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INFORMATION ON IDENTIFICATION OF SHEEP AND GOATS AT EXHIBITIONS

Identification of Sheep

All sheep (except wethers less than 18 months old moved within Ohio) exhibited at Ohio fairs must have official USDA ear tags or tattoos. The junior fair member's records must include the animal's official ID and the name and address of the flock where the animal was born and where and when it was sold. The agricultural society's (e.g. County Fair Board) records must include the official ID on the sheep, the buyer's and seller's names and addresses and the date of the sale. These records must be kept for five years.

The official tags can be obtained and applied by the owner of the flock where the animal was born, by the junior fair member, or by a veterinarian (local practitioner or fair veterinarian). There are free tags provided by USDA or the exhibitor can purchase USDA approved tags. The two types of numbering on the tags are: a) tags with unique nonspecific letter/number series or b) tags with premises ID's and unique individual animal numbers (minimum order required).

Exhibitors wanting to tattoo, obtain free tags, or purchase tags from another approved company must first contact the USDA office in Pickerington, OH using the enclosed form (form sent in mail to county Extension offices), or by calling 614-469-5602 (866-873-2824 toll free).

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A CHANGE FROM RECENT YEARS. Fairs that have been using a system of fair-specific tags can certainly continue to use that system in addition to the animal's official USDA ID; however, **fair-specific tags will no longer be available for use as official scrapie ID tags.** We hope that this will reduce the amount of confusion for the fairs as well as for our office and place the responsibility for compliance back on the exhibitor. For fairs that have leftover tags from last year with the USDA shield on them, they may continue to use these tags until they are gone and those will continue to be the official scrapie ID. However, the exhibitors need to be made aware that they will not be able to obtain their animal's official scrapie ID at the fair in the future. Those fairs still need to follow the same recordkeeping requirements as they have done with the official scrapie tags in previous years.

Identification of Goats

Currently, the goat identification requirements are the same as for sheep. If tags are used for identification, the above information applies. However, certain tattoos are also recognized as official ID by the USDA. For non-registered animals, the tattoo must include a premises ID assigned by USDA and an individual animal number. Registered goats with breed-recognized tattoos moving with their registration certificates meet the federal and state ID requirements. Goats moving without a registration certificate must contact the USDA office to tell us their registry-assigned herd ID and to be assigned a premises ID.

For additional information, including the use of implants, contact USDA, APHIS, VS, Pickerington, OH at 614-469-5602.



Safeguarding Animal Health

Federal Relay Service
(Voice/TTY/ASCII/Spanish)
1-800-877-8339

2005 OHIO LIVESTOCK YOUTH PROJECT
IDENTIFICATION EAR TAG ORDER FORM
SHEEP AND GOAT TAGS @ \$0.20 each - \$4.00 per pkg. of 20
COLOR: White, PREMIER 2X TAMPERPROOF TAGS
NOTE: THESE TAGS WILL NOT SERVE AS OFFICIAL SCRAPIE ID TAGS.

County: _____ County Code (CC)* (see attached page): _____
Date of Weigh-In: _____ Date of Fair: _____
Order Placed By (Printed Name): _____ Title: _____
Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Ship To: (Physical address only – No post office boxes)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

BILL TO (IF DIFFERENT THAN SHIP TO):

Signature above serves as Purchase Order authorization

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____
Name and signature on card _____

Number of Tags to Ship (Quantities of 20) _____

(TAGS WILL BE THREE DIGITS IN SEQUENCE STARTING AT 201)

The sequence will start at 201 in order to help eliminate confusion between the animal's ID and the animal's weight. If your county orders more than 699 tags, the sequence will begin at 001. If your county orders more than 1,000 tags, the sequence will begin at 0001 and will utilize a four-digit number that may be smaller in font size.

Orders must be received 45 days prior to weigh-in.

Orders will only be placed on the following dates so plan accordingly:

JANUARY 28

FEBRUARY 25

FAX ORDERS TO 800.346.7992, ATTENTION 'STEPHANIE SEXTON' AT PREMIER

OR MAIL ORIGINAL HARD COPY TO:

PREMIER SHEEP SUPPLIES, LTD; ATTN: STEPHANIE SEXTON
2031 300TH STREET, WASHINGTON, IA 52353

Phone: 800-282-6631, Email: ssexton@premier1supplies.com

If mailing, be sure it arrives prior to deadline.



Female Side



Male Side

Actual Panel Size is 1-3/8" H x 1-1/4" W (e.g. Union County)

Listing of Ohio Counties and Corresponding ODA County Fair Code

<u>County</u>	<u>ODA Code</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>ODA Code</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>ODA Code</u>
Adams	13	Green	31	Muskingum	51
Albany (Athens)	79	Guernsey	84	Noble	65
Allen	56	Hamilton	36	Ottawa	14
Ashland	88	Hancock	68	Paulding	7
Ashtabula	46	Hardin	78	Perry	18
Athens	42	Harrison	8	Pickaway	1
Attica (Seneca)	48	Hartford (Licking)	40	Pike	29
Auglaize	35	Henry	49	Portage	63
Barlow (Washington)	91	Highland	76	Preble	30
Bellville (Richland)	86	Hocking	83	Putnam	3
Belmont	80	Holmes	54	Richland	41
Brown	90	Huron	52	Richwood (Union)	70
Butler	20	Jackson	10	Ross	39
Carroll	16	Jefferson	55	Sandusky	64
Champaign	38	Knox	21	Scioto	43
Clark	19	Lake	62	Seneca	26
Clermont	23	Lawrence	5	Shelby	25
Clinton	4	Logan	17	Stark	67
Columbiana	61	Lorain	60	Summit	22
Coshocton	92	Loudonville (Ashland)	93	Trumbull	9
Crawford	11	Lucas	27	Tuscarawas	89
Cuyahoga	44	Madison	6	Union	28
Darke	57	Mahoning	73	Van Wert	71
Defiance	58	Marion	2	Vinton	34
Delaware	87	Medina	32	Warren	15
Erie	47	Meigs	53	Washington	75
Fairfield	94	Mercer	45	Waterford	95
Fayette	24	Miami	50	Wayne	81
Franklin	12	Monroe	59	Williams	82
Fulton	74	Montgomery	69	Wood	37
Gallia	33	Morgan	77	Wyandot	85
Geauga	72	Morrow	66		