

## **OFFICIAL ID OF SHEEP AND GOATS IN OKLAHOMA: REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCERS**

**All sheep and goats of any age must be identified before being moved for:**

- Sale
- Exhibitions
- Slaughter
- Change of Ownership

*Note: Unidentified animals arriving at livestock auctions and special sales will be identified before sale, most likely for a fee.*

**Each of the following qualifies as official identification:**

- An official USDA tag (Tags and applicator pliers are available to producers free of charge from USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services at 405-751-1701), *or*
- Legible official dairy goat registry tattoo (only if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate), *or*
- For animals not suitable for eartagging, legible flank or tail-web tattoo containing the Premises ID and individual animal ID.

*Note: Some livestock markets may not recognize tattoos as sufficient ID and may still tag your animals for a fee.*

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- Complete and sign a Tag Request Form (over)
- Return the form to USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services (address on form)

**What are the record keeping requirements?**

The following records are required to be kept for 5 years:

Animals Tagged by Owners:

- Date the animals were tagged, *and*
- Tag numbers applied, *and*
- Breed, age and sex.

Purchased and Sold Animals:

- Animal ID, name, address and phone number of seller or market.
- Animal ID, name, address and phone number of person or market animal(s) sold to.
- Date of purchase or sale, *and*
- Breed, age and sex.

**Questions? Call 405-751-1701**

*Tag Order Form on Reverse*