

Why folks like our ear tags

1. Very fast printing—

It's who we are! Custom tag orders often leave our door within **2 days**, while our competitors' turnaround time is often **2 weeks or longer**.

2. Customized—imprinted or blank for the same price.

A. Select any Premier tags.

As a general rule, light colors imprint the best. Dark colors are the least readable.

B. Decide what to imprint.

- **Consecutive numbers**
With or without repeating farm/ranch names.
- **Logos/brands** Each \$15 setup fee.
- **Single names or numbers**
The cost is \$2.50 per tag.

C. Decide imprint location.

Print on the male side (has the pin), female side (has the receptacle) or print on both sides.



A note on male/female insertion: In our flock of over 800 head, we have found no retention difference between having the female cap on the inside or outside of the ear.

If the female cap contacts field wire, the round edge slips off the wire. It does not catch and tear the ear.

3. No minimum requirement!

We'll even imprint individual replacement tags (\$2.50 per tag).

4. Low prices

For some sizes our tags cost only half as much as similar tags from others.

How are we able to do this?

Most tag sales occur during Premier's "slow" months—so we price the tags accordingly because our staff has more time then. It's a win for us and for you.



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Ear Tags

Animal Identification



We know our current online tag customization is not the best—we are working on it! Please bear with us while it is under construction. Thank you!



To avoid ear tag loss...

1. Place tags in the center of the ear.

- The tissue nearest the skull is too thick for the space between male and female tag parts. The wound is also less able to heal quickly in this location (infections occur).
- The thin flesh near the tip of the ear increases the potential for the tags to tear out.

Note: One-piece loop tags for sheep and goats only fit in the lower red spot (diagram above right).

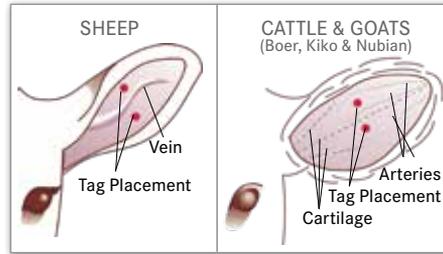
2. Avoid the large veins in the ear.

(see diagram above) **Why?** Tissue around damaged veins heals slowly—so it's prone to infection.

3. Don't use cheap tags as long-term tags. **Why?** They're often made of inferior plastic that may become brittle from UV light.

4. Avoid double-button round tags. **Why?** They're more likely to snag and rip free on vines, fences and feeders.

5. Avoid low-fiber diets. **Why?** Sheep on these diets are desperate to chew on anything. When one lamb starts chewing tags, its pen-mates will copy the behavior.



6. How do I keep track of an animal if a tag falls out?

- Install 2 tags (one per ear)—with the same number. Official tags can't be duplicated—but you can use the same individual animal number on the second tag *if you don't add a flock or premise number.*
- Tattoo the animal. No animal ID is more permanent.

Sheep Tags	Cost per pkg 20	Imprinting per tag	Imprint Logo	Time to ship
Premier Q-flex 3	\$16.00	FREE	\$15	2 days
Destron Fearing	\$21.49	.15¢	\$31	2 wks
Allflex	\$19.75	.15¢	\$31	2 wks
Ketchum	\$20.50	.13¢	n/a	2-3 wks

Tag Comparison Chart

Tag name	Size	*Imprint each	# per pkg	# of colors	Scrapie approved	Imprint area	Applicator
Q-flex RFID	1.625" x 0.44"	98¢	5 sets	1	no	male side only 13 char/1 line	Q-flex/Pro
Temple Tags	0.375" x 1.25"	51¢	50	7	no	pre-numbered	Ear Punch
Qwik Tag	1.5" x 0.38"	32.5¢	20	8	no	13 characters/1 line	Qwik Tag
MiniTags	1.1" x 1.1"	60¢	20	6	yes	9 characters/2 lines	MiniTag/Pro
Q-flex 1.2	1.625" x 0.44"	50¢	20	14	no	13 characters/1 line	Q-flex/Pro
Q-flex 1.5	1.88" x 0.56"	60¢	20	14	yes	13 characters/2 lines	Q-flex/Pro
Q-flex 3	1.63" x 1.5"	80¢	20	14	yes	13 characters/3 lines	Q-flex/Pro
Q-flex 5	1.63" x 1.88"	90¢	20	14	yes	15 characters/3 lines	Q-flex/Pro
7X Tag	2.2" x 2.9" (female) 2.2" x 2.5" (male)	\$1.10	20	7	yes		X Tag/Pro
One-Piece Calf	2.5" x 3.25"	\$1.08	25	8	no		Z Tag
Long Neck Calf	2.5" x 3.75"	\$1.16	25	8	no		Z Tag
One-Piece Cow	3" x 4.5"	\$1.40	25	8	no		Z Tag

*Price per tag if purchased as a package. Call Premier for individual replacement tags.

How ear tags can help you

1. To indicate sex

Benefits: Allows rapid sorting by sex while sheep and goats are in a chute or holding pen.

To do this:

- Insert the primary tag in left ear of males, and in right ear of females.

2. To indicate year of birth

Benefit: No need to catch them to check teeth. A tag can tell you the age from 25 ft away. Faster decisions when sorting for breeding or culling.

Two ways to do this (we do both):

- Use a different color each year.
- Begin tag series with the year of birth. Ex: tag 19275 indicates lamb is the 275th lamb tagged in 2019.

3. To indicate sire (and dam)

Benefit: No need to check records.

Three ways to do this:

- Use a different color second tag for each sire (blue tags = Sire XYZ; purple tags = Sire ABC).
- Have sire name printed on the tag. Apply those tags to its progeny.
- Handwrite the ewe's tag number with a marking pen on the lamb's tag. If space is limited, write it on the inner surfaces of the tag.

Note: Tags can be lost, so use 2 sire/dam tags (one in each ear).

4. To indicate problems

Benefit: Allows rapid, positive culling of animals with foot problems, mastitis, prolapse, etc.

Two ways to do this:

- Insert a tag that says "cull".
- Use an ear notcher.

5. To indicate single, twin or triplet

Benefit: Speeds up sorting process for breeding and sale purposes. Reduces need to consult records.

To do this:

Use a different color for each lamb type. Repeat these colors every year.

Premier's code is:

- blue = single
- green = twin
- orange = triplet

