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From the Eradicate Scrapie! Information Initiative

### **Presentations Addressing the Identification Requirements for Sheep and Goats Eradication of Scrapie are Now Available**

Colorado Springs, Colorado --Efforts to eliminate scrapie in the sheep and goat populations in the United States are succeeding. To ensure complete and successful eradication of this fatal degenerative brain disease it is necessary to address identification requirements for both sheep and goats.

The "Goat Identification: Visual & Electronic" presentation and the "Identification Requirements of the National Scrapie Eradication Program for Sheep" presentation have been combined into one (1) compact disk by the USDA National Scrapie Education Program (NSEP) with support from the National Institute for Animal Agriculture.

The presentations cover basic information regarding which goats/sheep are required to be identified. The main focus of the presentation explores approved ear tags and tattoos and

their proper placement. The presentations also have sections about the use of registry tattoos and other identification methods and record keeping.

The presentation is also available at [www.eradicatescrapie.org](http://www.eradicatescrapie.org) in PDF format for downloading to a CD or as a printed version. An order form to request your free copy of the presentation is also available at this web address.

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