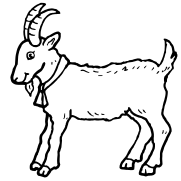


IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 4-H AND FFA SHEEP AND GOAT PROJECT MEMBERS



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REMINDER ONLY – NO NEW RULES

- * Permanent identification is mandatory for sheep and goats.
- * Sheep and goat producers, which also includes 4-H and FFA market lamb, meat goat and sheep & goat breeding project members, are required to comply with USDA Scrapie regulations & Ohio Import & Exhibit regulations.

<h3>Must Have Scrapie ID</h3>	<p>All intact sheep and goats, including lambs and kids (rams & ewes, bucks, & does) <u>moving within Ohio</u> for exhibition must be identified with an official USDA approved ear tag or tattoo when they leave your farm to go to exhibition. In addition, all sheep and goats (including wethers) must be identified with an official USDA approved ear tag or tattoo and have a certificate of veterinary inspection <u>if they are purchased outside of Ohio & enter Ohio to be used for exhibition or breeding purposes.</u></p>
<h3>Purchase</h3>	<p>Make sure all ewe and ram lambs and goat kids are identified by the breeder when you purchase them. If you purchase a wether from outside Ohio to use for exhibition purposes, they must also be identified with the official USDA approved tag or tattoo and an accompanying certificate of veterinary inspection.</p>
<h3>Types of ID Allowed</h3>	<p>The types of ID permitted for the scrapie program are: 1) USDA provided ear tags, 2) USDA approved ear tags, 3) USDA assigned tattoos, 4) registration tattoos and microchips when accompanied by a registration certificate, and 5) Scrapie Certification Program approved ID.</p>
<h3>Do Not Remove Tags</h3>	<p>DO NOT remove any USDA approved ear tags (even if your sheep or goat has several ear tags or if your veterinarian or county Extension agent put in a new Scrapie-approved tag). It is a Federal offense to remove any USDA tags.</p>
<h3>Keep Records for 5 Years</h3>	<p>You are required to keep the following records for a minimum of five (5) years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name and Address of the breeder or producer along with the official USDA identification on all sheep and goats you purchase (except wethers bought from Ohio breeders). Name and address of the buyer along with the official USDA identification of all sheep and goats you sell (except wethers to an Ohio resident).
<h3>Additional Questions</h3>	<p>Contact your veterinarian or go to the web sites, www.animalagriculture.org/scrapie or www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/scrapie.htm, for more information on the USDA Scrapie Identification Program. For additional information, call the Ohio APHIS Dept. @ (614) 469-5602.</p>

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