UNDERSTANDING THE MANDATORY SCRAPIE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
Register your Goat Operation with the National Scrapie Eradication Program (NSEP) and Obtain a Scrapie Flock ID

A **Scrapie Flock ID** begins with the two letter state abbreviation, and is followed by a varying number of alpha-numeric characters.

It is assigned by the State Veterinarian’s Office or APHIS/VS office in each State.

The **Scrapie Flock ID** is Required to order Official Visual Scrapie Program Ear Tags, and may be printed on each tag along with a unique identifying number for the goat. Serial Number Tags are also available.
What do you have to do?

Obtain a National Premises Identification Number (PIN) from USDA

A PIN is a 7 digit alphanumeric number, that begins with 840, the country code for the USA.

The PIN is the location identifier for the operation.

It is assigned by USDA.

Both the Premises Identification Number (PIN), and Scrapie Flock ID Number are Required to order Official Scrapie RFID Ear Tags and Implants.

A State assigned Location Identifier (LID) may also be used.
What do you have to do?

CALL 866-USDA-TAG
866-873-2824
to get a Scrapie Flock ID
and/or
a Premises ID
In Most Cases Each Goat MUST Have Official ID from the National Scrapie Eradication Program (NSEP) when they leave your Premises.

There are exceptions:
1. for wethers under 18 months of age
2. for select groups of other goats if accompanied by an Owner/Hauler Statement.
Visual Ear Tags

Scrapie Program Visual Ear Tags Approved by USDA for Goats can be either Metal or Plastic, and will contain the **US Seal**. They may also include “**Unlawful to Remove.**”
RFID Ear Tags

Scrapie Program RFID Ear Tags approved by USDA for Goats, imprinted with the U.S. Country code and Unique Individual ID number that is also coded on the microchip in the female part of the tag are usually plastic and allow for the use of a Wand Reader.
RFID Ear Tags

When a RFID Ear Tag is applied, the half with the micro-chip goes on the inside part of the ear. The chip is usually on the female part. The part with the chip will be thicker than the part that doesn’t contain the chip.
Special Exceptions for Tags

Scrapie ID Ear Tags may be applied to a Neck Collar on an Earless Goat as long as the Collar or ear tag Must be Cut Out to be Removed.

Livestock Markets/Auction Houses may apply Back Tags to Earless Goats or Horned Bucks that are deemed Too Dangerous to Tag if they are in Direct Slaughter Movement from the Market/Auction House.
RFID Microchip Implant

Scrapie Program RFID Micro-chip Implant approved by USDA for Goats encoded with U.S. Country code (840) and Unique ID.

Components of a Microchip

- Microchip
- Capacitor
- Antenna Coil

Grain of Rice

11.6 millimeters
Size of an uncooked grain of rice
RFID Microchip Implant

When a RFID Microchip is used, the goat must be tattooed in the ear:

- with an “E” if the implant is at the base of the ear
- or with an “ET” if the implant is in the tail fold, or with an “ET” in tail fold if the ear is too small

NOTE: Does not qualify as official ID for goats in slaughter channels, or moving through livestock markets. Those goats must be Scrapie ID Tagged.
Registry Tattoos with Registration Papers

Tattoos when Accompanied by Registration Papers from USDA-Approved Breed Registries. The Registry Flock ID is tattooed in one Ear. The Letter for Year of Birth and Individual Goat ID in the other Ear. Both are Printed on the Registration Paper.

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Registry Tattoos with Registration Papers

Approved Breed Registries can be found at:


NOTE: If your Breed Registry is not on the list at USDA, please contact APHIS for further instructions at the link shown above.
Scrapie Flock ID Tattoo

Scrapie Flock ID Tattoo is a combination of the assigned Flock ID number and an individual goat ID number, unique to that goat within the flock.

The Flock ID Number should be either placed above the individual number or in the other ear.

NOTE: This does not qualify as official ID for goats in slaughter channels or moving through livestock markets. Those goats should be tagged.
Blue Metal and Plastic ID Tags are Reserved to use ONLY for Goats that are in Slaughter Channels.
Red and Yellow Metal ID Tags are Reserved to use ONLY in Goats from Scrapie infected Herds.

Goat tested Positive for scrapie on an official test – Red Metal Tag.

