

## Is Official ID needed when leaving the flock of origin?



### 18 MONTHS AND OLDER or ERUPTION OF THE SECOND INCISOR

ALL ANIMALS NEED ID when they leave the farm for most reasons. Unidentified animals need an Owner/Hauler Statement.



### YOUNGER THAN 18 MONTHS

ALL NEED ID unless, they are neutered or are going directly into slaughter channels or to a slaughter establishment with an Owner/Hauler Statement. Travel across state lines may require ICVI (health certificate); contact receiving state for requirements.

## DO NOT

- **Use your flock tags on another person's animals.**
- **Receive animals without official identification. (Except wethers under 18 months of age.)**

## IF IN DOUBT, USE ID!

### FOR INFORMATION about OFFICIAL FLOCK or PREMISES ID:

Call 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824)

### FOR MORE COLORADO IMPORT INFORMATION:

Colorado Department of Agriculture,  
Animal Health Division  
[colorado.gov/ag/animals](http://colorado.gov/ag/animals)  
303-869-9141

### ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES ON

#### SHEEP AND GOAT DISEASES:

- [aphis.usda.gov/animal-health/scrapie](http://aphis.usda.gov/animal-health/scrapie)
- [sheepindustrynews.com/scrapie\\_guide](http://sheepindustrynews.com/scrapie_guide)
- [eradicatescrapie.org](http://eradicatescrapie.org)

#### Other sites for Information

- [sheepandgoat.com](http://sheepandgoat.com)
- [sheepusa.org](http://sheepusa.org)
- [americangoatfederation.org](http://americangoatfederation.org)



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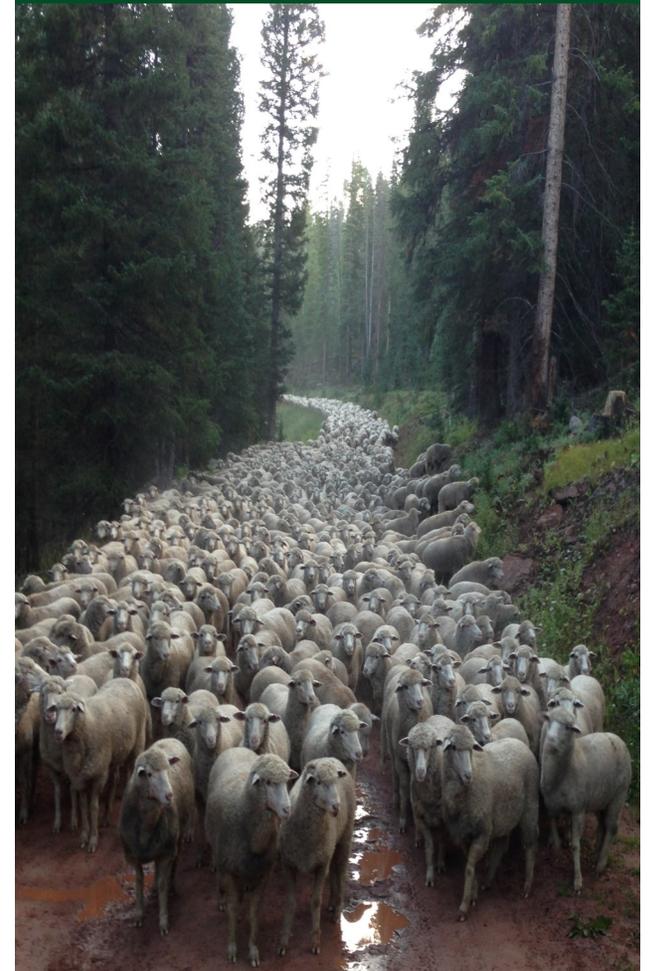
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# New Official Individual Identification Requirements



**for Sheep and Goats**

**in Colorado**

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## Why is official individual identification important?

There are three primary reasons that official individual identification (ID) should be maintained.

1. In most cases, official ID is required by USDA rule to move sheep and goats from the source farm.
2. ID and maintaining records for at least five years is an essential component in keeping a flock/herd and premises safe from disease.
3. Successful disease control instills confidence in consumers about Colorado sheep and goats and the products they generate.

To minimize the effects of disease, official identification of livestock allows for rapid identification of animals and premises exposed to diseases such as scrapie.

## When do Colorado sheep and goats need official identification?

Intact animals less than 18 months of age require official ID at change of ownership, show, exhibitions, etc. Intact animals under 18 months of age moving in slaughter channels not identified require an Owner/Hauler Statement.

In most cases, intact animals of any age, and neutered animals greater than 18 months require official ID when being moved to or from your farm. Exceptions are when animals are moving to slaughter, in slaughter channels or to an approved market. These animals may move without ID, but do require an Owner/Hauler Statement.

## What if I bring sheep or goats into Colorado from another state?

All sheep and goats brought into Colorado require official identification. They must also have a valid certificate of veterinary inspection unless they are going directly into slaughter channels or slaughter. Contact CDA for any additional requirements. Visit our website at [www.colorado.gov/ag/animals](http://www.colorado.gov/ag/animals).

## Only **ONE** of the following official forms of identification is required.

### Ear Tags

(official ear tags have U.S. shield)



- Metal or plastic scrapie ear tag with flock ID and management number



- Metal or plastic "serial" ear tag that has numbers and letters



- For sale to slaughter, a blue metal or plastic ear tag that has numbers and one of the following statements "SLAUGHTER ONLY" or "MEAT" is acceptable, but not required



## What if I send sheep or goats out of Colorado to another state?

All sheep and goats moving out of Colorado must be identified in the same way as required for movement into Colorado. Additionally, the USDA requires a certificate of veterinary inspection for out-of-state movement unless moving in slaughter channels or to an approved market an Owner/Hauler statement is required. Contact the destination State for any additional requirements. Visit our website at:

[www.colorado.gov/ag/animals](http://www.colorado.gov/ag/animals)

### Official USDA RFID Tag

15 digit number beginning with "840"



### Legible Tattoos

Approved breed association or Registration tattoo with Management number  
Accompanied by registration Papers in owner's name



**OR**

APHIS assigned flock ID tattoo along with unique management number. Note: Most sheep and goats sold at an open livestock market require an official Scrapie ID tag.

**USDA Approved 840 Implanted microchips ISO Compliant** accompanied by electronic reader AND the REGISTRATION PAPERS in owner's name. Flock ID tag required when moving to open sale at livestock market.



## What is NOT considered to be official individual identification?

The following are **NOT** considered official individual identification.

Farm management tags that are not official and do not include flock ID.

Animal names.

