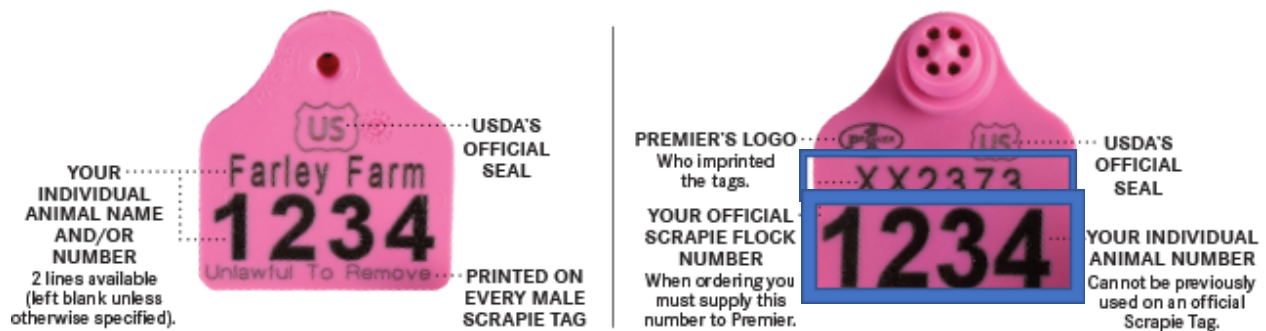


Information About Scrapie and Scrapie Tags

Background:

Scrapie is a fatal disease of sheep and goats that involves the central nervous system. Animals that are affected by scrapie can show signs of a lack of coordination and balance, loss of body condition, dehydration, etc. It is caused by virus-like agent in the brain called a prion.

Scrapie tags enable officials to identify the place of birth of older sheep and goats whose brains, post slaughter, are diagnosed with scrapie. The tags also assist in locating the live animals born on a premise (location) that produced an animal diagnosed with scrapie.



When filling out your identification form, please record the scrapie flock number and individual animal number off each animal's ear tag. The scrapie flock number and the animal numbers in the example above are circled in the right-hand picture.