN) "840" Tags

- Issued to flock owners and accredited veterinarians. AIN tags begin with the official country code ("840" for the U.S.) followed by 12 digits. AIN tags are available with radio frequency identification technology that allows them to be readable visually and electronically.



Tattoos

- Breed Registry Tattoos: Breed registry tattoos include a unique premises or flock ID number assigned by the registry and a unique individual animal ID number. Registries must be USDA approved ([Registry Tattoos Approved for Use as Official ID for the Scrapie Program](#)).
- Flock Identification Tattoos: Flock ID tattoos consist of a flock ID number assigned by the USDA tattooed in the right ear and an individual animal number unique within the flock tattooed in the left ear. The tail fold can be utilized in animals with absent or injured ears.



Electronic Implantable Devices (EIDs)/Microchip

- Implants must be compliant with ISO 11784/11785 and must be an AIN ("840") issued to the flock of origin if applied on or after March 2015. The animals must either be registered with a USDA approved registry or the flock or premises is registered with the USDA NSEP.
- Implant placement is between the skin and cartilage of the backside of the ear near where the ear joins the head or between the skin and bones of the tail near the tail base. Animals must be tattooed with a legible "E" if the implant is at the base of the ear or "ET" if the implant is in the tail fold.



Official ID Manufacturers

Allflex USA Inc.
(800) 989-8247
www.AllflexUSA.com
(Plastic tags)

Datamars
(254) 598-3440
www.Datamars.com
(RFID/Implants)

Premier 1 Supplies
(800) 282-6631
www.Premier1Supplies.com
(Plastic Tags)

National Band and Tag
Company
(859) 261-2035
www.nationalband.com
(Metal Tags)

Alliance ID, USA
(985) 898-0811
www.MicrochipIDSYStems.com
(RFID/Implants)

EZid Livestock
(877) 330-3943
www.EZidAvid.com
(RFID/Implants)

Shearwell Data Limited
(800) 778-6014
www.shearwell.com
(Plastic tags & RFID/Implants)

