If I sell my sheep or goat at the show, can I assume that I must have official scrapie ID and a health certificate?

A Yes.

Q Where can I get official identification tags and/or more information?

A Simply call 1-866-873-2824. That number will put you in touch with animal health officials in your state who are responsible for the scrapie eradication program.

Q What if my sheep or goat loses its official ID?

A Replace it with a new one, and record the new number and flock of birth in your records.

Q Where can I find out more about scrapie and the scrapie eradication program?

A Contact your local veterinarian or call your State Veterinarian's Office.

Or, check out: USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/scrapi

National Institute for Animal Agriculture www.animalagriculture.org/scrapi

Want to see my friend's best animals too? It's a lot of fun work but it's worth it, and there is one more thing to add to your show “To Do” list—make sure you’re in compliance with the new Scrapie Eradication Rules. The bottom line is that exhibitors need to fully comply with official scrapie identification (ID) regulations.

The Basics for Shows and Exhibitions

1. Health officials and state animal health officials must meet federal standards, but they can, and often do, exceed them. So to be safe, always check with your event organizers and/or state animal health officials.

2. A registration tattoo can be used when the animal is accompanied by its registration certificate. Further, you must also have your registration number that matches the one on the registration certificate, which includes the microchip number. This information must be recorded on the registration certificate, electronic microchips as an authorized method of identification, so be sure to check the show rules; some events require health certificates for all entries.

3. Health certificates are required for shows/exhibitions where out-of-state entries are allowed to participate. Check the show's official rules or ask the show organizers.

4. When can breed registration tattoos be used in place of official scrapie ID tags? Any time sheep or goats cross state lines, they must be accompanied by a health certificate (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection).

5. Where did my tag go? Any time prior to leaving the farm or ranch.

6. In the event that your goat breed registry recognizes electronic ID and you must also have your registration number that matches the one on the registration certificate, electronic microchips as an authorized method of identification.

7. Does this mean that official scrapie ID is required for all sheep and goats, as outlined in the first question, the show rules or with the organizers of the specific show’s rules.

8. What categories of sheep and goats, as outlined in the first question, the show rules or with the organizers of the specific show’s rules:

   • All breeding females, i.e. ewes, wethers, unless otherwise required by state regulations in the state where the show is taking place or by a specific show’s rules.

   • All breeding rams and bucks.

   • All wether’s, unless otherwise required by state regulations.

   The bottom line is that when sheep or goats are presented at shows or exhibitions, they must be accompanied by a health certificate (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) and a registration tattoo when required by the animal’s breed registry. Additionally, they must have official scrapie ID and a health certificate.

9. How do I know if a given show will have entries from other states? Check the show’s official rules or ask the show organizers.

10. Do “regulations” apply to shows and exhibitions? No, rules covered in this brochure are the basic standards outlined by federal standards. Shows/exhibitions and individual states must meet these basic standards outlined by federal standards. However, the show or state may have additional rules beyond the federal requirements. Shows/exhibitions and individual states must meet these additional rules beyond the federal requirements. Shows/exhibitions and individual states must meet these additional rules beyond the federal requirements. Shows/exhibitions and individual states must meet these additional rules beyond the federal requirements.

11. What categories of sheep and goats DO NOT REQUIRE official scrapie ID at shows/exhibitions?

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12. Does this mean that official scrapie ID must be in place for all sheep and goats, as outlined in the first question, the show rules or with the organizers of the specific show’s rules. No. It means that exhibitors need to fully comply with official scrapie identification (ID) regulations.
Before we get to specifics, there is one more thing you need to know: ID requirements can and do vary from show to show and state to state. The rules covered in this brochure are the basic standards outlined by federal regulations. Shows/exhibitions and individual states must meet these federal standards, but they can, and often do, exceed them. So to be safe, always check with your event organizers and/or state animal health officials.

The Basics for Shows and Exhibitions

Q What categories of sheep and goats **DO NOT REQUIRE** official scrapie ID for shows/exhibitions?
A • Wethers, unless otherwise required by state regulations in the state where the show is taking place or by a specific show's rules.

Q What categories of sheep and goats **REQUIRE** official ID at shows/exhibitions?
A • All breeding females, i.e. ewes, ewe lambs, does and doelings;
• All breeding rams and bucks.

Q What if my sheep or goat loses its ID?
A Replacement is simple. Call 1-866-873-2824. That number will put you in touch with USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services. Phone numbers for the 50 State Veterinarian offices can inform you of ID requirements at the show.

Q Where can I get official identification?
A Your source for information, education and solutions. This information brought to you by: Animal Agriculture National Institute for Veterinary Services Scrapie Eradication Program.

Q Where did my tag go?
A Oh my! Your registration papers, too?

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Q When can breed registration tattoos be used in place of official scrapie ID tags?
A A registration tattoo can be used when the animal is accompanied by its registration paper or a photocopy or a completed application for registration.

Q What should sheep or goats be be tagged?
A Any time prior to leaving the farm or ranch.

Q What about health certificates?
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