

# Sheep Official USDA Compliant ID Guide



## Primary ID Option: Official Scrapie Ear Tags

- Most common form of visual Official ID for sheep.
- Usually white, but can be ordered privately in different colors and customized with your farm name.
- Maine has FREE standard white scrapie tags available.



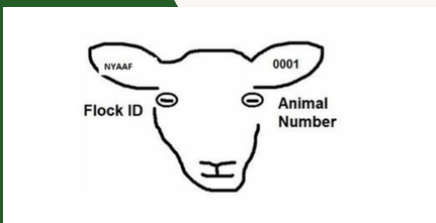
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- A style of Official Scrapie Tag with the added benefit of being able to scan the chip inside the tag for easy ID and record keeping.
- Get them FREE from Maine DACF's Animal Health Program office.



## 2nd ID Option: 840 Microchip Non-Visual Implant

- Must be used with an Official Scrapie Tag in place.
- All chip numbers start with 840.
- Require a chip reader in order to scan and read the ID.
- These must be custom ordered. Your USDA Scrapie ID number is impeded in every chip you ordered for compliant ID.
- Microchip ID Systems, Datamars, and other manufacturers produce these chips.



## Secondary ID Option: Scrapie Tattoo

- Tattoos may be used to identify animals in addition to USDA compliant permanent ID.
- Scrapie tattoos must be registered with USDA APHIS and easily readable.
- Not a recommended form of primary ID because the tattoos can be altered or fade so they cannot be read.

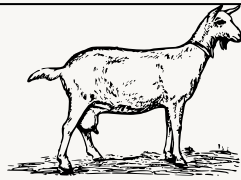


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Goat ID Guide



# Goat Official USDA Compliant ID Guide



## Primary ID Option: Official Scrapie Ear Tags

- Most common form of visual Official ID for goats.
- Usually white, but can be ordered privately in different colors and customized with your farm name.
- Maine has FREE standard white scrapie tags available.



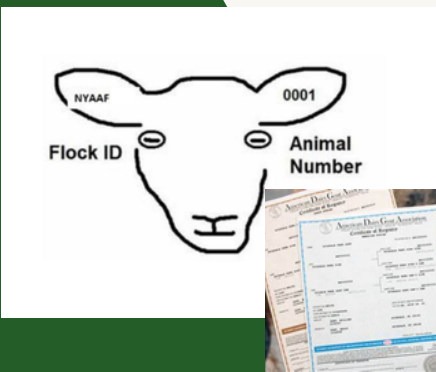
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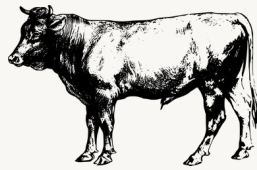
- Must be used with an Official Scrapie Tag in place or accompanied by original copy of breed registration papers.
- All chip numbers start with 840 and be printed on the registration papers.
- Require a chip reader in order to scan and read the ID.
- These must be custom ordered. Your USDA Scrapie ID number is imprinted in every chip you ordered for compliant ID.
- Microchip ID Systems, Datamars, and other manufacturers produce these chips.



## Primary ID Option: Breed Registration Tattoo accompanied by original copy of registration papers OR Tattoos registered with the National Scrapie Program

- Tattoos may be used to identify animals in addition to USDA compliant permanent ID.
- Scrapie tattoos must be registered with USDA APHIS and easily readable.
- Not a recommended form of primary ID because the tattoos can be altered or fade so they cannot be read.

**Remember, goats need to have official ID applied  
before the animal may be sold or leave the farm.**



# Cattle Official USDA Compliant ID Guide



## Primary ID Option: Official RFID Button Tags

- Most common form of visual Official ID.
- Usually yellow or white but can be ordered in a variety of custom colors from manufacturers.
- Orange button tags are reserved for Brucellosis vaccinated animals.

## Primary ID Option: Official RFID Button Back Hanging Tag

- A style of Official visual RFID tag with large visible hanging front tag face to capture more information that is readable chute side
- These are popular choices among breed registry tagging systems.
- Highly customizable
- Has official US Shield on the tag to indicate this is an official form of Identification.

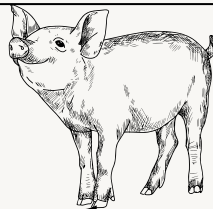
## Secondary ID Option: Farm Tag

- Must be used with an Official RFID Tag in place.
- Custom colors and information can be put on the tag
- NOT OFFICIAL ID ALONE.
- This ID type will not have a USDA shield printed on the tag, this is an easy way to tell the tag is not considered official ID.



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# Pig Official USDA Compliant ID Guide



## Primary ID Option: Official RFID Tags

- Most common form of visual Official ID.
- Usually yellow but can be ordered in a variety of custom colors from manufacturers.

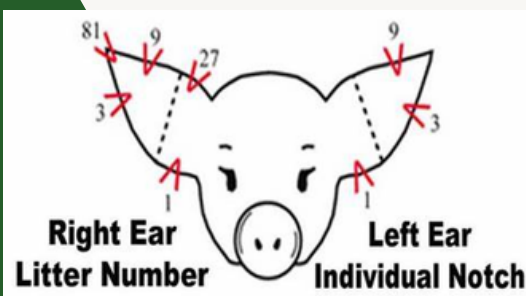
## Primary ID Option: Ear Tattoos with Matching Breed Registration Papers

- Tattoos on the ear or inner flank of any swine if the tattoos have been recorded in the book of record of a swine registry association.
- Tattoos must be listed and match the tattoos described on the provided original copy of the breed registration papers.
- Owner must assist with reading of the tattoos as requested by officials.



## Primary ID Option: Ear Notches with Matching Breed Registration Papers

- Notches on the ear of any swine if the notches have been recorded in the book of record of a swine registry association.
- Notches must match to a copy of the original registration papers from that swine registry association.



## Secondary ID Option: 840 Microchip

- Must be used with an Official USDA tag in place or tattoos or ear notches with matching breed registration papers.
- Microchip ID Systems, Datamars, and other manufacturers produce these chips.
- Premis ID of the farm of origin must be imbedded within the chip.
- Always start with 840.
- Owner must supply a chip reader for ID verification.

