



# **National Scrapie Eradication Program:** Options to meet the USDA sheep and goat identification requirements.

**USDA APHIS Veterinary Services, Sheep and Goat Team**  
**May 21, 2024**

# Agenda



## Goals of the Webinar



## Review of ID Requirements and CFR



## Record Keeping Requirements



## Key Points of the OSS/OHS



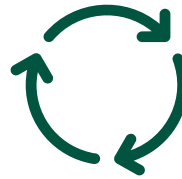
## Questions from the Audience



# Goals of Webinar



**Answer questions from the audience on sheep/goat official ID requirements.**



**Close knowledge gaps in understanding official ID requirements for tattooed and microchipped animals.**



**Provide resources to the sheep and goat industry found on the USDA website.**

***Note: Always check with your State on additional sheep/goat movement requirements***





# Review of ID requirements



# Official ID requirements for S/G

Sheep and goats are **REQUIRED** to have official individual ID

- On change of ownership \*
- Before entering interstate commerce \*
- If exposed to scrapie, suspect or test-positive for scrapie, from noncompliant flocks



There are exceptions to this rule and recordkeeping requirements

- Covered in later slide



There are also documents that may be required for movement

- Interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (ICVI) or Owner/Hauler statements



\*There may be exceptions



# Sheep and Goat Identification

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The National Scrapie Eradication Program is providing up to 100 plastic flock ID tags free-of-charge to first time participants in the sheep and goat identification program until available funds are expended. Producers will need to purchase the compatible applicator from the tag manufacturer.

We discontinued the availability of no-cost metal tags for producers on August 31, 2019. Dealers and markets may continue to receive metal serial tags at no cost until the available funds are expended. Flock ID tag numbers are the producer's flock ID assigned by APHIS or the State followed by an individual animal number. Metal serial tag numbers have the state postal abbreviation, two letters followed by four numbers. Plastic serial tags have the state postal abbreviation, a letter and a number in either order, followed by four numbers.

APHIS is working with sheep and goat organizations to encourage the use of electronic identification to improve our nation's ability to quickly trace exposed and diseased animals in the event of an outbreak.



Request Official Sheep and Goat Tags	+
Identification Educational Materials	+
Popular Links	+



# Types of Official Identification

- Official Eartags (Visual and RFID)
  - USDA provided eartags
  - USDA approved eartags
- Registry Tattoos or EIDs with certificate
- EIDs for animals required to be identified in the SFCP with certificate or owner statement
- APHIS assigned Flock ID number tattoo with individual #
- Official backtags for animals moving directly to slaughter



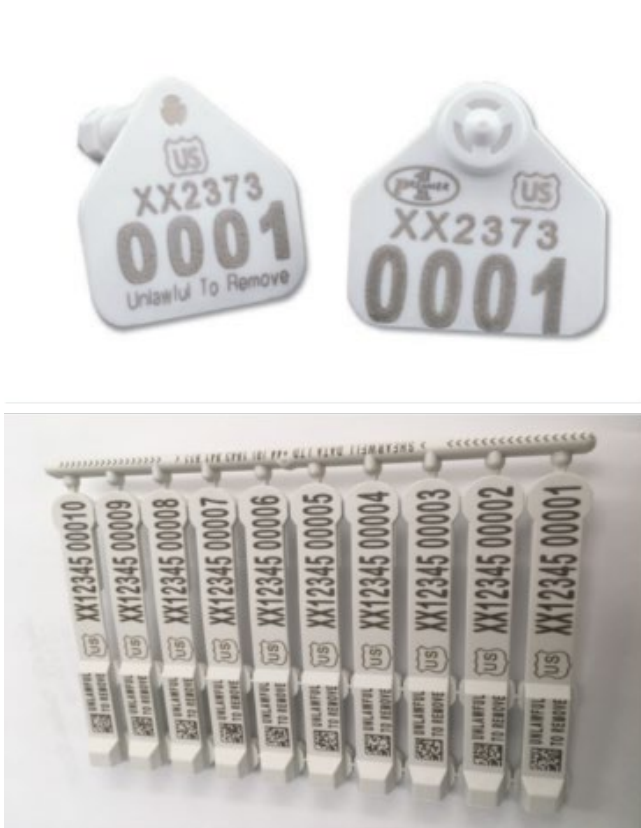




They come in many shapes and colors, plastic or metal, but ALL official tags have the **US shield**.



