

# Canadian Sheep Identification Program Tags

<p><b>YELLOW</b> Shearwell Radio Frequency Identification tag</p>	
<p><b>YELLOW</b> Shearwell RFID Paired (Double) tag* – one RFID tag, one non-RFID tag with the same CSIP number</p>	
<p><b>YELLOW</b> Allflex Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) button</p>	
<p><b>YELLOW</b> Allflex Paired (Combo) RFID and dangle* one RFID button, one dangle tag with the same CSIP number</p>	
<p><b>PINK</b> Ketchum Kurl Lock #3  <b>No longer available for purchase.</b>  <b>Stocks may be used up until CFIA advise revocation.</b></p>	
<p><b>PINK</b> Plastic Allflex dangle tag  <b>No longer available for purchase.</b>  <b>Stocks may be used up until CFIA advise revocation.</b></p>	

**“the RIGHT TAG ... the RIGHT APPLICATOR ... the RIGHT EAR”**

**All CSIP RFID tags are YELLOW!**

\*Canadian Sheep Breeders Association members may use a double tagging system with two tags approved and bearing the official identification number under the Canadian Sheep Identification Program as an alternative for tattooing registered sheep [www.sheepbreeders.ca](http://www.sheepbreeders.ca)

\*The province of Quebec requires each sheep or lamb to bear a paired CSIP tag, please contact the Fédération des Producteurs d'Agneaux et Moutons du Québec [www.agneauduquebec.com](http://www.agneauduquebec.com)

# Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP)

## Guidelines for Feedlot Operators

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**As of January 1, 2004**

All sheep and lambs must bear an approved CSIP ear tag before they leave any premises.

This includes animals leaving the premises temporarily.  
(for example: exhibitions, veterinarian clinics, community pastures)

It is illegal to transport untagged animals.

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### **Feedlot Operators are required to:**

- Acquire only sheep that bear an approved CSIP ear tag applied by the farm of origin.
- If a tag is subsequently lost, you must immediately apply a new approved CSIP ear tag and record the new identification number with as much information about the origin of the animal as is known.
- Apply an approved CSIP ear tag to all sheep and lambs born on your premises before they leave the farm or feedlot.
- Keep a record of:
  - All sheep 18 months or older leaving your farm or feedlot, other than those sold directly to a federally or provincially inspected abattoir.

A CSIP flock record sheet will be available to producers that will include individual tag number, date, name and address of transfer or sale.

- Imported sheep must have a Canadian approved national identification tag applied within 7 days of arrival.
- 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.
- Tags must be purchased from an approved distributor. You will be asked to provide your full address and description of all lands that are under your farm management including township, lot and concession or equivalent.

The Canadian Sheep Identification Program is an industry-led initiative to develop a trace back system that will address producer concerns about sheep health and meet consumer expectations for food safety and quality. The program is enforced by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).  
Monetary penalties (\$500.00 and up) will be implemented for non-compliance.