



Sheep and Goat Exhibition and Identification Facts

All sheep and goats exhibited in Indiana must meet baseline, statewide standards for exhibition established by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH). Sheep and goats exhibited in 4-H shows may need to meet additional requirements for the county and/or state fair. Please contact your county Extension office for details. Contact information is available at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/countyOffices.aspx>

STATE REQUIREMENTS

Premises ID Number

- Premises ID is required
- Easy to obtain through BOAH (Request online at: www.in.gov/boah/2642.htm email animalid@boah.in.gov or call 317-544-2400)
- Please note that a Premises ID number is required to enroll livestock in a 4-H fair

Scrapie Flock ID Number

- Only needed if you have lambs or kids born at your premises
- Easy to obtain through BOAH (Request online at: www.in.gov/boah/2669.htm or call 317-544-2400)

Identification Requirements for all Indiana Exhibitions (not just 4-H shows)

- BOAH requires unique individual official ID on all sexually intact sheep and goats that are being exhibited
- Wethers younger than 18 months of age must bear a unique and permanent form of identification
- Official ID can be one of the following:
 - o All animals, both registered and non-registered
 - Scrapie program ear tags
 - Tattoo of scrapie flock ID along with individual animal ID number
 - o Registered animals
 - Registration tattoo, if accompanied by registration papers with tattoo noted on papers
 - Electronic implant (microchip), must be noted on registration papers and accompany the animal

DO NOT REMOVE SCRAPIE EAR TAGS

Additional Identification Requirements for 4-H Shows

- Requirements may vary by county; check with the county 4-H Educator.
- If the county requires a county 4-H tag other than a scrapie program tag and the animal is sexually intact (i.e., not a wether), the animal **must** maintain a scrapie tag as well as the county 4-H tag.
 - o **Removing scrapie tags is against Federal Law.**
- State Fair: Check state fair identification requirements for different categories of sheep and goats.



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