# Plastic Flock Tags



# Metal Tags



Flock metal tags



Blue "Meat" Metal Serial Tag;  
"slaughter only" use



Orange Metal Serial Tag



# RFID Tags



# Government Provided Tags

## Metal serial tags

- For markets, +/- dealers (tags only, no applicators)
- For Field Office for redistribution - at AVICs discretion

## Plastic tags (Shearwell non-RFID)

- Up to **100 Flock ID** tags for new producers
- Serial tags or flock ID tags for disease investigation/control
- Flock IDs for producers for on-farm surveillance

**Shearwell applicators cost approx. \$28 for producers!**





# Official USDA tags<sup>☆☆☆</sup> are free (up to 100) for first time orders!

**Toll Free at 1-866-USDA-TAG**



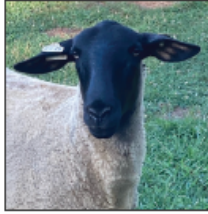
Shearwell tags are the current free tags offered.



# Attention Sheep and Goat Owners!

Most sheep and goats moving in commerce must have official scrapie tags.

To purchase official scrapie ear tags, your flock must have a flock ID number. You must provide it to the tag company when you order tags. Please call 1-866-USDA-Tag (866-873-2824) to request a flock ID number or to place a first-time tag order. Scan here for the most up-to-date scrapie tag information.



Are You New  
to the Sheep and Goat  
Identification Program?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide up to 100 plastic flock ID tags free-of-charge to first-time participants (as long as funds last).



## USDA-Approved Official Scrapie Tag Manufacturers

AllFlex USA, Inc.	Premier 1 Supplies, LLC
Phone: 833-SCRAPIE (833-727-2743) Fax: 972-338-3445 Email: scrapiefullaf@merck.com Online: www.allflex.global/na/product/scrapie-tags/ • Regular and Scrapie-Free Flock Certification Program (SFCP) plastic tags • Radio frequency ID (RFID) • Plastic ear tags in several colors	Phone: 800-282-6631 Fax: 800-346-7992 Email: info@premier1supplies.com Online: www.premier1supplies.com • Regular and SFCP plastic tags • Plastic ear tags in several colors
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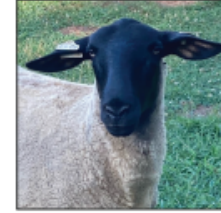
Tag applicators are different for each company's tags. You must purchase applicators at your own expense. They are not included with tags provided by USDA.

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# Dikkat Koyun ve Keçi sahipleri

koyun ve keçilerin çoğunda ticarete konu olan resmi scrapie küpesi bulunması gerekir.

Sürünüze resmi scrapie kulak küpesi satın almak için sürü kimlik numarasına sahip olunmalıdır. Sağlamalısınız Küpe siparişi verirken bu numarayı küpe şirketine Lütfen Talep için 1-866-USDA-Tag (866-873-2824) numaralı telefonu arayın. Sürü kimlik numarası talep etmek veya ilk kez küpe siparişi vermek için. En güncel scrapie küpe bilgileri için burayı tarayın.



Yeni misiniz  
Koyun ve Keçi  
Kimlik Programı?

ABD Tarım Bakanlığı (USDA)  
100 adede kadar destek sağlayacaktır.  
ücretsiz plastik sürü kimlik küpeleri  
ilk kez katılacaklara (sürecek fonlar devam ettiği)



## USDA Onaylı Resmi Scrapie Küpe Üreticileri

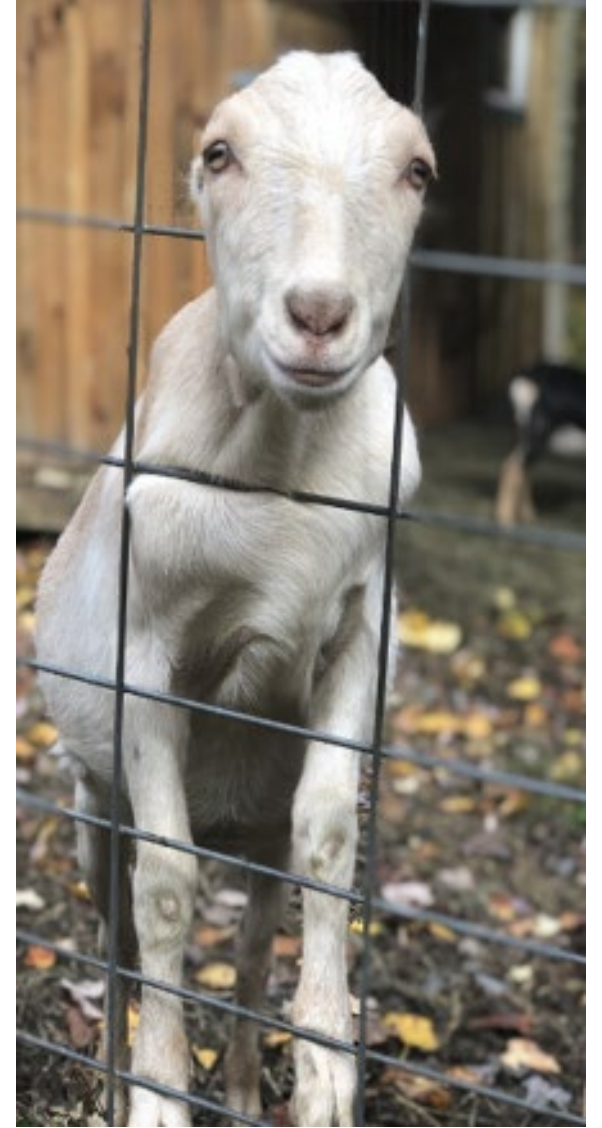
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Etiket uygulamaları her şirketin etiketi için farklıdır. masrafları size ait olmak üzere aplikatör satın alınması gerekir. USDA tarafından sağlanan küpelere dahil değildir.

