Sheep and Goat ID

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Sheep and Goat Tag Policy
Official Sheep and Goat Tags

- In 2019 3,726,648 official sheep/goat tags were ordered in 27,838 orders
- Of these about half of the tags and a quarter of the orders were provided by APHIS, mostly metal tags
APHIS Provided Plastic Tags

New producers can qualify for up to 100 no-cost Shearwell plastic tags from APHIS, if:

• Producer does not have a flock/herd ID in SCS or has never been issued tags
• Participating in live-animal testing for surveillance, or for disease management or control; or
• Incentive for on-farm surveillance - Specific conditions apply
Metal Tags

• Metal serial tags, orange regular serial tags or blue slaughter serial tags are still provided by APHIS at no cost to Markets and dealers

• Metal tags are no longer provided by APHIS at no cost to producers

  • Metal flock ID or regular serial tags in various colors and blue slaughter tags and taggers can be purchased directly from National Band & Tag
Tag Applicators

APHIS only provides applicators to regulatory personnel for their use.

V6 Sheep SET Tag Applicator
Animal Disease Traceability - Cattle RFID
Animal Disease Traceability – Sheep and Goat RFID
AGF RFID Retention Study IN Goats
Questions?
Thank you

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