

To Sheep and Goat Producers: The new Scrapie rule went into effect on April 24, 2019. See some major changes below:

1. Sheep ID stayed the same:

- a. All sexually intact sheep (any age) * and wethers 18 months of age and older need to have **Scrapie ID** when they leave the farm.
- b. Sheep wethers under 18 months of age do not need Scrapie ID.
- c. Scrapie ID for sheep is a Scrapie eartag.

2. Change to Goat ID rules:

- a. All sexually intact goats (any age) * and wethers 18 months of age and older need to have **Scrapie ID** when they leave the farm. **
- b. Goat wethers under 18 months of age do not need Scrapie ID.
- c. Goats requiring Scrapie ID at a market *** or slaughter are required to have Scrapie eartags. Goats being sold at private sale or going to exhibitions can use a Scrapie eartag for Scrapie ID or most goats can use a USDA approved tattoo for Scrapie ID. (To get your tattoo approved call 1-866-USDA-TAG).

3. The producer will need to fill out an Owner-Hauler Statement (See [Iowa Owner-Hauler Statement](#)) when:

- a. They bring sheep or goats, that require Scrapie ID (see above), that **do not** have Scrapie eartags to the market.
 - i. The market will need to collect and save the Owner- Hauler statement **or** collect the information from the Owner- Hauler statement and keep for the market records. All records need to be retained for 5 years.
 - ii. The unidentified sheep or goats requiring Scrapie ID tags must have Scrapie tags applied before the sale. The market may act as the producer's agent and apply Scrapie ID tags to sheep or goats that require them and keep appropriate records.
- b. They cross state lines to take sheep or goats to a federally approved market. **A producer is required to have a completed Owner-Hauler Statement before crossing state lines even if all the animals have Scrapie ID tags.** The market is required to collect the Owner-Hauler Statement or collect the information from the Owner-Hauler Statement and keep for the market records.
- c. They take sheep or goats to slaughter.

For animals from an Iowa producer going to an Iowa federally approved market:

If all the sheep and goats that require Scrapie ID arrive at the market with Scrapie ID tags in them- **No Owner-Hauler Statement is required.**

NOTES to producers:

1. Markets charge a fee to apply Scrapie tags.
2. If you do not have a Scrapie Flock ID number, you will need to get one. Call 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824) to get a Scrapie Flock ID number.
3. If you want to order your own Scrapie tags so you can apply them yourself, call the same number, 1-866-873-2824. You may be eligible to receive free Scrapie tags from the USDA.

* Sexually intact sheep or goats under 18 months of age moving directly to slaughter may not be required to have Scrapie tags. Check with the state of destination for requirements.

** In rare circumstances, some Iowa goats being sold privately in Iowa are not required to have Scrapie ID. Contact Dr. Gina Stoll at 515-281-8588 for details.

*** If goats are sold at a breeding stock sale held at a Livestock market, USDA approved tattoos can be used for Scrapie ID instead of Scrapie tags. To have a tattoo registered with the USDA a producer will need to call 1-866-USDA-TAG.

The above is a summary of the new Scrapie rules for Iowa producers. It is your obligation to know the complete Scrapie rules. The Scrapie rules can be found by checking Title 9 in the Code of Federal Regulations parts 54 and 79 and the links below:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/downloads/nsep-program-standards-final-rule.pdf

<https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/iowa-scrapie-program>