

Department Contacts

Az Scrapie/Premise ID Number

Contact: (602) 542-4293

Self-Inspection Certificate

Contact: (602) 542-6407

Official Ear Tags

Contact: 1-866-USDA-TAG



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Scrapie in the U.S.

The National Scrapie Eradication Program has included **required federal regulations** since September 2001.

Scrapie is an always fatal disease affecting the central nervous system of sheep and goats.

Scrapie first presented itself in the U.S. in a Michigan flock in 1947.

Between the years of 1947 and 2001, Scrapie has been diagnosed in over 1,000 flocks in the U.S.



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FAQs

Q: What if my sheep/goat has little to no ear?

A: A tattoo can be placed on the underside of the animal's tail, or a collar with the tag attached may be used.

Q: What if the animal loses the tag?

A: The tag must be replaced prior to the animal being sold, a change of ownership, or transported.

Q: Do wethers (castrated males) need to be tagged?

A: No, unless the animal is being exhibited (e.g. 4-H, FFA, etc.) or if it's older than 18 months.



Becoming Compliant

- Obtain an Az Scrapie/Premise ID number.
- Acquire a sheep/goat Self-Inspection Certificate, if showing or transporting.
- Tag animals with an official ear tag containing Scrapie/Premise ID number.
- Registered animals may be identified with a tattoo in lieu of an official ear tag as long as the owner is in possession of the registration certificate with the current owner's name.
- Maintain accurate records of all sheep and goats being sold or transported.
- Records must be kept for 5 years.



9 Code of Federal Regulations 79

- 9 CFR 79 requires **ALL** sexually intact sheep and goats to be individually identified
 - EXCEPT for sheep and goats in slaughter channels.
- **NO** sheep or goat may be sold, bought, or any change of ownership without an official ID.
- An official ear tag or tattoo must be used and will contain the following:
 - An AIN with an 840 prefix,
 - Must bear the U.S. Shield, and
 - Must be tamper resistant.
- The following number system may be used:
 - National Uniform Ear tagging System,
 - Animal Identification Number, or
 - Premise based number.

