

OFFICIAL ID OF SHEEP AND GOATS IN OKLAHOMA: REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCERS

All sheep and goats of any age must be identified before being moved for:

- Sale or show
- Slaughter
- Change of Ownership

Note: Unidentified animals arriving at livestock auctions and special sales will be identified before sale, most likely for a fee.

Each of the following qualifies as official identification:

- An official USDA tag (Tags and applicator pliers (Allflex) are available to producers free of charge from USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services at 405-751-1701), *or*
- Legible official registry tattoo (only if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate listing the current owner), *or*
- For animals not suitable for eartagging, legible flank or tail-web tattoo containing the herd ID assigned by USDA.

Note: Some livestock markets may not recognize tattoos as sufficient ID and may still tag your animals for a fee.

- ➔ • **Do NOT double tag animals with official ID**
- ➔ • **Do NOT remove existing official ID**

Tags and applicator pliers are available to you free of charge from USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services by:

- Calling our office at 405-751-1701, *or*
- Completing and returning a Sheep/Goat ID Request Form available on the web at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/area_offices/states/oklahoma_info.html

What are the record keeping requirements?

The following records are required to be kept for at least 5 years:

Animals Tagged by Owners:

- Date the animals were tagged, *and*
- Tag numbers applied, *and*
- Breed, age and sex.

Purchased and Sold Animals:

- Animal ID, name, address and phone number of seller or market.
- Animal ID, name, address and phone number of person or market animal(s) sold to.
- Date of purchase or sale, *and*
- Breed, age and sex.

Questions? Call 405-751-1701