

## Why we have Scrapies Tags? (Sheep Breeders and Goat Breeders)

The scrapies tag is identifying the origin of the sheep. If the sheep were to develop scrapie later in life, it could then be traced back to its original farm and breeder by its scrapies tag.

If members continue to have a need for tags, they would then be considered producers and should have their own scrapies tags. The USDA provides tags and applicators for free. Producers should pursue that route, rather than getting the scrapies tags from the MSU Extension office.

We encourage members with breeding programs to get their own scrapies tags. On occasion **one time 4-H breeders or new 4-H breeders** might need scrapies tags, during these times is when it is reasonable for members to get scrapies tags from the MSU Extension office.

Brochure describes what animals need tags and where to order free tags, etc:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_diseases/scrapie/downloads/scrapie\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/downloads/scrapie_brochure.pdf)

Link to info on ordering tags:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth?1dm y&urile=wcm%3apath%3a%2Faphis\\_content\\_library%2Fsa\\_our\\_focus%2Fsa\\_a\\_animal\\_health%2Fsa\\_animal\\_disease\\_information%2Fsa\\_sheep\\_goat\\_health%2Fsa\\_scrapie%2Fct\\_to\\_order\\_ear\\_tags](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth?1dm y&urile=wcm%3apath%3a%2Faphis_content_library%2Fsa_our_focus%2Fsa_a_animal_health%2Fsa_animal_disease_information%2Fsa_sheep_goat_health%2Fsa_scrapie%2Fct_to_order_ear_tags)

You can call 1-866-873-2824 to order scrapies tags if you call from an area code 406 phone number (if you call from a non-406 area code phone number it will take you to a different state other than Montana). If you call from a non-406 area code phone number you can call 1-406-449-2220 to order scrapies tags. The order time is 2 – 4 weeks.

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