

ALBERTA SHEEP

The Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP) in Alberta

CSIP tags are available through the
Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers (CCWG) in Lethbridge.
Call 1-800-567-3693 to order.

1. Producers must apply an official Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP) tag to all sheep and lambs before they move from the farm of origin. See page 2 for approved tags.
2. To minimize loss of CSIP tags, it is strongly recommended that producers do not tag their breeding stock or lambs until they leave the farm of origin.
3. The CSIP tagging system is monitored by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and anyone who does not comply may face legal consequences. It is illegal for processing plants, truckers, auction markets to accept untagged sheep or lambs.
4. It is essential for producers to maintain accurate records and retain them for a minimum of five years. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) may access records for auditing purposes. Therefore, sheep producers are required to keep a record of
 - all sheep or lambs entering their flock for breeding purposes and
 - all sheep 18 months or older leaving their farm, other than those sold directly to a federally or provincially inspected abattoir.
5. The Canadian Sheep Identification Program is governed by the Health of Animals Act.
6. Imported sheep must have a Canadian approved national identification tag applied within seven days of arrival.
7. If a tag is subsequently lost, you must immediately apply a new approved CSIP ear tag and record the identification number with as much information about the origin of the animal as is known.
8. Approved CSIP ear tags must not be removed from any live animal or tampered with for any reason and must not be re-used. If an animal dies on your property, the tag should be removed, saved and recorded with the cause of death if known.



CSIP Approved Tags

1. PINK Ketchum Kurl Lock #3



2. PINK plastic Allflex dangle tag



3. YELLOW Allflex Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) button



4. YELLOW Allflex RFID and dangle



5. YELLOW Shearwell SET Radio Frequency Identification tag



To order please, contact the Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers at 1-800-567-3693.

For rules on shipping sheep into Quebec, please contact the Canadian Sheep Federation at 1-888-684-7739.

For more information on RFID in Quebec please contact the Canadian Sheep Federation at 1-888-684-7739 or Agri-Tracabilite Quebec (ATQ) at 1-866-270-4319.