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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