



Canadian Sheep Identification Program Fees

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Ottawa, ON – All tags approved in the Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP) are subject to increased program fees, in keeping with the newly ratified agreement with Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA).

The Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF) finalized a Memorandum of Understanding with CCIA that outlines shared roles and responsibilities in CSIP delivery. The agreement includes a schedule of program fee changes that will eventually see the fee harmonized with those of other regulated (and future regulated) species groups. Fee increases will take place over the course of the next two years, varying by tag type according to the terms of the agreement and as tag inventories are replenished.

In a directive issued earlier this spring, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency confirmed that CCIA will remain Responsible Administrator of the Canada's sheep national identification and traceability programs through the regulatory amendment. To that end, the CSF and CCIA worked together to finalize an agreement that will ensure continued CSIP delivery and a smooth transition to future traceability regulations.

"CCIA is extremely pleased to continue being the responsible administrator for the sheep sector. We have already made some enhancements to the Canadian Livestock Tracking System to better serve the multi species that are using our services" affirms CCIA General Manager Anne Brunet-Burgess.

The CSF and CCIA strive to ensure that Canadian sheep farmers and ranchers have the tools they need to implement ID and traceability program requirements, providing guidance and tools to a full range of stakeholders.

"The Canadian Sheep Federation has worked diligently since the inception of CSIP to control the program's costs to producers", says Corlena Patterson, CSF Executive Director, "and we will continue this commitment as we work with CCIA to enhance program services and performance, and get ready for future traceability regulations."

For more information about the Canadian Sheep Identification Program, visit the Canadian Sheep Federation website at www.cansheep.ca , the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency website at www.canadaid.ca and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency website at <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/traceability/eng/1300461751002/1300461804752>.

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