USDA fırsat eşitliği sağlayan bir hizmet sağlayıcı kuruluş, işveren ve kredi kurumudur. Yayınlama Tarihi Eylül 2023 | APHIS-23-033

# “Earless” Goats

- Can attach ear tag to a durable strap or collar
  - Animals that cannot be ear tagged because of absent or injured ears
  - If ear tag would obscure an official tattoo
- Collars must accommodate for animal’s growth
- Neck strap with ear tag may not be removed
- Strap or ear tag would have to be destroyed to remove.



# Collar Options for “Earless” Goats





# Tattoos for Sheep/Goats

- **Breed flock/herd registry number**
  - EX: SCS SCR herd flock ID PA1234 and ADGA ID V316
  - Non-registered animals can be tattooed with the APHIS assigned flock/herd ID and individual animal number.
    - These must be shown in SCS SCR database
- **Breed registration number (for movement)**
  - As long as ICVI lists it
  - As long as animal travels with registration papers matching ICVI
  - Animals over 18 months in slaughter channels or any age going through a market (not in slaughter channels) must have an official ear tag with rare exceptions!





# Breed Registry Tattoos

- Registry must be **approved** by **APHIS** and **listed on website**
- A copy of the registration certificate must accompany the animal at all times
  - This certificate must have tattoo information printed on it from registry and must correspond to tattoo in animal's ears
- If not in the same name of the current owner, a copy of the **completed application for transfer** of ownership is permitted, assuming the sale occurred in the last **60 days**.



**ADGA**  
since 1904

**American Dairy Goat Association**  
ADGA Registry, based on original export records, is your warranty of good breeding and worldwide acceptance. Since 1904  
P.O. Box 595, 209 W. Main Street, Spindale, NC 28160 (828)286-3801 Fax (828)287-0476 www.ADGA.org

**Certificate of Registry**  
AMERICAN SAANEN

REGISTRATION ID: **AS1345711**

RE'S SIRE: **AS1064696**  
**WILLOW RUN DRE ATLAS**  
++\*B AR2000 ST2004

RE'S DAM: **AS0973850**  
**WILLOW-LANE EQUUS ELLENORE**  
5\*M AR1996 ST2000

MS SIRE: **AS1053784**  
**DES-RUHIGESTELLE LEONARD**  
++\*B AR2002 ST2002

MS DAM: **AS1141275**  
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7\*M AR2001 LA2003, 2002, 2001

