2013 EXHIBITION SEASON: ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR BREEDING SHEEP AND GOATS

Pursuant to 9 CFR 79.2 and 9 CFR79.3; 21 NMAC 32.2.8.3, 21 NMAC 32.4.12 and 21 NMAC 32.4.17, all breeding sheep and goats must be permanently identified with NMLB approved forms of official identification. Implantable microchips are not approved official identification by the NMLB and USDA in cattle, sheep, goats and swine.

All breeding sheep and goats must have official identification. NMLB approved official identification is as follows: 1) Master brand tattoo, 2) Breed registry tattoo, 3) USDA scrapie tag 4) USDA NMF 840 tag. Specific ID instructions for registered and unregistered animals are listed below. The USDA NMF 840 tag and the USDA scrapie tag are both official IDs that are associated with a specific animal for life. DO NOT LOSE THESE TAGS; YOU WILL USE THEM AGAIN FOR THE LIFE OF THE ANIMAL. All Unregistered animals must have a NM sheep/goat master brand number tattooed in the animal’s ear. 4H/FFA members may use the 4-H or FFA sheep/goat master brand.

1) Registered breeding goats must have:
   ➔ Permanent legible breed registry tattoo placed in the ear, tail web or flank. A breed registry tattoo may be used in lieu of a USDA scrapie tag.
   ➔ USDA NMF 840 tag must be attached to a neck chain and worn during the show and check-in with the breed registry number printed with indelible ink on the reverse side of the tag;
   ➔ If the breed registry tattoo is not legible, the owner must utilize a USDA scrapie tag and attach it to the neck chain in addition to the USDA NMF 840 tag (with breed registry tattoo appearing on reverse side of tag).

2) Unregistered breeding goats must have:
   ➔ Permanent legible NM sheep/goat master brand number permanently tattooed in the ear, tail, web or flank and a USDA scrapie tag. 4-H/FFA members may use the 4-H or FFA master brand number (see below).
   ➔ USDA NMF 840 tag must be applied to the ear or attached to a neck chain and worn during the show and check-in with the master brand number printed with indelible ink on the reverse side of the tag.
   ➔ The USDA scrapie tag may be placed in the ear or attached to the neck chain in addition to the USDA NMF 840 tag (with master brand number printed on reverse side of tag).

3) Registered Breeding Sheep must have:
   ➔ USDA scrapie tag applied to the ear. Breed registry tag or tattoo should be present in the ear, if required by the breed registry.
   ➔ USDA NMF 840 tag may be applied to the ear or attached to a neck chain with the breed registry number printed in indelible ink on the reverse side of the tag.

4) Unregistered Breeding Sheep must have:
   ➔ USDA scrapie tag applied to the ear and a NM sheep/goat master brand number permanently tattooed in the ear.
   ➔ USDA NMF 840 tag may be applied to the ear or attached to a neck chain with the master brand number printed in indelible ink on the reverse side of the tag.

5) IMPORTANT: The owner, county extension agent and FFA advisor are responsible for maintaining records of the USDA scrapie tag number; the NMF 840 tag and the permanent official tattoo.

6) Unregistered animals: New Mexico Master Brand numbers are used as tattoos for unregistered animals.
   ➔ 4-H/FFA members may utilize their own master brand number, the 4-H or the FFA official tattoo.
   ➔ 4-H MASTER BRAND NUMBER: [Owner: NMSU Cooperative Extension Service] Number: S0803
   ➔ FFA MASTER BRAND NUMBER: [Owner: NM FFA Association] Number: S1364
   ➔ Senior (adult) open exhibitions: Animals must be tattooed with owner’s master brand number and comply with the USDA scrapie tag requirements (see #2 or #3 above).
7) Pygmy Goats

6 months and older require a permanent legible breed registry tattoo placed in the ear, flank or tail web. If the entire breed registry tattoo is not legible, the owner must utilize a USDA scrapie tag with the breed registry number printed in indelible ink on the reverse side of the tag attached to neck chain. Junior exhibitors (4-H/FFA, etc.) showing at NM fairs in youth classes must have an USDA NMF 840 tag attached to a neck chain in addition to the above requirements.

Under 6 months require a scrapie tag around the neck with the breed registry number printed in indelible ink on the reverse side of the tag. Junior exhibitors (4-H/FFA, etc.) showing at NM fairs in youth classes must have an USDA NMF 840 tag attached to a neck chain in addition to the above requirements.

Pygmy goats from out of state exhibited at NM fairs: no tattoos required, microchip numbers must be listed on CVI.

NOTE: Sexually intact breeding sheep, market lambs or market goats purchased from an in state or out of state flock or auction, must be tagged with a USDA scrapie tag from the flock of origin.