

Scrapie Program ID Requirements

One of the main components of the National Scrapie Eradication Program is the ability to trace sheep or goats that are found positive to Scrapie back to the farms they were born in and those they have spent time in. Therefore, Scrapie Identification is mandatory when animals leave flocks.



Instructions for sheep and goat producers:

Animals that must have official Scrapie Identification (ID) before leaving the farm: (For more information call Designated Scrapie Epidemiologists below)



1) Sheep – All sexually intact sheep departing from the farm, whether for change of ownership, marketing/slaughter*, or any other sale or lease**, or to attend an exhibition are required to have Scrapie ID. This includes adult breeding animals and ewe lambs and ram lambs of any age. Wethers under 18 months of age do not need Scrapie ID. Official Scrapie ID for sheep in Iowa is a Scrapie eartag. Tattoos are not recognized as official Scrapie ID in sheep in Iowa.

2) Goats – All sexually intact goats***departing from the farm, whether for change of ownership, marketing/slaughter*, or any other sale or lease**, or to attend an exhibition are required to have Scrapie ID. Wethers under 18 months of age are not required to have Scrapie ID. Sexually intact goats for exhibition and private sale may be identified with either an official Scrapie eartag or a USDA approved tattoo. (Call 1-866-USDA-TAG for approval of your tattoo) Sexually intact goats that are being sold at a livestock market or that are going to slaughter are required to have a Scrapie eartag.



* Animals under 18 months of age moving directly to a slaughter facility (not through an auction market or dealer) do not require Scrapie ID. See [New Scrapie Rule](#)

** Males which are leased out must have Scrapie ID that identifies them to the owner's flock, and the owner must have a **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)** for each of the males' movements

*** 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.



Producers are required to maintain records for five years on all animals requiring official ID that enter or depart from their flocks. Records must include the name and address, and Scrapie Flock number of the other party, the flock of origin of the animal (flock where it last resided in which it was either born, or used for breeding purposes), number of animals, a description of the animal, and the date of the transaction. See Records producers are required to keep below.

When buying animals: Make sure that the animal has Scrapie identification, (unless it is a wether lamb or wether goat under 18 months of age). Record the information listed above.



When selling animals that require a Scrapie ID eartag: If the animal does not already have an official Scrapie ID eartag, then place your official Scrapie ID eartag in the animal before moving from the farm, and it is recommended that you link the Scrapie ID eartag number to your other production records on the animal. If the animal was not born in your flock, and still has the original official Scrapie ID eartag from the previous flock, then you do not need to apply your eartag. If the original eartag has fallen out, apply your Scrapie Flock eartag and make a record showing the tag you applied, and where and when you acquired that animal. Never remove official ID. Create a record of all sales showing the number of animals sold, a description of the animal, the date, and the market or buyer. It is recommended that you also record the official Scrapie ID of the animals sold. See [New Scrapie Rule](#)

Records producers are required to keep. See:

1. [Records_Purchases Acquired Additions](#)
2. [Records_Sheep or Goats Sold or Disposed](#)
3. [Records_Sheep or Goats Officially Identified](#)
4. [Records_Sheep or Goats Replacement of Official ID](#)

All sheep and goats sold privately other than to slaughter require a **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)** issued by an Iowa licensed, accredited veterinarian in order to move. (You do not need a CVI to sell through a licensed livestock market).

For many years, the USDA had provided plastic Scrapie Flock Tags at no cost to producers. At the present time, only sheep or goat producers that have not previously been in the Scrapie program and never received free Scrapie eartags are eligible for receiving up to 100 free tags.

To see if you are eligible to receive free Scrapie Flock ID Ear Tags, get a Scrapie Flock ID number for your sheep and/or goat flock, register your goat tattoo, or get information regarding where you can purchase your own Scrapie tags or applicators, call toll free:

1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824)

Please note: Free Ear tags take up to 4 weeks to be delivered.

You can also order Scrapie tags or get a Scrapie Flock ID number by filling out the [Producer Tag Order Form](#).

If you are not eligible for free Scrapie tags, you can purchase your own Scrapie tags at an approved tag manufacturer. See the [Approved Scrapie Tag Manufacturers](#).

You will need your Scrapie flock ID number.

Iowa Designated Scrapie Epidemiologists (DSE's): Dr. Gina Stoll at 515-281-8588 and Dr. Bailey Goos @ 515-350-6922