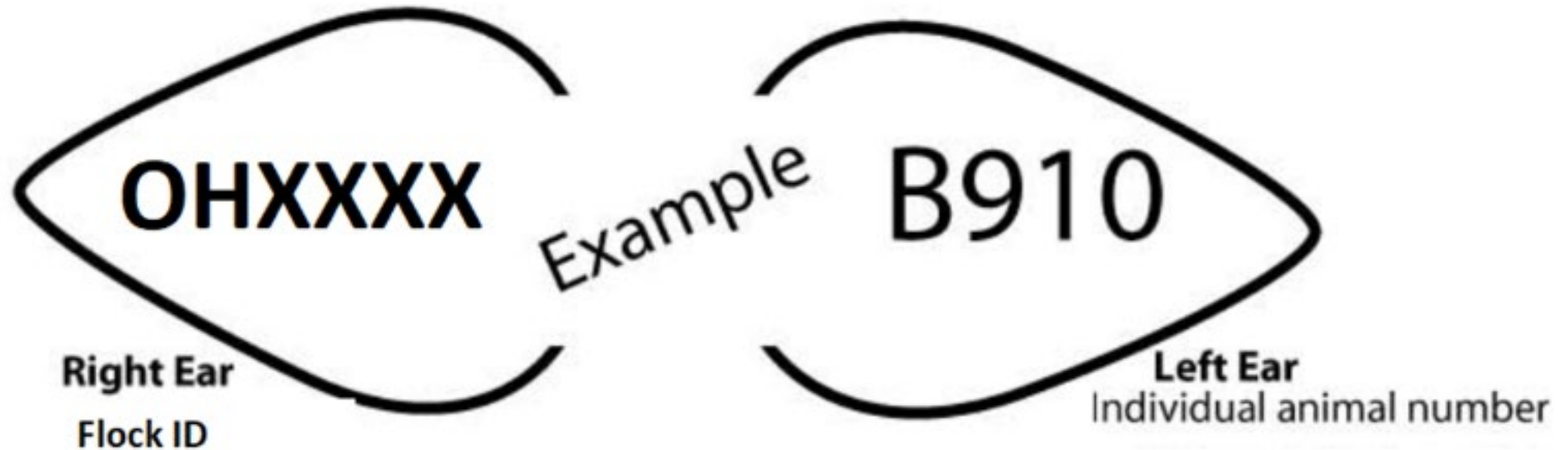
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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS**  
**0588103 03/14/2005**

**DAVIS, CA**  
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ISSUE DATE: **07/25/2005**

# Flock ID Tattoos for Non-Registered Animals



# Back Tags

- Considered official ID for animals that
  - Are moving direct to a slaughter establishment through a restricted market (if  $\geq 18$  months must be identified to flock-of-origin)
  - Cannot be ear tagged because of absent or injured ears or because the ear tag would obscure an official tattoo
- Apply APHIS-approved backtag within 3 inches of the **poll**



# Goats and Back Tags

≥ 18 months, horned,  
sexually intact, unsafe to tag

- Goats must be going direct-to-slaughter through a restricted market\*\*
- Use must be approved by AVIC & SAHO
- Apply backtag to back



# Electronic Implantable Identification Device

- Not acceptable as the only official ID for slaughter channels or markets\*
- The implant must be placed either:
  - Between the skin and the cartilage at the base of the ear
  - Between the skin and the bone of the tail near the base of the tail
  - Tattoo “E” or “ET” in ear or if no ear the tail fold to indicate where implant is
  - “E” if base of ear
  - “ET” if in Tail





# EID Guidelines

- **Unregistered Animals**

- The animal must also be legibly tattooed with the Flock ID in the ear (in addition to the “E” or “ET” tattoo)
- In the case of earless animals, in the tail fold or flank (if tail fold is too small)

- **Registered Animals**

- The implant number must be recorded on the registration certificate accompanying the animal

- Animals must be accompanied by an implant reader

- Readers must be made available for use by APHIS or State authorities
- Must be ISO compliant (frequency of 134.2 KHz) and 15 digits long with country/manufacturer code

- "Implant" is an APHIS approved 840 sheep and goat implant (see Scrapie Program Website) OR was applied before March 11, 2015.



**\*\*Note: Some States have different guidelines related to use of EIDs.**



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# Interstate Animal Movement Requirements

Quick, accurate access to state import requirements for livestock.

ADDRESS:

FIND TAGGING SITE

## FIND REQUIREMENTS...

To get started, answer a few questions about your livestock movement circumstances. After that, you'll receive an easy to follow report about what is currently required for your livestock movement.

FROM

Select Origin ▼

TO

Select Destination ▼

SPECIES

Sheep ▼

I AM

Select your role ▼



# More than 1 official ID?

No more than one official ear tag, except if:

- The same ID number as existing tag
- Special circumstances with intensified need to maintain identity (e.g. export, quarantined herds, field studies, disease surveys, experiments, SFCP, exports)
- 840 tag is the additional tag
- Flock ID tag for animals residing in that flock



**Don't forget that you must have a Premises ID (PIN) and a Flock ID to use RFID tags or implants.**

# When are official IDs needed for movement?





# A sheep or goat enters interstate commerce if it:



Is transported across a State line or sold to an out-of-state buyer



Commingles with any animals that have been handled in interstate commerce off the premise of the flock



Is loaded or unloaded at a premises or animal concentration point where **any animals** have been received or from which **any animals** have moved in interstate commerce

