

USDA Scrapie Eradication Program

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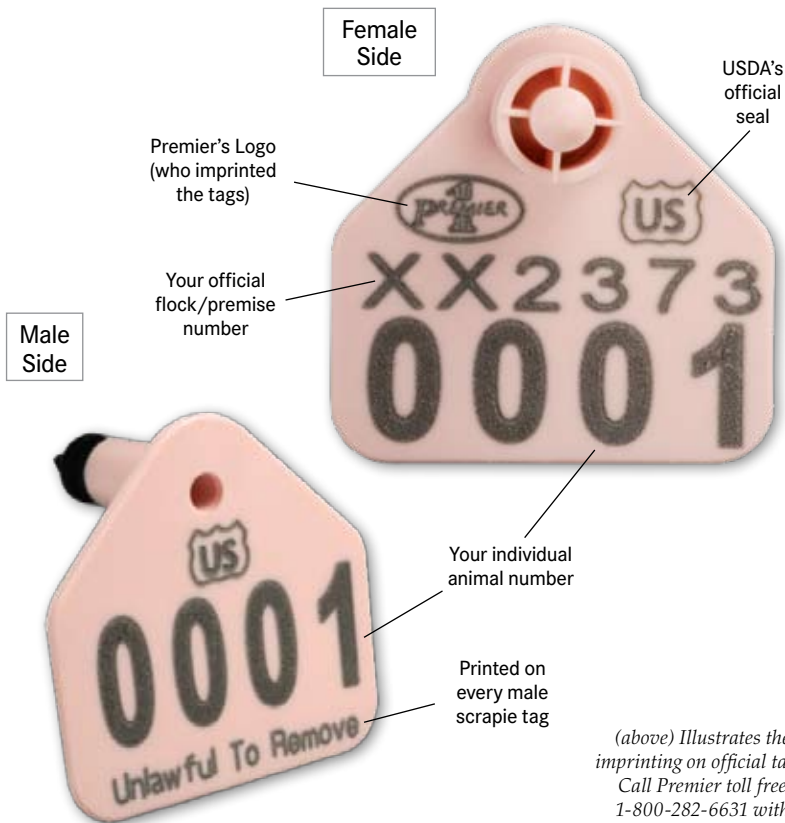
For all sheep and goats in the USA.

- Producer pays for tags and applicator and can choose from several sizes and colors.
- Choices: 7X, Mini and EasyTags. Color is up to you (except blue, which is reserved for USDA use).
- Imprinting: Male side has up to 2 lines of imprinting of *the producer's choice*. Female side has official flock number and a unique animal ID number.
- **Shipped within 2 working days of placing order.** Delivery date depends upon method of shipment.

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- Cost of tags is paid by producer.
- Tag options are 7X, Mini or EasyTags.
- Color choices: Same as above except for blue, which is reserved for USDA use.
- Tag setup: Both sides have flock number and individual animal number as shown above. Male side can also have one additional line for your own number or name.



(above) Illustrates the imprinting on official tags. Call Premier toll free 1-800-282-6631 with additional questions.

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To comply, producers must insert an official tag in an ear of show sheep and goats, sheep and goats over 18 months of age, and intact sheep and goats under 18 months of age not moving into slaughter channels prior to leaving their farm of origin/birth.

There are exemptions for some types/classes of sheep and goats. Registry or official USDA flock ID tattoos may also be used. Rules vary a little from state to state. ([See www.eradicatescrapie.org](http://www.eradicatescrapie.org) for more details.)

The tags enable officials to identify the place of birth of older sheep and goats whose brains, post slaughter, are diagnosed with scrapie. The tags also assist in locating the live animals born on a premise that produced an animal diagnosed with scrapie.

Official tags can be:

- Regulatory Approved. You pay for the tag but choose tag, size, color and can personalize the male side. You can obtain these from Premier
- Regulatory free tags (white only). Note that Premier, as of Oct. 1, 2009, no longer supplies the free white tags. If you need them, contact your state APHIS office @ 1-866-USDA-tag.

Volunteer Scrapie Flock Certification Program (SFCP)

USDA's scrapie flock certification program provides buyers of breeding stock with assurance that the seller's sheep (if they're enrolled in the program) are less likely to have scrapie. Those who voluntarily enroll in this program are in compliance with all Regulatory rules.