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Sheep and Goat Disease

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APHIS protects U.S. sheep and goats from several significant diseases. The National Scrapie Eradication Program is our main focus. We also address other foreign, zoonotic, or emerging diseases when needed and monitor and promote sheep and goat health and productivity.

[Scrapie](#)

[Scrapie is a fatal, degenerative disease that affects the central nervous system of sheep and goats. Learn about scrapie prevention, testing, and the National Scrapie Eradication Program.](#)

[Zoonotic Sheep and Goat Diseases](#)

[Some sheep and goat diseases are zoonotic, meaning they can cause infection in people. View a condensed list of these diseases, grouped by common routes for human infection.](#)

[Sheep and Goat Identification](#)

First-time participants in the sheep and goat identification program can receive up to 100 plastic flock ID tags free of charge from the National Scrapie Eradication Program.

Help prevent the spread of scrapie by officially identifying your sheep and goats!



Disease Prevention and Management

- [Biosecurity for Sheep and Goat Producers](#)
- [List of APHIS-Approved Labs: Genotype Testing for Susceptibility to Scrapie](#)
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