

Goat Indicators Now Available for Purchase

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The Canadian National Goat Federation (CNGF) and the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) are pleased to announce that pre-approved goat indicators are now available for purchase through CCIA.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is considering changes to the Health of Animals Regulations for livestock traceability. These changes would require identification for goats moving off the premises of origin.

Pre-approval of these indicators by the CFIA means that these indicators will be considered official if these changes come into effect. Pre-approved goat indicators will be available on a pre-order basis, meaning that collective orders from producers must total a minimum quantity before orders are placed with the manufacturer. Payment will not be required until orders are placed with the manufacturer.

Purchase and application of pre-approved indicators is entirely voluntary at this time. Currently there are no national identification requirements for goats.

The following indicators will be available for purchase:

- Shearwell ASet tag – available as either radio frequency identification (RFID), full duplex (FDX) or visual (non-RFID). This tag has been approved for application to the ear or the tail web of goats.



- Allflex OS Combi tag – available as an RFID (FDX) tag, approved for application to the ear.



- Datamars ARaymond leg band – available as either RFID, half duplex (HDX) or visual.



Producers will also need a Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS) database account if they do not already have one. Producers can set up an account with CCIA at the time of tag ordering. We also encourage participation in livestock premises identification. For more information on getting your free premises identification number, or to find a contact in your province or territory, please visit www.inspection.gc.ca/traceability.

Contact CCIA to place orders for goat indicators and to register for your CLTS account by toll-free telephone at 1-877-909-2333 or email info@canadaid.ca. Visit CNGF's website for photos of the tags and leg bands, including instructions and videos showing proper application:

<http://cangoats.com/animal-identification>.

For more information contact:

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