National Scrapie Eradication Program

Scrapie Eradication Progress

The last case of classical Scrapie in the US was found in January 2021 and the last case in Iowa was found in January 2014. When the US has not had any cases for 7 years, we can apply to the OIE for Scrapie Free Status. If we have any Scrapie in Iowa, we need to find it now! If you see sheep or goats with clinical symptoms resembling Scrapie, please contact; Dr. Gina Stoll at 515-281-8588 or Dr. Bailey Goos at 515-350-6922.

Clinical signs in scrapie include subtle changes in behavior, intense frequent rubbing, gait abnormalities (incoordination, stumbling, high stepping, hopping, swaying back end), weight loss despite normal appetite, weakness biting at feet and legs, lip smacking, star gazing, etc.

For more information check these links:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/sheep-goat/scrapie
https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/iowa-scrapie-program

Sheep and Goat Exports

Countries are beginning to recognize Scrapie genetics to allow the safe trade of sheep and goats. Several countries are now providing the option of genotyping for Scrapie susceptibility in lieu of participation in the Scrapie Free Flock Certification Program (SFCP).

The genotype test must be an official test and there are several requirements for an official genotype test.
1. The sample must be collected by a Category II accredited veterinarian or by a State or APHIS veterinarian.
2. Testing must be conducted at a laboratory approved by APHIS and as specified by the importing country.
3. All official submissions must be done using the VSLS on-farm genotype module.
4. The samples must be submitted with an approved VS Form 5-29.
5. The accredited veterinarian must have a person record in SCS-SCR. If there is no person record, the Veterinary Services Office must create one.

If you have a client that wants to export sheep or goats, contact Dr. Gina Stoll at 515-281-8588 or Dr. Bailey Goos at 515-350-6922 before doing any testing to get information about Scrapie requirements.