Goat was exposed to Scrapie and is Permanently restricted to a premises – Yellow Metal Tag.
USDA Approved Scrapie ID Tags can be Purchased from these Companies

**Allflex USA, Inc** (plastic) 833-727-2743
https://www.scrapietags.com

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

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

**Shearwell Data USA** (plastic or RFID) 800-778-6014
https://www.shearwell.com
USDA Approved RFID 840 Scrapie micro-chips can be Purchased from these Companies

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

EZid, LLC: 970-351-7701
https://www.EZidAvid.com
REMEMBER

It is ILLEGAL to Remove any Tag that has a US Shield

If it has a US Shield – it is an “Official Scrapie ID Tag”
Some Plastic Tags may also say “Unlawful to Remove”
Replace the lost tag with another Official Scrapie Tag.

If the lost tag is present, or if the goat is definitely the only one with a lost tag, record the new tag number and date in the record for the goat.

If the lost tag is not present, create a new record with the new tag number, date, and as much information about the goat as possible.
If possible, treat the infection without removing the tag.

If the infection is bad enough to require removal of the tag, record the date, details and apply a new Official ID tag immediately to insure correct identification of the goat. Record the new tag number in the record.
An Owner-Hauler Statement / Group-Lot ID is needed for:

1. Goats under 18 months of age without Official ID that are moving in slaughter channels,
2. Goats without Official ID being moved as a Single Source Group to an Approved Livestock Market, Slaughter Facility, or other Premises of the Flock listed in the Scrapie Database,
3. Goats without Official ID moving to another in-State Site where they will be officially identified prior to change of ownership.

NOTE: Wethers under 18 months of Age do not require Official ID or Owner-Hauler Statement when being moved
What to Include on an Owner/Hauler Statement

The Owner-Hauler Statement Should Include:

**Owner Name:** Bob Buck  
**Address:** 123 East Rd, Rural, IN 12345  
**Phone:** 333-242-5544

**Point of Origin Name/Address (if different):**

**Hauler Name/Address (if different):**

**Date of Movement:** 4-19-19

**Scrapie Flock or Premise ID (PIN):** IN12345 or 004T567

**Group/Lot ID:** IN12345-041919-1 or 004T5670419191

**Number of Goats in Group:** 25

**Type of Goats in Group:** 6 meat goats, 4 dairy goats, 15 fiber goats by breed, if known - otherwise by type

**Destination Name:** The End Facility

**Destination Address:** Slaughtr Lane, Ender, PA 40000

**Type of Movement:** slaughter

**Owner Signature:** Bob Buck

**Hauler Signature:** Joe Hall  
*Only 1 signature required*

If moving more than 1 group on the same date, complete additional Owner/Hauler Statements and use sequential numbers for the group number.
Recommended Recordkeeping for Officially Identified Individual Goats

Make an Individual Record (using any format or recordkeeping program as long as information needed to meet the National Scrapie Eradication Program Requirements is included) \textbf{when:}

1. \textit{Official Scrapie ID} is applied to a goat
2. A goat is purchased or otherwise brought onto the premises
3. A goat with \textit{Official Scrapie ID} is sold or otherwise removed from the premises (see Group/Lot ID recordkeeping)
What about Recordkeeping?

Recommended Recordkeeping for Officially Identified Individual Goats

When Official ID is applied to a Goat, Include in the Record

ID# and Type of Official ID:
Tag, Tattoo, RFID 840 Tag or Chip Number
Slaughter Only or Meat ID

Date ID applied
Breed, Class of Goat
Scrapie Flock ID and/or Premises ID (PIN)
Name and Address of Owner applying ID
Recommended Recordkeeping for Individual Goats

When a Goat is Acquired (brought onto the Premises)

- Record Official Scrapie ID on the Goat
- Date Acquired
- Name and Address of Seller
- Name and Address of Original Owner (if different and available)
- Breed – Class of Goat
- Scrapie Flock ID and/or Premises ID (PIN) (of Seller and Original Owner, if available)
What about Recordkeeping?

Recommended Recordkeeping
For Individual Goats

When a Goat Leaves the Premises:
Record Date and ID
Reason for Leaving
Destination
If Goat Sold: Name and Address of Buyer
If Goat does not have Official Individual ID complete an Owner/Hauler Statement and include the Group/Lot ID
What about Recordkeeping?