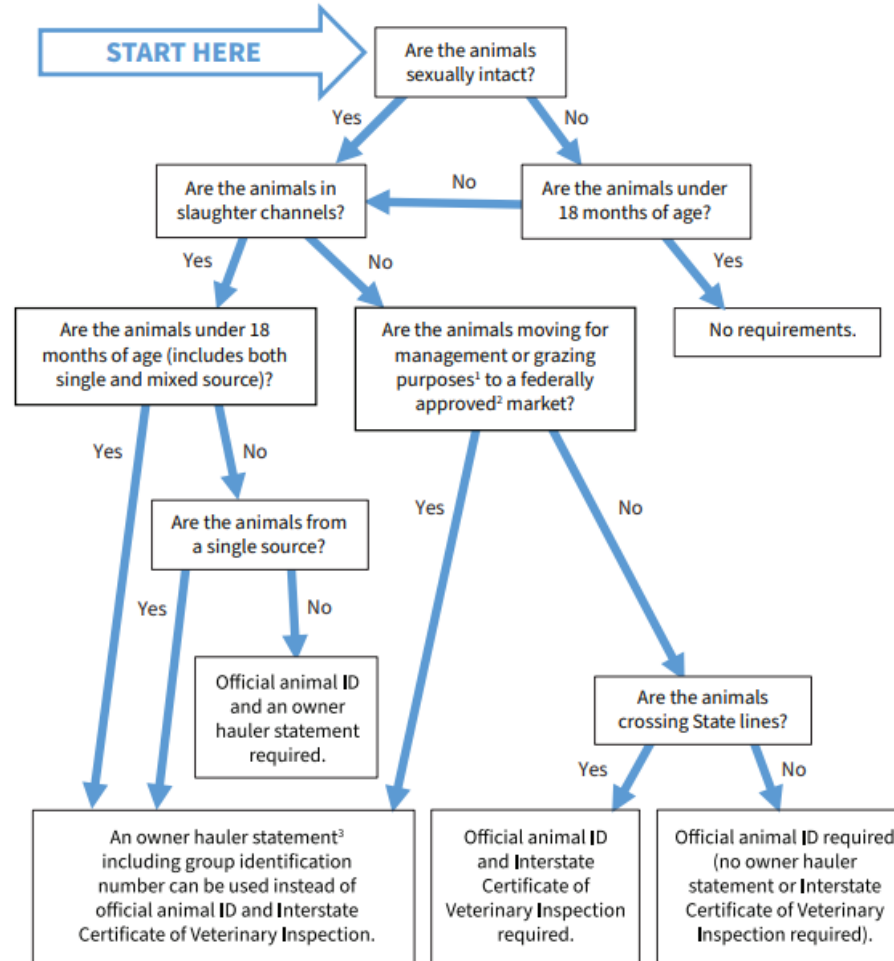


Leaves the premises on which it currently resides if it is **owned by a person who engages in interstate commerce of animals**



