

TN Sheep and Goat Identification Requirements

At Livestock Markets, Slaughter Establishments, Shows/Exhibitions, Change of Ownership and Movement Through-out the State

(Federal and TN State Regulations July 1, 2008)

Animals that **MUST** be officially Identified:

- **ALL** Sheep Regardless of age
- Registered Breeding Goats
- All Goats for exhibition
- Dairy Goats
- Goats that have lived with/commingled with Sheep
- All exposed, suspects, test positives and animals from non-compliant flocks

DO NOT have to be tagged:

- Wethers < 18 months at Slaughter
 - At slaughter means that the whether is less than 18 months old is delivered directly to a slaughter establishment by the owner of the flock of birth. "at slaughter" does not mean delivered for sale at a livestock market or auction
- Low Risk commercial goats – meat type (except at exhibition)

Types of Official ID in TN

1. Registry Tattoo- must be accompanied by registration papers
2. Official scrapie tag (plastic, metal or RFID)-
3. Electronic ID (Microchip) with recorded by registry, accompanied by registration papers and reader
4. Blue Meat tag (if no owner statement to verify flock of birth and/or flock of origin, animals must be tagged with a blue meat tag and go directly to slaughter)

In order to trace a positive, suspect or exposed animal, official Scrapie ID must be linked to market ID and adequate records maintained

**Please call the USDA Office to order Free Scrapie Tags 615 781 5310 (TN)
or 1 866 USDA TAG (routes you to proper State by telephone prefix)**