Recordkeeping
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The Government Requires It for the Scrapie Eradication Program, and
Producers Need it for Business Purposes and to Manage their Goats, but
Recordkeeping

Most Producers Hate It
So -
Exactly What Does the Federal Government Require?
Nothing Until Official ID is Applied to a Goat

OR

Recordkeeping
Any Time Goats are
• Purchased
• Acquired
• Sold - or
• Disposed of

Recordkeeping
Some Goats aren’t Required to have Official ID

Wethers under 18 months of age do not need individual ID’s and aren’t required to be accompanied by an Owner/Hauler Statement when they leave the premises.

It is still necessary to record Required Information
Some Goats aren’t Required to have Official ID

All other Kid Goats under 18 months of age that are going to slaughter or approved livestock markets do not need individual ID’s, but they must be accompanied by an *Owner/Hauler Statement* that includes a *Group ID*.

A copy of the Owner/Hauler Statement will satisfy Federal Recordkeeping Requirements.
Some Goats aren’t Required to have Official ID

The Livestock Market must be a market that applies Individual ID to the goats upon arrival at the market.

Livestock Markets may charge you for this service.
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When Official Individual or Group/Lot ID is applied

Record

- Date Official ID is Applied to a Goat
- Identifying Numbers/Letters on Official ID
- Whether “Slaughter Only” or “Meat ID” was used
- Number of Goats Identified (if Group/Lot ID (GIN))
- Breed, Class and Sex of Goat
- Scrapie Flock ID and/or Premises ID (PIN)
- Name and Address of Owner applying ID
- Name and Address of Owner of flock of birth and/or origin, if different
- Any previous GIN that identified the Goat
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For Goats with Official ID that are Brought onto the Premises

Record

- Date Goat Arrived and/or was Purchased
- Identifying Numbers/Letters on Official ID
- Breed, Class and Sex of Goat
- Scrapie Flock ID and/or Premises ID (PIN), if known
- Number of Goats if a Group/Lot
- Name and Address of the Seller or person goat came from
- Copy of Certificate and/or Owner/Hauler Statement required for movement
- If original or receiving flock is under a Scrapie flock plan or monitoring and management plan, any other required records
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For Goats with Official ID that are Sold or Disposed of

Record

- Date Goat Left Premises or was Sold
- Identifying Numbers/Letters on Official Individual ID or Group/Lot ID
- If Group/Lot, Number of Goats sold or transferred
- Breed, Class and Sex of Goat
- Scrapie Flock ID and/or Premises ID (PIN)
- Name and Address of the Buyer or person goat was transferred to
- Copy of Certificate and/or Owner/Hauler Statement required for movement
- If original or receiving flock is under a Scrapie flock plan or monitoring and management plan, any other required records
This will protect you, the producer, in addition to meeting USDA Requirements.

USDA Requires that Records be Kept for 5 Years
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Records can make Management Easier

Recording a few things can help identify problem goats, save time, improve quality and increase profitability, and ...
Many Producers have Discovered the Benefits of Good Records
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Breeding Stock Operations

Minimum Information to Record to make Management Easier and increase Potential Profit

- Goat’s ID, Date of Birth, Sex and Number of siblings
- Dam and Sire
- If sold, Date Sold and Price
- Information required by the Scrapie Eradication Program
- If goats are registered with a breed association, most of this can be downloaded from the registry records
Additional Things to Track to increase Potential Profit

- Date Weaned
- Weaning Weight
- Any Vaccinations and Date Given
- Dates Wormed and With What
- Each Illness requiring Medication and what used
- Milk Production
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Breeding Stock Operations

Maintain 2 sets of Records

1. Leave Goats that are kept for Breeding or Show purposes on your Main Records. If using excel or another program the record sheet can be copied to another and used for Breeding sheets.

2. Move all goats that are sold or otherwise removed from the Premises to a second set of Records.
Many Dairy Goat producers participate in Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) milk production testing.

Members of the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) have access to additional performance programs, the most significant of which is Linear Appraisal.
To participate in DHIA, the producers’ goats must have permanent individual ID’s.

To participate in the ADGA programs, the producers’ goats must be ADGA registered and have ADGA approved permanent individual IDs, which also meet Scrapie ID requirements.
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Commercial Dairy Goat Operations

Dairy Goat Producers can use the recordkeeping suggestions for breeding stock to fill in missing information from DHIA and other programs to assist with their management decisions.
Fiber Goat Producers can use the suggestions for breeding stock, or just use the minimal requirements for meeting the national requirements for recordkeeping.
Many meat goat producers run large numbers and may not see new kids until they’re brought in to be weaned.

Kid goats may not be individually ID’d at all. Decisions about which brood does to keep are often based on the presence of live kids at weaning and adult goats may not be ID’d until they leave the premises.
To protect their operations, Commercial Meat Goat producers should still maintain the minimum required records. Keeping copies of Owner/Hauler statements and copies of Slaughter/Livestock Records can help with some of this.
Recordkeeping
Special Use Goat Operations

Brush Control Goats
Because goats that provide these services often work in the public sector along subdivisions and in urban areas, it is very important to maintain records.

Pack Goats
Pack Goats interact with their owners and others continuously while packing. It is even more important to maintain records.
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It’s Not All That Bad

Keeping records does take some time.

But – even just recording minimal information helps with management decisions and can save time and money in the long run.
A copy of the Owner/Hauler Statement meets requirements for groups of goats that are brought onto or leave the premises under a Group/Lot ID.

The receipts received when goats are bought or sold through a sale or livestock market, will usually also meet recordkeeping requirements.
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But – That’s Not All

Many States have additional Animal ID and Recordkeeping requirements, and your State may be one of them.

The State Veterinarian in your State is the best source of information about requirements.

AGF maintains an up-to-date of contact information for each State office on the AGF Website.
Something to Think About

Your goats are attacked by predators – or, someone’s dogs injures and kills some of your goats. You want to be compensated. If you have livestock coverage on your farm insurance policy, you’ll be lucky to get market value.

If you want to pursue the owners of the dogs, unless you have written records of what you sold goats for and what you paid for goats you will have difficulty establishing their value.

Records will help you show what your goats are worth.
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