UNDERSTANDING THE MANDATORY SCARPIE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
KEEP RECORDS

A Record must be made when official ID is applied to a goat; or a goat is acquired or disposed. The record must be kept for five years after the goat dies or is no longer owned by you.

The records must contain:

> Official ID# > Type of Official ID (tattoo, RFID 840 device, USDA Scrapie ID Tag)
> Breed > Date Official Scrapie ID Applied
> Sex > Birth Date
> Date Acquired > Name/Address of previous owner(s), if applicable
> Date Sold > Name/Address of Buyer
> Date Died

NOTE: These are general categories. Some records may be maintained for groups rather than individuals.
AGF offers an excel-based farm/herd recordkeeping and performance program that meets the Scrapie Eradication Program requirements. It is easy to use, can be customized to each producer, and free to AGF members.

The gray shaded columns are where required information needs to be entered. While this program can be used for scrapie ID records, it can also be used for breeding records, health records and if sheets are sent into the AGF office, they can be forwarded to Kentucky State University where the information will be entered into a master database without any identification as far as the source and in addition to the resulting information for their herd, summaries will be sent to the producer.
What do you have to do?

**MAIN HERD DATA SHEET**

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[Columns highlighted in gray are required if they apply to the GOAT]

**HERD DATA SHEET**

| GOAT ID | SCRAPED ID (If Different) | TYPE OF ID (Tag, Tattoo, BIRD device) | If Rated | DATE SCRAPED | APPLIED | DAM ID | SHE ID | BIRTH DATE enter as mm/dd/yyyy | SEX | BREED CODE | LIVABILITY CODE | KID EASE | BIRTH TYPE | BIRTH WEIGHT | WEAN DATE | REAR CODE | DAM WEIGHT at WEAN | PURCHASE CODE | Previous Owner Info | SOLD, CULL, or DIED | DATE Sold, Culled, or Died enter as mm/dd/yyyy | IF CULLED, REASON CODE | IF SOLD, REASON CODE |
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**DAM COMMENTS**

(To keep consistency, you will want to copy the dam's comments to the dam's record)

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WHY KEEP RECORDS?

1. It’s the Law.

2. It protects you in case someone reports that a goat they got from you developed scrapie. Or a goat tested at slaughter tests positive for scrapie and it gets traced back to your farm.

3. Having good records will help minimize any negative ramifications for your goat operation.
YOU MUST APPLY OFFICIAL SCRAPIE ID’s TO YOUR GOATS

In most cases Official Scrapie ID will be an official Scrapie Program Tag. All Scrapie Tags will say unlawful to remove, be stamped with US, contain your scrapie flock ID and a unique number ID for each tag.

Any of the following tag designs meet the program requirements.
Goats NOT Moving in Slaughter Channels

Goats that are Crossing State Lines or being offered for sale to out of state buyers (including through a market), being bought from out of state sellers, or being taken to a show:

> official Individual ID (official ear tag, flock ID or registry tattoo, or official Electronic ID Implant prior to moving (if they are in a class that requires official ID)
> owner’s official tags applied at another site in-state before changing ownership; or
> tagged at market with market tags if being taken to a federally approved market.

If not tagged with an official Scrapie ID tag, the goats must be accompanied by their registration certificate.
Complete an Owner/Hauler Statement with Group/Lot ID to accompany the goats (*except wethers under 18 months of age*).

> Official eartags are required for goats 18 months of age or older that are in slaughter channels, unless moving them as a single source group/lot.

> *Tattoos and electronic implants may not be used to officially ID goats that are in slaughter channels or that are moving through a livestock market or buying station.*
An Owner/Hauler Statement with the Group/Lot ID is required for:

> Goats in slaughter channels (except wethers under 18 months of age)
  Eartag goats 18 months of age or older unless moving them as a single source group/lot.
  
> Goats not in slaughter channels that do not have an official eartag or other official ID (except wethers under 18 months of age)

> Goats not in slaughter channels that are moving from your premise to another for grazing that is not included in your records in the National Scrapie Database.
The Owner/Hauler Statement Must Include

- The name, address, and phone number of the owner
- The name, address, and phone number of hauler, if different
- The date the animals were moved
- The flock identification number or PIN assigned to the flock or premises of the animals
- If moving individually unidentified animals or other animals required to move with a group/lot identification number, the group/lot identification number and any information required to officially identify the animals
- The number of animals
- The species, breed, and class of animals. If breed is unknown, for goats the type (milk, fiber, or meat) must be recorded instead
- The name and address of point of origin, if different from the owner's address
- The destination name and address
- Signature by Owner or Hauler
An Owner/Hauler Statement Form is available to download on the AGF website.

https://americangoatfederation.org/education/how-to-cope/
What's the Big Deal about Scrapie?

Scrapie is a Prion Disease, similar to BSE or “Mad Cow Disease.” THERE IS NO CURE OR TREATMENT.
What’s the Big Deal about Scrapie?

Alpine, Angora, Boer, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Toggenburg, Saanen, and other crosses are all breeds that are affected by scrapie in the U.S.
What’s the Big Deal about Scrapie?

Scrapie costs producers $10 to $20 million annually through production losses, increased costs and loss of export revenue.

Many countries, including Canada ban imports of goats and sheep from the USA unless they are from farms that are enrolled in the Voluntary Scrapie Certification Program.
What are Additional Mandatory Goat ID Requirements?

*In Addition To* the national requirements all producers must follow, each State can add requirements for producers in that state and producers who transport goats into that state.

