

JLGA SCRAPIE TAG RECOMMENDATIONS WHEN NOT PLACING TAG IN THE EAR

The following was adopted & put into the JLGA Show Rules in February 2014 after a lengthy discussion with Mr. Charles Garrity, 1-607-807-8088 USDA Scrapie Program, to make sure the suggestions below were within the limits of the program & would help encourage participation in the program. Within the JLGA we have seen an increase in the use of Scrapie tags & also an increase in our show entry numbers for these AOB Breeds. For the JLGA this includes, all Dairy Breeds, Pygmies, & Myotonics (Fainting Goats).

Under JLGA Show Rules - Section 3 - Health Regulations

The JLGA understands that some Breeders of certain breeds of goats (AOB, Dairy, Pygmy, & others) do not wish to ear tag their goats due to the possible damage to the ear (torn, broken, or incorrect ear carriage) that may affect the conformation of these goats in their specific Breed sanctioned shows. For JLGA Shows for Breeders that wish to participate in the Scrapie Program, but do not wish to ear tag your goats, we suggest that you please use the following guidelines for these goats.

1. Order your USDA Scrapie Tags by contacting the number provided above.
2. After you receive your tags (usually in about 4-6 weeks) assign each goat you are showing or transporting, one of these tags.
3. Choose the method of identification that you will use. Either Breed Registry tattoos or Microchips. **Please remember if you choose to use microchips, you must provide your own microchip reader. Also remember whichever method you decide to use, must also be listed on your goat's registration papers.**
4. On the back of the tag with an indelible fine tip black marker, write the full registered name of the goat (as it appears on the registration papers) along with your preferred method of identification (you will use the same identification on your health certificate for that goat). **Remember the name & your preferred method of identification that you choose to write on the back of the scrapie tag must match the same information on your Breed Registry issued Registration papers.** For example: Anybody's Ranch John Doe RTE: ABR LTE: T99 OR Anybody's Ranch John Doe MC#012345678901234
5. Then place the tag on a key ring with a clip on it (or something similar) that can easily be clipped to the exhibitor's belt loop. Exhibitors should have these tags on them at all times when checking in their goats and/or showing them in the ring, for easy access if needed.
6. Remember Health Certificates are required for each JLGA show. Make sure you use the same identification you used on the back of the Scrapie Tag on your health papers.
7. The make a copy of that goat's registration papers & attach them to the health

certificate. Do this for each goat that you assign a scrapie tag to, rather than putting it in their ear.

Following the above JLGA suggestions for Scrapie Tag use for goats that you choose not to ear tag, will help greatly in checking Health Certificates & checking identification when the need arises.

Please remember that the above suggestions, as with all JLGA Rules, Guidelines, etc., apply to JLGA shows ONLY. For other association events you plan on attending, always check that shows rules or catalogs or contact their show personnel.