

Moving Sheep & Goats

Under Indiana's Disease Traceability Rule



Sheep and goats entering Indiana must be accompanied by documentation and bear official ID (as recognized by BOAH).

Official ID required for:

- All animals, regardless of age

Exceptions:

- Animals moving directly to a slaughter facility
- Animal moving directly to an approved market, where the animal will be ID'ed

Documentation required:

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with official ID of each animal, written within 30 days of entry

Exceptions:

- Direct-to-slaughter
- Direct to an approved market
- Veterinary care (no ownership change)
Does not include embryo transplants
- Passing through the state



Upon change of ownership and for exhibitions, Indiana sheep and goats must have unique, individual ID.

Official ID required at change of ownership:

- All sexually intact, regardless of age
- All wethers, 18 months or older

Exceptions:

- Animals moving directly to a slaughter facility
- Animal moving directly to an approved market, where the animal will be ID'ed

Exhibition ID required for wethers younger than 18 months:

- Any form of unique, individual ID (may or may not be official form of ID). A 4-H tag is sufficient for wethers

Documentation required:

- Records must be kept for at least 5 years for all purchases, sales and movements
- All records must specify official ID number



Always call ahead to the state-of-destination for sheep and/or goats moving out of Indiana.

Official ID:

- Sheep and goats that meet Indiana's ID requirements will meet the ID requirements for all states, based on USDA's ADT rules.

Official ID:

- Official Scrapie Program flock tags, which must bear US shield
- Electronic implant (microchips) for breed-registered animals only
- Tattoo with registration papers or flock ID beginning with state prefix.

Documentation:

- Call ahead to ask specific details about required documentation. USDA recognizes Certificates of Veterinary Inspection, with official IDs noted, for inter-state movements.

Questions:

- What is the time limit on CVIs?
- Is a pre-entry permit required?
- Other requirements, such as tests?

➔ What is Animal Disease Traceability?

In January 2013, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the new federal plan to improve the traceability of livestock and poultry in a significant disease event. Known as ADT (Animal Disease Traceability), the plan raises the standards for livestock identification and the documentation required to move across state lines.

ADT will help state animal health officials trace movements of an individual animal rapidly and efficiently in a significant disease event, such as foot and mouth disease. The changes standardize the forms of identification that are acceptable for interstate movements, making compliance easier for producers.

Indiana's Guide to Moving Sheep & Goats Under ADT



Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) requirements are effective as of Jan. 1, 2015 to align with USDA's Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) program.

This fact sheet outlines what forms of identification will be recognized as official, as well as what documentation will be required for sheep and goats moving into, out of and within Indiana.

More information about ADT is available online at www.boah.in.gov.



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What Is Official Sheep & Goat ID In Indiana?

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) recognizes three forms of identification as official for sheep and goats. All are approved by USDA for interstate movements of livestock.

Scrapie Program Flock Tags

- Format remains unchanged
- May or may not be an RFID (radio frequency device)

Electronic Implant (Microchip)

- *For breed-registered animals only*
- Number must be noted on registration paperwork

Tattoo

- Must be accompanied by registration papers with number noted
- Or includes the scrapie flock ID number along with an individual animal ID number

(NOTE: USDA backtags are considered official within slaughter channels.)



➔ Where To Obtain Official IDs?

Tags will continue to be available free-of-charge through the USDA scrapie program.

Directly from Tag Suppliers: Sheep and goat producers may continue to obtain customized scrapie flock identification tags as they always have, through established tag suppliers. A list of suppliers is available on the BOAH website at: www.boah.in.gov.

Official Tagging Sites: In Indiana, all licensed livestock markets will be considered tagging sites. However, the market may or may not provide this service on animals not moving through the facility. Likewise, all animals that move through a given market must be tagged in some manner upon arrival, if the animal does not already bear official ID.