Press Release

Shearwell CSIP Double Tags – Now Available

The Shearwell double tag is now available for purchase through the Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers Limited. Many CSBA members have been anxiously awaiting the approval of the Shearwell double tag due to its small size and excellent reputation for rate of retention.

CSBA 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. While the option to use approved double tags in place of tattoos has been in effect since October 2006, only Allflex double tags were approved until now.

Shearwell CSIP Double Tag details:
- Sold in sets of 20 (40 tags in total)
- Must be taken off of the strip in consecutive pairs with matching numbers
- The RFID tag is marked with the CSIP maple leaf emblem
- The RFID tag must be placed in the right ear
- The companion tag (no maple leaf emblem) must be placed in the left ear
- Confirm that both tags bear the same number before application
- A new, black insert for the Shearwell tag pliers will be required for tag application

The registration application must include the national ID number, which will be recorded on the registration paper in place of the tattoo. The animal's name should still include a within-flock number, followed by the designated year letter used to signify the year of birth.

Lost tags must be replaced within 21 days with a duplicate tag bearing the same national ID number. CSBA members should contact the CSBA to order replacement tags or complete the online order form on the CSBA's website. The CSBA will place the order with Shearwell and collect payment from the member.

Please contact the CSBA if you have any questions: 1-866-956-1116.