

# **NATIONAL SHEEP AND GOAT SCRAPIE ERADICATION PROGRAM**

**Effective July 1, 2005**

## **Requirements for identification of Sheep and Goats in Shows, Exhibitions, and Fairs**

This information is presented to clarify the mandatory identification requirements for sheep and goats under the National Scrapie Eradication Program. There are two components of the identification requirements that must be met before sheep and goats are allowed to move into the state or within Florida (intrastate) for shows, exhibitions, or fairs.

**1. Premises identification** - Before official individual animal identification tags can be issued, the owner/agent must register the premises on which the animal is located and obtain a premises identification number from USDA.

**2. Individual animal identification** - Once the premises are registered, the owner/agent will receive official individual animal identification tags for identifying each sheep and goat. Applicator pliers will be provided to FFA, 4-H leaders and/or fair/livestock/show committee for assisting exhibitors of the official ear tags. The premises must be registered before the exhibitor can receive the official individual ear tag for each animal. The official tags must be applied to the exhibitor's animals prior to presenting them for exhibition. Official ear tags must be affixed by FFA, 4-H leaders or by a representative of the Livestock Show committee or veterinarian.

**Contact for Premises and Individual Animal Identification Number and Tags.  
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