

Sheep Entry Requirements

Entry Documentation (3 CCR § 760.5)

Certificate of Veterinary Inspections (CVI): Required. Sheep must be inspected within 30 days of movement into the state and the CVI must include the statement: **“The animals are not scrapie positive, suspect, or from a scrapie non-complaint flock”**.

CVI Exemptions:

- Sheep moving within an approved slaughter channel that have not lambed, aborted, or are pregnant
- Sheep moving for grazing without change of ownership (pasture move)

Interstate Livestock Entry Permit: Required for **ALL** sheep. Entry permits are valid for 15 days, including the day of issuance.

Permit Exemptions:

- Sheep less than 18 months of age that are moving within an approved slaughter channel that have not lambed, aborted, or are pregnant
- Sheep used exclusively for exhibition and returning to California without change of ownership within 14 calendar days of leaving California



To obtain an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit, please call the Animal Health Branch permit line.

Animal Health Branch Permit Line
(916) 900-5052

If you are transporting livestock into California with an electronic CVI, please have the information readily available on your device or print and present a hard copy to the inspector at the Border Protection Station.

Animal Health and Food Safety Services **Animal Health Branch**

Headquarters - (916) 900-5002
Redding District - (530) 225-2140
Modesto District - (209) 491-9350
Tulare District - (559) 685-3500
Ontario District - (909) 947-5932

Official Identification (ID) (3 CCR § 760.5)

ALL sheep require individual official ID, and it must be listed on the CVI.
Exemptions:



- Castrated sheep (wethers) less than 18 months of age that are not for exhibition/show
- Sheep less than 18 months of age in an approved slaughter channel that have not lambed, aborted, or are pregnant
- Sheep moving for grazing without change of ownership (pasture move)

See CDFA's fact sheet: "[Sheep and Goat Official Identification](#)" for detailed information on options for official ID for goats.

Ovine Brucellosis (3 CCR §760.4)

A negative *Brucella ovis* test is required for all rams six (6) months of age and over within 60 days prior to entry. The CVI **MUST** include the test date, test result, and laboratory name.



Exemption for Rams:

- Moving directly to slaughter
- If from a certified *Brucella ovis* free flock with flock number on the CVI
- A California origin ram that is entered in a show or sale out of state, and then returns to California
- Moving for grazing without change of ownership

For information on Scrapie, please visit:

- [Animal Health Branch Scrapie Information- Eradicate Scrapie!](#)
- [USDA NVAP Reference Guide- Scrapie \(Control and Eradication\)](#)

For California entry requirements of other livestock and animals, please visit the following:

- [Information About Livestock and Pet Movement](#)
- [CDFA AHB Entry Requirements Interactive Website](#)
- [InterstateLivestock.com](#)

In the event of a disease outbreak, there may be additional entry requirements. For more information on the Animal Health Branch, please visit: www.cdfa.ca.gov/ah

