

Table 8. Scrapie Program Serial Tags

Tag Information	Description
Program use	Scrapie program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicable for all official identification needs of sheep or goats; however, tags must be applied in accordance with scrapie program application and recordkeeping requirements.
Material type	Plastic or metal
Color	White for sheep and goats eligible to move as breeding animals and blue for “slaughter only” animals. Red metal is used for live scrapie positive animals. Yellow metal is used for permanently restricted high risk animals.
Species used on	Sheep and goats
Information on the tag For describing 2-piece tags, the designation of “Tag Piece A,” is the female piece typically attached to the inside of the animal’s ear (visual from the front of the animal). “Tag Piece B” is the male piece typically attached to the outside of the animal’s ear (visual from behind the animal).	Tag Piece A: Inside of ear; visible from the front of the animal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Official eartag shield - 8 characters - State postal abbreviation followed by a letter and number or a number and a letter, then 4 numbers (Examples: PAA12345 or PA1A2345) - Manufacturer’s logo or trademark (printed or impression of) Tag Piece B: Outside the ear; visible from behind the animal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Official eartag shield - UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE
	Metal single piece – Front of tag <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 characters - State postal abbreviation followed by two letters and 4 numbers (Example: PABG0575) Metal single piece – Back of tag <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State postal abbreviation and Official eartag shield Metal – inside tag, tag company name
Additional printing specifications	Blue tags are printed with “SLAUGHTER ONLY,” “MEAT ONLY,” or “MEAT” on the back or Tag Piece B (male part). Red metal has SCR printed on the back. Yellow metal has HR or EX printed on the back.
Issued/distributed to	Markets, dealers, veterinarians, feedlot operators and others who do not own breeding flocks
Distribution records/reporting	Distributed through AIMS
Other comments	Mandatory USDA identification program for sheep and goats. All sheep over 18 months of age; sexually intact sheep under 18 months of age that are sold for breeding or exhibition; sheep sold unrestricted, sheep not in slaughter channels; and sheep that have lambed or are pregnant. Sexually intact goats not in slaughter channels of any age that do not meet the requirements to be considered low risk commercial goats, such as those that are registered, sold for commercial milk production, sold or used for exhibition, or commingled with sheep.
How to obtain	Markets, dealers, veterinarians, feedlot operators and others who do not own breeding flocks order tags through AVIC or State office.

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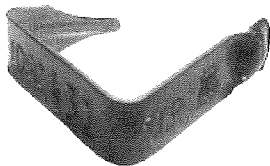
White - applied to sheep/goats that meet the requirements to move for any purpose.



Blue Slaughter Only / MEAT Tags



Red Scrapie Positive Tag



Yellow High Risk Animal Tag – applied only to retained permanently restricted scrapie high risk animals

