

National Scrapie Eradication Program Guide for Goats

Scrapie is a fatal, degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of sheep and goats. There is no cure or treatment for scrapie.

Federal Regulations require:

1. that ALL Goats be IDENTIFIED as part of the National Scrapie Eradication Program when they leave their premises to enter interstate commerce or go to shows, or when ownership changes:
2. that producers keep herd records showing animals that are added to and animals that leave the herd/flock.

EXCEPT

- Low-risk commercial goats exempted by the State where they reside
Goats raised for fiber and/or meat; not registered or exhibited; never exposed to sheep; not scrapie-positive, scrapie-exposed, or high-risk for scrapie; not from a scrapie-infected or source herd; and do not reside in California, Colorado, Illinois, Maryland, or Michigan.
- Goats in slaughter channels
- Castrated goats (wethers) in certain states
Some States require additional goats including wethers be officially identified, while others exempt some goats in intrastate commerce.

Before transporting any goats, check YOUR STATE's requirements.

You can access the list of State Offices at:

<https://AmericanGoatFederation.org> or call: (765) 430-2075

Official Identification Devices, including ear tags, RFID tags and injectable transponders must be approved by APHIS as being sufficiently tamper-resistant for the intended use, have good retention, and provide a unique identification number for each animal.

Owners may substitute tattooing for an official identification device, but only if the individual goat is accompanied by the registration paper for that goat listing the current owner. Tattoos must be legible.

For Complete SCRAPIE ERADICATION PROGRAM Information, Visit:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/sheep-and-goat-health/national-scrapie-eradication-program/ct_scrapie_home