Recommended Recordkeeping
For Individual Goats

Records must be kept for 5 years after the goat leaves the premises.

A copy of an Owner/Hauler Statement will qualify as a record for goats that are Not Individually ID’d.
What about Recordkeeping?

Make a copy of the **Owner/Hauler Statement** each time one is used and keep for 5 years to meet the USDA requirements for record-keeping on Groups of Goats.

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**Sample Owner-Hauler Statement**

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- **Owner Signature:** Bob Buck  **Hauler Signature:** Joe Hall

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Making a copy of this Statement and keeping it for 5 years will satisfy USDA Scrapie Program RecordKeeping Requirements for groups of Goats removed from the premises.

IT’S THE LAW

Having good records will:

1. Protect you if someone reports that a goat from you developed scrapie, or a goat that tested positive for scrapie at slaughter is traced back to your farm.

2. Help you show whether the goat actually did come from your farm. If it did, you can limit your losses by being able to show what other goats were or were not around that goat.
HELP WITH RECORDS

AGF offers an excel-based 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.

This program can also be used for breeding and health records, as well as performance records.
Recordkeeping Options

MAIN HERD DATA SHEET

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<td>Identification number for each scrap test</td>
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<td>Comments related to the kid</td>
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Columns highlighted in gray are required if they apply to the GOAT.

To keep consistency, you will want to copy your dam comments to the dam's record.
HELP WITH RECORDS

Required information is entered in the gray shaded columns (including data required by the Scrapie Eradication Program).

Producers can choose which of the other columns they want included in their personalized program. Free help is available from AGF.

Member producers who want a more sophisticated program that allows use of pictures, etc. can find additional solutions on the AGF Website Member Services page:

https://americangoatfederation.org/member-services/
HELP WITH RECORDS

Producers who are working to improve their programs can record performance data, and send the excel sheets to the AGF office. The data source is protected and data sent to Kentucky State University where it is entered into a master database and computer analyzed.

The producer receives EPD performance summaries which can help with decisions about which breeding goats to keep.
What are Additional Mandatory Goat ID Requirements?

Each State may have additional requirements that producers in that State and producers who transport goats into that State must follow.

USDA says that goats only traveling through the State are not subject to that State’s requirements as long as they are in compliance with Federal Regulations, their home State’s rules and accompanied by proper paperwork.
Information for each State is available from the State Veterinarian. State Veterinarian Office contact information is kept updated at:

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

*Some States also require an ICVI (health paper) for instate goats at shows, as well as official ear tags for wethers and unregistered commercial does that are being shown.
Exceptions to the Requirements for an ICVI

1) wethers under 18 months or age*

2) goats in slaughter channels and accompanied by an Owner/Hauler Statement

3) goats from the same flock moving to another premises listed in the National Scrapie Database without a change of ownership, and

4) goats moving to a federally approved market and accompanied by an Owner/Hauler statement.

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Why are the Scrapie Eradication Program Rules Mandatory?

Because the ability to trace infected and exposed sheep and goats is critical to controlling scrapie and other highly contagious diseases like foot and mouth disease.

This also helps protect the producer if a scrapie-positive goat is identified as coming from their herd. Good records can make a producer’s life easier as well as limit loss.
Why are the Scrapie Eradication Program Rules Mandatory?

The Mandatory Scrapie Program reduced the prevalence of scrapie from 1 in 500 animals in 2002-2003, to less than 1 in 30,000 currently.

If the program was voluntary, not all producers would participate and the program would not be effective.
By committing to the goal of eradicating scrapie from U.S. goats and following these guidelines, you will help safeguard our animals and our markets, and bring the goat industry to the same level as the sheep industry.
There were 3 cases of Classical Scrapie in the United States in FY-2019 – All in Goats.
Organizations that Support the National Scrapie Eradication Program

American Goat Federation
International Goat Association
National Institute of Animal Agriculture
US Animal Health Association
American Sheep Industry Association
American Boer Goat Association
American Dairy Goat Association
American Kiko Goat Association
Alabama Sheep and Meat Goat Producers
Cashmere Goat Association
Hawaii Sheep & Goat Association
North American Pack Goat Association
Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers 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.

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.

Watch both videos at: https://americangoatfederation.org/scrapie-the-program/
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