

Wyoming Scrapie Tag Requirements

Sheep and goat exhibitors at Wyoming jackpots, county fairs, and state fair are reminded of the Wyoming Livestock Board (WLSB) and APHIS requirements that ALL sheep and goats exhibited in Wyoming MUST be individually identified with USDA-APHIS approved Scrapie identification. This requirement includes wethers. A USDA Scrapie tag must be in the ear of all exhibition sheep and goats. Scrapie identification should be traceable to the premise of origin (where the animal was born) through ownership records.

The ONLY exception to the tag requirement is that registered animals may be identified with a legible registration tattoo and must be accompanied with their registration papers.

The state requirement is consistent with the federal USDA-APHIS Scrapie identification requirement. WLSB and USDA-APHIS personnel will be checking for compliance with this requirement at county and state fairs. To avoid enforcement action, exhibitors are urged to be in compliance by having their sheep and goats properly identified PRIOR to arriving at the fair.

Questions may be directed to:

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The Wyoming Livestock Board Chapter 13 Scrapie Rules can be found online at:

<http://soswy.state.wy.us/Rules/RULES/6024.pdf> Please see Section 6(b)(ii).

The USDA-APHIS Scrapie Rules can be found online at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/downloads/umr_scrapie.pdf Please see Parts III and IV.

SHEEP AND GOAT EXHIBITORS

REMINDER

ALL exhibition sheep and goats **MUST** be identified with approved USDA Scrapie identification.

Official I.D. Includes

- *Official USDA Scrapie Ear Tag
- * LEGIBLE Tattoo Accompanied by Registry Paperwork
- *Microchip w/Official Veterinary Application Certification and reader



FREE tags and applicators may be obtained from the USDA by calling

307-432-7960 or 1-866-USDATAG



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