



## IOWA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

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May 7, 2025

Re: Wether Goat Identification for Iowa County Fair

Dear Goat Project Members and Youth Leaders,

Welcome to all new and existing goat exhibitors! It is that time of year where you will need to complete the self identification of your market wethers.

**IDENTIFICATION PROCESS:** Please note that only wethers need to be identified prior to the Fair. Females, even commercial does, do not need to be identified ahead of time. Please follow the instructions below to complete the identification process:

Even though we are not requiring commercial does to be identified at this time, we would like to remind you that all project goats do need to be in the exhibitor's possession and care by **June 1st**.

**Step 1. Use the enclosed Goat Identification Form to self-identify your goat**

- You will need to take a picture of each goat's head with the scrapie tag in the ear and clearly visible. Take a photo for each individual goat you are identifying and attach to the Goat ID Form.
- Fill out your exhibitor or family name, your premise ID # and each animal's (scrapie tag#, Breed, home born and raised.) Each youth may self-identify up to 8 market wethers.

**Step 2. Turn in all ID materials by June 1, 2025.** Mail or drop off materials to the Iowa County Fair Office. A drop box is located next to the outside door of the exhibit building that goes into the office. Emailed copies will NOT be accepted! If your identification paperwork is not submitted to the Fair Office by **June 1, 2025**, you **will not** be able to exhibit at the Iowa County Fair.

Iowa County Fair  
Attn: Mary Foley  
PO Box 92  
Mineral Point, WI 53565

**SHOW DATE:** Thursday, August 28-Meat goat show starts at 1pm and dairy goat show starts at 2:30pm.

**SCRAPIE TAGS:** All market wethers must have their scrapie tag when you are self-identifying them. Make sure it is written legibly on the identification form. See attached sheet for an example of a scrapie tag.

**PREMISE ID:** All farms or locations that house animals in Wisconsin are required to have a Premise ID Number. If you do not have one, go to <https://wiid.org/premises-registration> to register. There is no cost associated.

**EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT:** All exhibitors showing either dairy, beef, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry at the Iowa County Fair are **REQUIRED** to attend Youth for the Quality Care of animals (YQCA) either in person or online. The online course can be found at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> you will need to enter your YQCA certificate number during the FairEntry registration process to confirm your completion of the course. Before beginning your FairEntry registration, please ensure that your YQCA training has been completed.

More information will be sent out in the coming months regarding entry, health requirements, etc. Thank you for your cooperation, if you have any questions please call Amy Robinson at (608) 574-9811.

Sincerely,

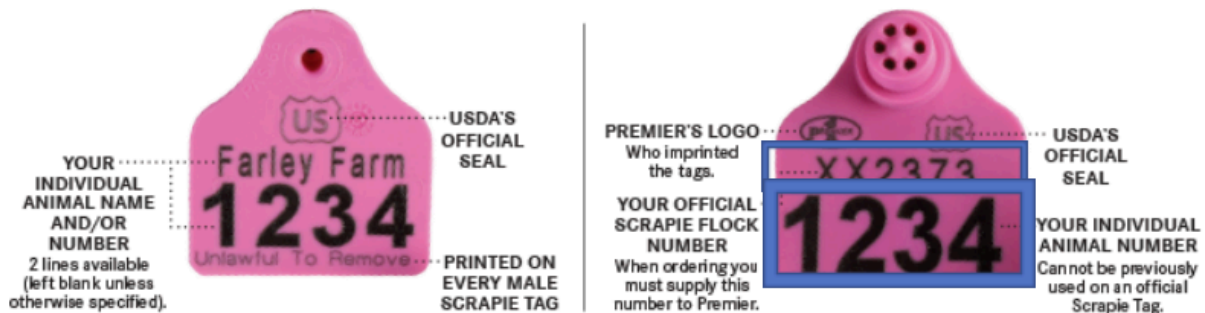
*Amy Robinson*

Iowa County Fair Goat Superintendent

## Scrapie and Scrapie Tag Information

### 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 a 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 above example are in the blue rectangles on the right hand side and should be put into the animal ID form like the example shown below.

**HEAD VIEW PHOTO**

**(1st Wether Goat)**

Clearly display the scrapie tag

Exhibitor/Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Premise ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Born & Raised: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Scrapie Tag— Flock #: WI 429 Animal #: 2523