## Federal Sheep and Goat Official Identification Decision Tree for Animals in Interstate Commerce

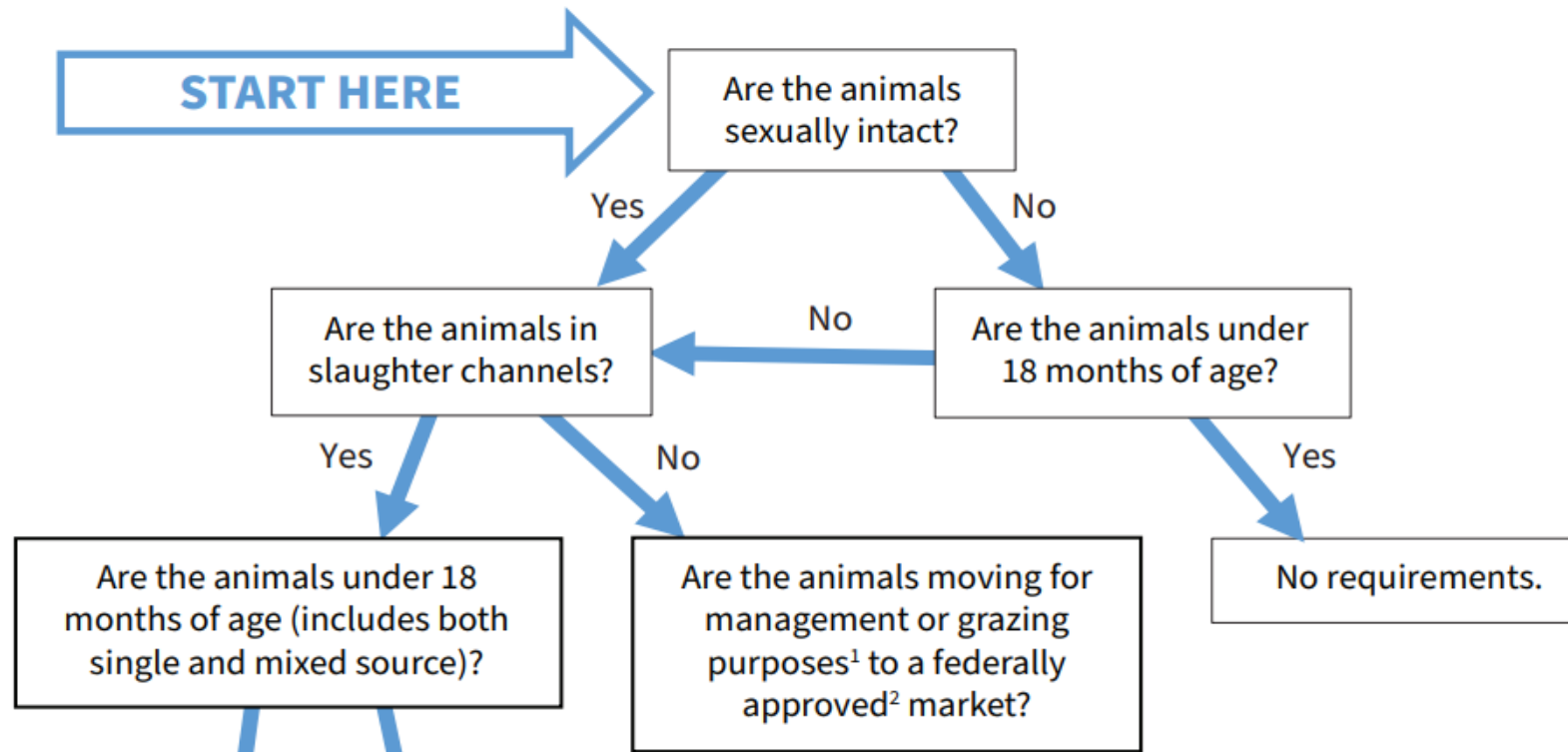
Identification rules apply when the animal first enters interstate commerce, such as unloading animals at markets, sales, exhibitions or other sites where interstate commerce occurs; moving animals across a State line; selling animals to an out-of-State buyer; or when people who engage in interstate commerce acquire animals. The animals' State of residence or the recipient State may have additional requirements.

