

NY State and USDA

Animal Identification Requirements

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

- All sheep and goats shall be accompanied by an approved certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI). Such certificate shall identify each animal and shall include the animals USDA approved Scrapie Eradication ear tag or tattoo, microchip implant (if the animal is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock certification Program (SFCP) or is a registered goat with the microchip implant recorded on its registration papers and the owner has in his/her possession a reader) any supplemental identification carried by the animal, it's species, breed, age, sex, and it's registration number, if any. To obtain USDA identification please contact USDA 1-866-873-2824.

New York State animals:

- A valid intrastate CVI (Form AI61) is required. Each animal must be individually and positively identified on the CVI. The CVI must be issued by an accredited veterinarian.

Non New York State animals:

- All animals entering New York State must satisfy all import health and test requirements for that species. The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance with regard to entrance into New York State and must remain in effect through exhibition at this festival.
- Import requirements vary from state to state. It is your responsibility to contact New York State Division of Animal Industry for current import health requirements.

Lost/Missing USDA Identification:

- No sheep or goat is to enter the festival grounds unless it is wearing approved USDA identification. If, however, the sheep or goat loses the original scrapie tag on route to this event, the owner should re-tag the animal (either with their own USDA assigned ear tags, have an accredited veterinarian tag or a USDA representative on the grounds tag the animal) and note on the CVI the new tag number and the statement, "As the owner of the animals on the attached CVI I am stating that one of the animals has lost its USDA approved identification. The lost/previous USDA identification number was NYXXXXX-XXXX. We have now re-tagged this animal with NYXXXXX-XXXX." This CVI would only be acceptable for this one movement.

Change of Ownership during an event:

- When a sheep or goat is sold or transferred to a new owner, the new owner is responsible for making sure that the animal enters his/hers new home state with appropriate USDA approved identification, test results and interstate CVI. An accredited veterinarian is required to write the new CVI prior to the animal leaving the event grounds.

Please Contact USDA or NY State DAI with questions:

USDA APHIS Veterinary Services: (518) 858-1424, (518)218-7540

NY State Division of Animal Industry: (518) 457-3502