

Michigan Sheep and Goat Official ID



Sheep and goats leaving a Michigan premises must have official ID.

In Michigan, all sheep and goats must be identified with official identification (ID) approved by the national scrapie program to move off a premises. There are many forms of ID which qualify as official ID for the scrapie program, as shown below. To order any scrapie program ID, a scrapie flock ID is required. A scrapie flock ID is a unique identifier assigned by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is different from a state or national premises ID. Contact the USDA at 517-337-4705 to get your scrapie flock ID.



Plastic and Metal Scrapie ID Tags

The USDA provides a limited quantity of official metal eartags free of charge to producers. Producers who want to order metal tags should contact the USDA Michigan office at 517-337-4705. Producers who want to order plastic tags can find vendors at <http://bit.ly/USDAscrapietag>. All scrapie tags has the an official US shield. Blue tags (metal or plastic) may only be used in animals intended for slaughter.



Tattoos

Scrapie Tattoos

A scrapie tattoo must be legible and include both the scrapie flock ID and the unique herd management number. Scrapie tattoos can be placed in the ear, tail web, or flank.

Official Registry Tattoos

For goats, legible official registry tattoos must be recorded in a goat purebred registry association's book and official documentation must accompany the animals.



RFID Tags

Visual Electronic Tags

Only tags approved by the national scrapie program are permitted. Contact the USDA Michigan office at 517-337-4705 for more information.



Microchips

Use of microchips is strongly discouraged. There are many requirements to use a microchip as the sole official ID. For more details contact the USDA Michigan office.