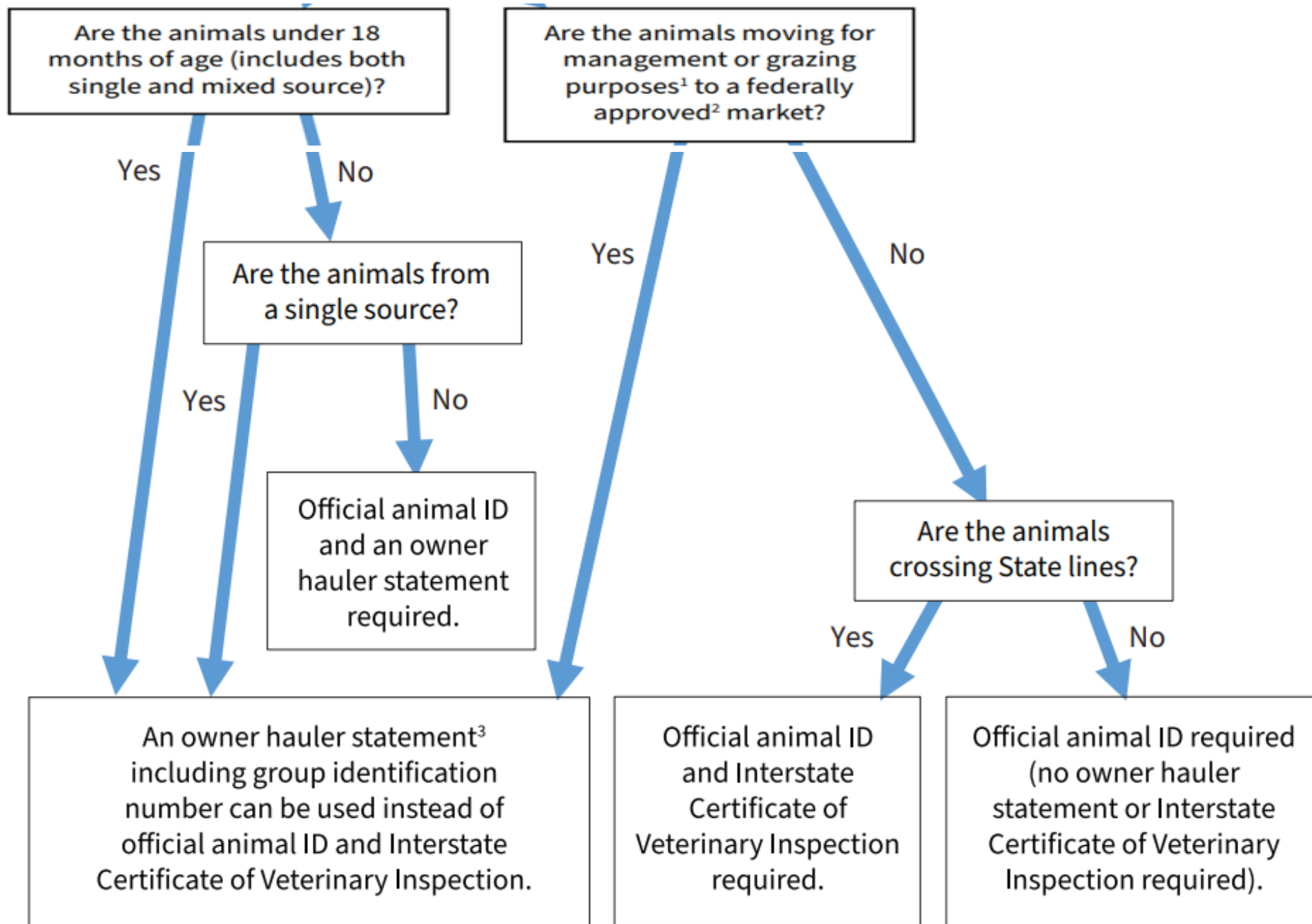




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# Types of federally approved auctions

## Unrestricted federally approved auction - all class sales

- Sexually intact animals from out-of-state arrive officially identified to flock/herd of birth **or with OHS allowing them to be IDed to flock/herd of birth** by the market
- Animals arriving **do not require an ICVI** including from out-of-state (unless required by the State)
- Animals can be sold for any purpose
- Animals leaving the market/sale are examined by a veterinarian at the sale and if going out-of-state an ICVI for movement from the sale to the destination is written
- Animals NOT meeting the requirements for unrestricted sale **must be sold restricted to slaughter channels or rejected**

## Restricted federally approved auction – slaughter only sales

- Animals over 18 months arrive with **official ear tags** or **official ear tags** are applied by the market–**no other ID type is accepted** in slaughter channels
- If market applies tags only **blue meat or slaughter only tags can be used**
- Out-of-state animals and animals that were restricted to slaughter channels before arriving must arrive with **O/H statement** with an official PIN, LID, or flock/herd ID on statement. For other in state animals, owner may complete an OHS or equivalent dock slip at the market.
- **Unidentified animals >=18 months of age** must be identifiable to their flock of origin (with some exceptions) or market may sell in accordance with compliance agreement





# Types of auctions that are not federally approved

## Unrestricted auction - all class sales

- Animals from out-of-state **must arrive** officially identified to flock/herd of birth
- Market may be approved (State must agree) to apply official ear tags on arrival to in state animals
- Animals from **out-of-state must arrive with ICVI**
- Animals can be sold for any purpose
- Animals leaving the market/sale are examined by a veterinarian at the sale and if going out-of-state an ICVI for movement from the sale to the destination is written
- Unrestricted markets can hold restricted sales (see requirements for restricted auction)
- Animals NOT meeting the requirements for unrestricted sale must be sold restricted to slaughter channels in accordance with a compliance agreement or rejected

## Restricted auction – slaughter only sales

- Intact animals < 18 months do not require individual identification
- Out-of-state animals > 18 months **must arrive with official ear tags**– no other ID accepted in slaughter channels
- Market may be approved (State must agree) to apply official ear tags on arrival to in state animals; blue meat or slaughter only tags must be applied (a compliance agreement is required for the market to tag out-of-state animals)
- Out-of-state animals and animals that were restricted to slaughter channels before arriving must arrive with **O/H statement** with an official PIN, LID, or flock/herd ID on statement. For other in state animals, owner may complete an OHS or equivalent dock slip at the market.
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# Under 9 CFR an animal is restricted to slaughter channels when...

