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Re: Sheep Identification for Iowa County Fair

Dear Sheep Project Members and Youth Organization Leaders,

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

IDENTIFICATION PROCESS:

Step 1: NEW THIS YEAR! Complete the [online](#) Sheep Identification Form. The form may be accessed at this link.: [Online Sheep Identification Form](#) Once you click "Submit" the form will be submitted directly to the Fair Office.

- You do **not** need to print hard copies of the form or photos when you use the online form!
- You will need to take a picture of each sheep's head (from behind) with the scrapie tag in the ear and clearly visible. Take a photo for each individual sheep you are identifying and upload it into the online form. **Each youth may self-identify up to 8 sheep.**

Step 2: Turn in Sheep ID Form by [June 1, 2026](#).

- If your identification form is not submitted by **June 1, 2026**, you **will not** be able to exhibit at the Iowa County Fair.

*** If you prefer to use a paper copy and print a photo of your sheep, you can access a printable form from the website at www.iowacountyfair.com. Go to the Exhibits Tab and click on the Goat drop down. Click on Goat ID Form. Print the form and fill it out. You may drop off your form at the Fairgrounds in the gray drop box outside the Office entrance at the Exhibit Building or mail the form and photo to:

Iowa County Fair
PO Box 92
Mineral Point, WI 53565

SHEEP ELIGIBILITY: Lambs identified for the Wisconsin State Fair can be shown and sold at the Iowa County Fair. You will just need to fill out the Iowa County Fair ID form.

SHOW DATE: Saturday, September 5th-Open Class show starts at 10:00 am and Junior show starts at 11:00 am.

SCRAPIE TAGS: All market lambs must have their scrapie tag when you are self-identifying them. If you are mailing a paper ID form, 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 dairy, beef, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry at the Iowa County Fair are required to be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified either in-person or online. This is a requirement to show at the State Fair also. You can complete the course and find upcoming in-person courses online at <https://yqcaprogram.org>. Exhibitors will need their YQCA Certificate Number when completing FairEntry.

RULE CLARIFICATION: The following items are rule clarifications-

- If a home born and raised lamb wins the overall champion award, it **IS ELIGIBLE** to return to the ring to compete for the Home Born and Raised Champion.
- To be classified as “Home Born and Raised,” the animal must have been born on the exhibitor’s farm and the animal must be owned by the exhibitor, their parents or a sibling.

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 Matt Heins (608) 574-6477 OR Carrie Heins (608) 341-9237.

Sincerely,

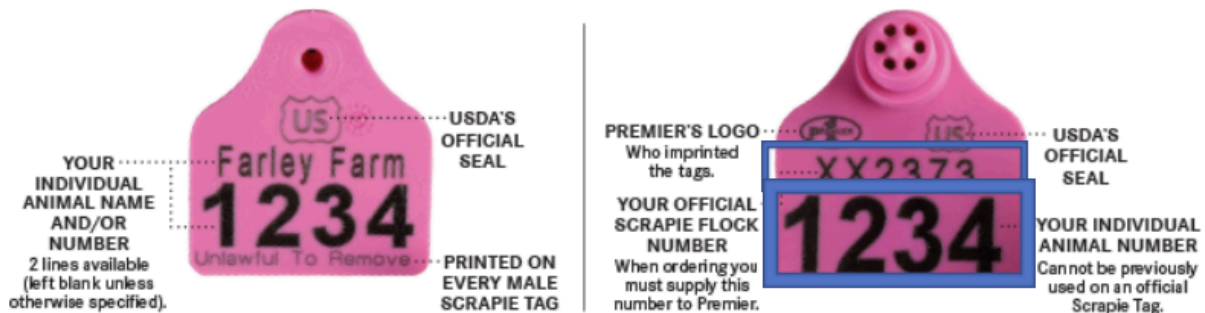
Matt and Carrie Heins

Iowa County Fair Sheep Superintendents

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 Sheep)

Clearly display the scrapie tag

Exhibitor/Family Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Premise ID: _____

Breed: _____ Wether _____ Ewe _____

Home Born & Raised: Y _____ N _____

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