

Scrapie Eradication Program

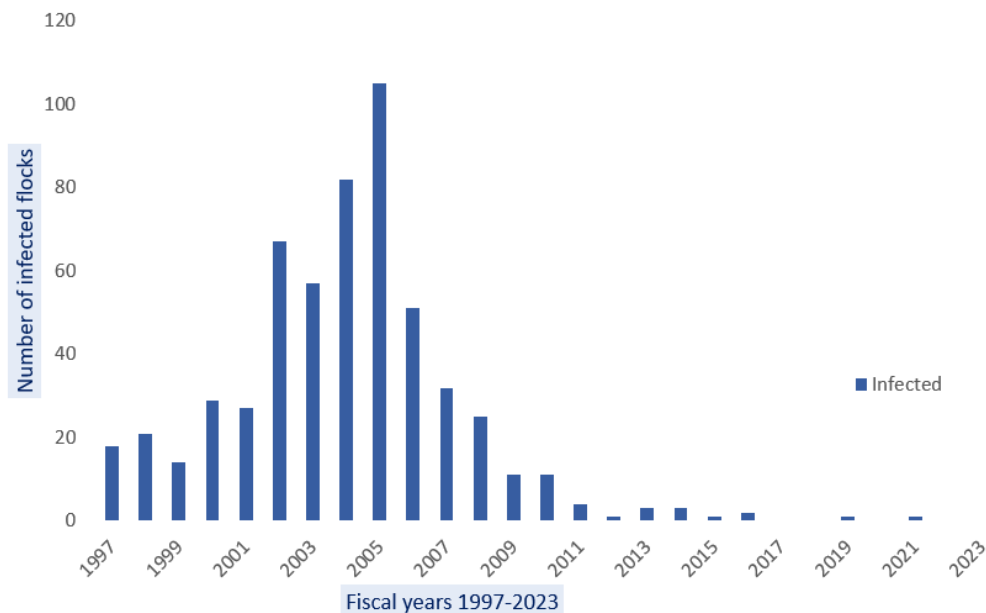
The graph below shows the number of Scrapie infected flocks in the United States over the last 27 years. As you can see, the National Scrapie Eradication Program is making great progress. The last case of classical Scrapie in the U.S. was found in a blackface sheep from Wisconsin in January 2021 and the last classical Scrapie case in Iowa was in a goat herd in January 2014.

Why is this relevant? When the nation has gone 7 years without a classical Scrapie case, we can apply for Scrapie free status with the World Organization for Animal Health (WOHA). This will make it easier to export our sheep and goats to other countries.



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Infected Flocks: *Fiscal Years 1997 to 2023**



Recent Positive Animals – One sheep sampled at slaughter in January of FY 2021 tested positive for classical scrapie. This sheep had resided in a flock in Wisconsin, and VS attributed the flock of origin to Arkansas; In June of FY 2023, one sheep tested positive at slaughter for non-classical scrapie (Nor98-like).

* As of June 30, 2023.

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We need your help to eradicate Scrapie!

Historically, Scrapie infected animals have been found during testing at slaughter but since the incidence of Scrapie is so low, at the present time very few cases of Scrapie are being found this way. So how can you help?

1. The final steps in Scrapie eradication will be dependent on veterinarians and producers finding and reporting the last remaining cases of Scrapie.
2. If you see sheep or goats that show clinical signs* resembling Scrapie or mature sheep or goats that die on the farm, **call Dr. Gina Stoll at 515-281-8588 or Dr. Bailey Goos at 515-350-6922 or your IDALS State District Veterinarian or USDA Veterinary Medical Officer** so they can be tested for Scrapie.
3. Encourage new sheep or goat producers to enroll in the Scrapie program by calling 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824).

**Scrapie signs can include but are not limited to: behavioral changes, tremor (especially of the head and neck), pruritus (itching), wool pulling, head pressing, weight loss with no change in appetite, ataxia and incoordination*

Check out information and rules for Scrapie on the Scrapie page on the IDALS website @ <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/iowa-scrapie-program>