Sheep and Goat Exhibition and Identification Facts

All sheep and goats exhibited in Indiana must meet baseline, statewide standards for exhibition established by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH). Sheep and goats exhibited in 4-H shows may need to meet additional requirements for the county and/or state fair. Please contact your county Extension office for details. Contact information is available at: https://extension.purdue.edu/pages/countyoffices.aspx.

STATE REQUIREMENTS

Premise ID Number
- Premise ID is required for all 4-H members who have sheep and/or goats
- Easy to obtain through BOAH (Request online at: www.in.gov/boah/2642.htm or call 317-697-9478)
- Please note that a Premises ID number is required in order to complete the state fair entry process

Scrapie Flock ID Number
- Only needed if you have lambs or kids born at your premise
- Easy to obtain through BOAH (Request online at: www.in.gov/boah/2642.htm or call 317-697-9478

Identification Requirements for all Indiana Exhibitions (not just 4-H shows)
- BOAH requires unique individual official ID on all sexually intact sheep and goats that are being exhibited
- Official ID can be one of the following:
    o All animals, both registered and non-registered
        ▪ Scrapie program ear tags
        ▪ Tattoo of scrapie flock ID along with individual animal ID number
    o Registered animals
        ▪ Registration tattoo, if accompanied by registration papers with tattoo noted on papers
        ▪ Electronic implant (microchip), only when implant number is noted on registration papers

DO NOT REMOVE SCRAPIE EAR TAGS

Additional Identification Requirements for 4-H Shows
- Requirements may vary by county; check with the project leader or the county 4-H Educator
- If the county requires a county 4-H tag other than a scrapie program tag and the animal is sexually intact (i.e., not a wether), the animal **must** maintain a scrapie tag as well as the county 4-H tag
    o It is against Federal Law to remove scrapie tags
- State Fair: all sheep must be retinal imaged prior to the ID deadline (May 15 or earlier county deadline)