ICVI (Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection), also called Health Papers, issued by an accredited veterinarian are required for Goats Crossing a State Line

Exceptions:

1. wethers under 18 months or age*,
2. goats in slaughter channels and accompanied by an Owner/Hauler Statement
3. goats moving to another premises of the same flock that is listed in the National Scrapie Database, and
4. goats moving to a federally approved market.

*Some states also require an ICVI (health paper) for instate shows, as well as official eartags for wethers and unregistered commercial does being shown.
Why Goat Producers are the Key to Eradicating Scrapie in the USA
No classical scrapie positive animals have been detected in the United States for 7 years despite vigorous surveillance to find positive animals and outreach to encourage reporting and testing of animals with clinical signs of scrapie.
Why is the Scrapie Eradication Program Mandatory?

The ID and recordkeeping is mandatory because the ability to trace infected and exposed sheep and goats is critical to controlling scrapie and other diseases of concern like foot and mouth disease.

The Scrapie Program is important because it reduced losses from scrapie from 1 in 500 animals in 2002-2003 to less than 1 in 30,000 currently. When we achieve scrapie freedom there will also be increased export markets for sheep/goats and their products increasing profitability. If the program was voluntary it would not be effective as was demonstrated by the low participation in the Scrapie Free Flock Certification program.
Why is the Scrapie Eradication Program Mandatory?

While enhancing export opportunities is important for maintaining meat prices particularly at times of oversupply, the scrapie program is essential for controlling loss of animals and productivity due to disease. The recent changes will allow for more effective scrapie surveillance particularly in goats reducing the risk of scrapie spreading in goats which are highly susceptible.
Information from an ongoing 10 year research study by USDA-ARS Animal Disease Research Unit into resistance to scrapie in goats has identified two potential alleles (genetic markers) that indicate resistance: S146 (serine at amino acid 146) and K222 (lysine at amino acid 222).
Goats bearing just a single copy of either one of these alleles have been strongly resistant to infection during natural outbreaks as well as direct challenge experiments.
VGL at UC Davis is already offering genetic testing for these markers, and both the American Boer Goat and American Dairy Goat Associations are offering discounts on the tests to their members.

Another laboratory, Neogen, is expected to offer testing in the future.

These tests will not be considered official for regulatory purposes until the USDA offers laboratory approval for scrapie resistance testing of goats. This testing is similar to testing that allowed the sheep industry to select for scrapie resistance.
Remember THREE important steps
Learn to recognize the clinical signs of scrapie.

Visit the Scrapie Disease Information Page:
Contact your state veterinarian or the USDA Veterinary Services Office for your state if your goat, older than 12 months, exhibits any signs of scrapie.

Testing suspects is the most cost effective way to find scrapie infected animals.

For more information contact the Designated Scrapie Epidemiologist (DSEs) for your state.

Submit samples or whole heads from goats over 18 months of age that die or are euthanized on your premises.

Additional information is available on how you or your veterinarian can submit samples or whole heads for scrapie testing.

Visit the scrapie sample submission page for information about active scrapie disease testing.

Call 866-USDA-TAG (855-873-2824) to get a premise ID and have a Flock ID number assigned to your farm for the Mandatory Scrapie Eradication Program.

Producers enrolling for the first time may receive up to 80 plastic Scrapie ID tags at no charge.
Official Plastic Scrapie ID tags that are approved by USDA can be purchased from these vendors

**AllFlex USA, Inc** (plastic or RFID) 833-727-2743
www.scrapietags.com

**Premier 1 Supplies** (plastic) 800-282-6631
https://www.premier1supplies.com

**National Band & Tag Co** (metal) 859-261-2035
http://www.nationalband.com

**Shearwell Data USA** (plastic or RFID) 320-760-4696
www.shearwell.com
Official 840 Microchip ID’s that are approved by USDA can be purchased from these vendors:

**Alliance ID USA:** 800-434-2843  
https://www.microchipidsystems.com

**Ezid, LLC:** 970-351-7701  
http://www.EZidAvid.com
Goat Producers are the Key to Eradicating Scrapie in the U.S.

By committing to the goal of eradicating scrapie from U.S. goats, and following these guidelines, you will be helping safeguard our animals and our markets.
Organizations that Support the Mission of the National Scrapie Eradication Program

American Goat Federation
US Animal Health Association
National Association of Animal Agriculture
American Boer Goat Association
American Dairy Goat Association
American Sheep Industry Association
Alabama Sheep and Meat Goat Producers
Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association
North American Savanna Association
**Update on Goats and the National Scrapie Eradication Program**

Presented by Dr. Diane Sutton, who is a senior staff veterinarian with USDA/APHIS Veterinary Services. She has been the National Scrapie Program Coordinator since 1998. She graduated from Virginia-Maryland Regional University and was co-principal investigator at the Scrapie Investigation Center in Mission, Texas from 1989 to 1992.

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**Genetics of Scrapie in Goats**

Presented by Dr. Stephen White, who has been a Research Geneticist with ARS since 2006 and Adjunct Faculty Member in the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology at Washington State University since 2007. He is working on finding which genes and genetic variants contribute to infectious disease susceptibility, how they work, and how they might be used in selective breeding or other approaches to mitigate infectious disease.

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Watch both videos at:

https://amERICangoatfederation.org/education/why-should-you-care-about-scrapie/
For more information visit:

https://AmericanGoatFederation.org/education/how-to-cope/


http://www.eradicatescrapie.org

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