

Q4: What if I bring sheep or goats into Wisconsin from another state or country?

All sheep and goats imported into Wisconsin need official identification. Except for sheep and goats going directly to a slaughter establishment for slaughter, all animals must also have a valid certificate of veterinary inspection.

See http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Sheep_Goats/index.aspx for up-to-date information on additional import permit requirements for the state or country of origin.

Q5: What if I send sheep or goats out of Wisconsin to another state or country?



Sheep and goats moving out of Wisconsin must be identified as required for movement in Wisconsin. USDA requires a certificate of veterinary

inspection for sheep and goats not moving in slaughter channels. Contact the destination state or country for any additional import requirements. For USDA (for international exports) and other states' contact information, visit: http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Export_Animals/index.aspx

Q6: Where can I find more information?

For FREE identification tags:
Call 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824)

For more information on Wisconsin import requirements, please contact the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection at <http://datcp.wi.gov> or (608) 224-4874.

For relevant administrative code see:

<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/rsb/code/atcp/atcp010.pdf>

Additional resources on sheep and goat diseases can be found below:

Scrapie:

www.eradicatescrapie.org
www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/index.shtml
www.sheepindustrynews.com/scrapie_guide

Johne's disease:

www.johnes.org
www.johnesdisease.org

Other sites for information:

www.sheepandgoat.com
www.sheepusa.org

Division of Animal Health Wisconsin
Department of Agriculture, Trade and
Consumer Protection
<http://datcp.wi.gov>

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Official Individual Identification Requirements



for
Sheep and Goats
in Wisconsin

Q1: Why is Official Individual Identification Important?

Maintaining records for at least five years, including animal identification numbers, is an essential component in keeping your flock/herd and premises safe from disease.

In addition, most sheep and goats that are moved in Wisconsin are required by law to be officially identified.

Official identification of animals allows for rapid identification of animals and premises exposed to diseases such as scrapie, tuberculosis, and even Johne's disease to minimize negative effects of disease on individual animals, flocks/herds, and producers.

Successful disease control also instills confidence in consumers about Wisconsin sheep and goats and their products.

Q2: What is Official Individual Identification?

The following are approved as official identification for sheep and goats in Wisconsin:

I. **Ear tags** - to be official the tag must have the U.S. Shield



- Metal or plastic scrapie ear tag with flock ID and management number
- Metal or plastic scrapie "serial" ear tag that has numbers and letters



Metal



Plastic

- For sale to slaughter, a blue metal or plastic ear tag that has numbers and letters with "SLAUGHTER ONLY" or "MEAT"
- II. **Official USDA RFID tag** with a 15 digit number beginning with "840"
- III. **Legible Tattoos**
- Breed association or registration tattoo with management number accompanied by registration papers in owner's name
 - Official premises ID or flock ID along with a unique management number
- IV. **USDA approved implanted microchip** – accompanied by:
- (Electronic) reader
 - Registration papers in owner's name OR certificate of veterinary inspection with implant number
- V. **The following are not recognized as individual identification in Wisconsin:**
- Farm management ID tags that do not include premises or flock ID
 - Animal names

Q3: When Do Wisconsin Sheep and Goats Need Official Identification?

Most sheep and goats in Wisconsin need official identification when they are being moved to or from your farm. This includes, but is not limited to, movement to markets, fairs, other farms, exhibitions, and even transport to veterinary clinics and other states. Check the flowchart to see if your animals need official ID. If any doubt, **USE ID!**

Is Identification Required?