Identified with a **slaughter only and/or MEAT** tag or tattoo

Sold at a **restricted sale**

Moved on an **OHS** indicating they are in slaughter channels

**Moved without** the required official ID, OHS or ICVI that would have been required for them to legally move unrestricted

Sold with a **bill of sale** marked slaughter only or **MEAT**

Unloaded/resided at a **terminal feedlot, a slaughter establishment, or a restricted animal sale**



# Exceptions to official individual ID requirements

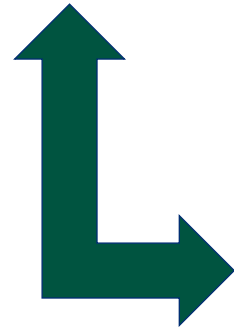
- Wethers < 18 months of age
- All sheep and goats < 18 months of age in slaughter channels\*
- Single flock-of-origin animals moving to a federally approved market where the market has agreed to act as an agent to apply official individual ID\*
- Animals moving for management or grazing purposes between premises owned or leased by the same person with no commingling with other unidentified animals from another herd\*

\*Owner hauler statement with group ID number or ICVI required for movements in interstate commerce



# Exceptions to official individual ID requirements-- Slaughter

- Single source animals moving to a federally approved market where the market has agreed to act as an agent to apply official individual ID



There are occasions where animals can move all the way to slaughter without any ID as long as they are maintained as a separate lot from unrestricted animals and are slaughtered as such.



# Record Keeping Requirements





# Recordkeeping requirements for producers and/or markets:

- The flock ID # of the flock-of-origin (if known), name and address of the current owner, and the name and address of the owner of the flock-of-origin (if different)
- The date the animals were officially identified;
- The breed if known and class (i.e. cull ewes, feeder lambs, breeding does, etc.) of the animals
- If breed unknown, face color or type (milk, fiber, or meat) must be recorded instead
- The official ID numbers applied
- Identification number (GIN) applied in the case of a group/lot;
- Whether the animal was identified with a **“Slaughter Only”** or **“MEAT”** tag; and
- And any GIN with which the animal was previously identified.

**Note: These items also correlate with the details needed for an OHS.**



# Owner/Hauler Statements (OHS)

- Required for sheep or goats in interstate commerce:
  - Moving in slaughter channels as defined in 9 CFR
  - Moving without official ID
- When animals are in slaughter channels, the OHS must also include a statement that the animals are *in slaughter channels*
  - Likewise, any bill of sale regarding the animals must indicate that the animals were sold for slaughter only





EXAMPLE: OWNER / HAULER STATEMENT FOR SHEEP AND GOATS				
OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS		DESTINATION NAME AND ADDRESS		
Name:		Name:		
Address:		Address:		
City/State/Zip:		City/State/Zip:		
Phone:		Phone:		
HAULER NAME AND ADDRESS		Date Animals Moved:		
Name:		Scrapie Flock ID or PIN*: <i>*Premises ID Number</i>		
Address:				
City/State/Zip:				
Phone:				
ANIMAL INFORMATION				
Number of Animals	Sheep or Goats	Breed (If unknown: For sheep, include face color; for goat, include type: milk, meat, fiber)	Class (Cull ewes/does, rams/bucks, feeder lambs/kids, slaughter lambs/kids, etc.)	Group Lot ID Number (Flock ID—MMDDYY—sequence number)
<input type="checkbox"/> These animals are in slaughter channels.				
Owner/Hauler Signature: _____				
I hereby certify that the information stated above is correct and the livestock listed are properly classified.				



OWNER / HAULER STATEMENT FOR SHEEP & GOATS				
NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER		NAME AND ADDRESS OF DESTINATION		
Name:		Name:		
Address: 1		Address: 3		
City/State/Zip:		City/State/Zip: EX: Slaughter facility OR market		
Phone:		Phone:		
NAME AND ADDRESS OF HAULER		Date Animals Moved:		
Name: 2		4		
Address: Optional if owner is the hauler		Scrapie Flock ID or PIN*: *Premises ID Number		
City/State/Zip:		5		
Phone:				
ANIMAL INFORMATION				
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6 Traceability Details				
Owner/Hauler Signature: 7				
I do hereby certify that the information stated above is correct and the livestock listed are properly classified.				

Flock ID and  
Premises ID are  
assigned by VS or  
State. IDs are  
recorded in SCS  
system.

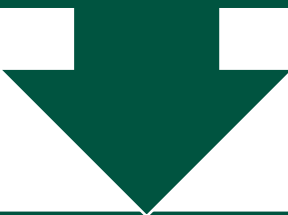
Group Lot ID #,  
see next slide



# Group Lot ID (GIN)



Groups of animals may be identified with a GIN in lieu of official individual identification if allowed by 9 CFR 79.3.



Consists of:

Flock ID or PIN	6-digit date the group was assembled	Sequential number for each group assembled that day
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Can dock slips satisfy the  
components of the OHS/OSS?

**YES!**





<b>Note: Records must be kept for 5 years after the animal is sold or otherwise disposed</b>			
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FOR SHEEP AND GOATS

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## Example of on-farm records

**Records must be kept for 5 years after the animal is sold or otherwise disposed.**



# Questions?



# **Contact Information for Speakers**

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# Thank you for attending this evening!

