

Testing, tagging, and selective breeding have almost eliminated scrapie from the United States!

Scrapie Tagging for Sheep and Goats

Not for Slaughter	
Ewes or Does	Tag it!
Rams or Bucks	Tag it!
Wether less than 18 months old	No tag required*
Wether older than 18 months	Tag it!
Feedlot, Slaughter, or Personal Consumption	
Under 18 months	No tag required*
Over 18 months	Tag it!

*May require owner/hauler statement

UDAF Scrapie Website bit.ly/UtahScrapie

- Request a Premises ID
- Owner/Hauler Statement Template
- Links to scrapie tag manufacturers
- Other useful links

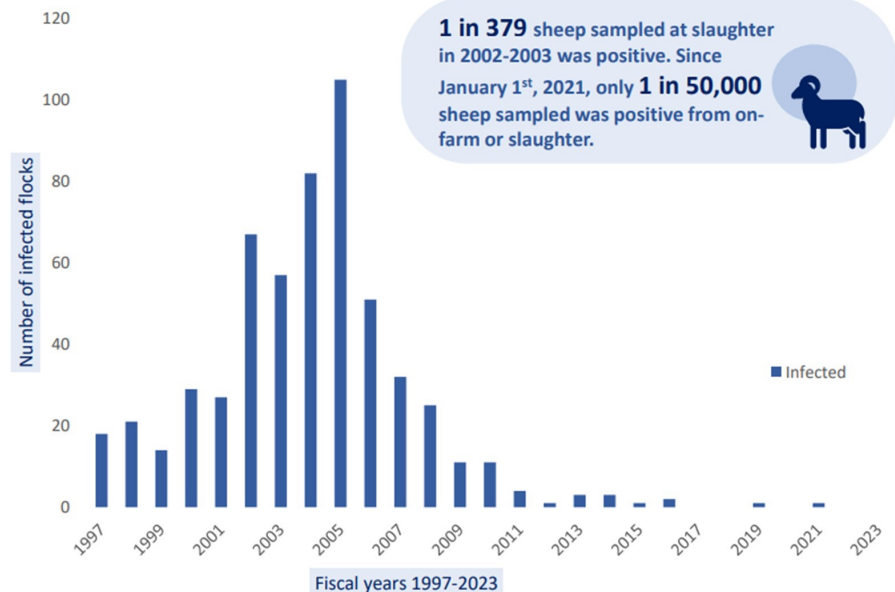
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- Request a Flock ID or Premises ID
- Request official scrapie tags

Utah Scrapie Sampling 2020-2022

	Sheep	Goats	Positive
2020	413	65	0
2021	737	56	0
2022	541	74	0

US Scrapie-Infected Flocks



Scrapie is caused by an abnormally shaped protein called a prion. Genetic testing can determine how likely your sheep is to get scrapie if it is exposed to a prion. This testing looks at 2 locations on one gene, called Codon 136 and 171.

Genotype		Susceptibility to Scrapie
136	171	
AA	RR	Resistant
AA	QR	Very low
AV	QR	Intermediate
AA	QQ	High
AV	QQ	High
VV	QQ	High

For more information on how to use genetic testing in your breeding program, visit the links at bit.ly/UtahScrapie.

For more information on the Utah Scrapie program, contact the Utah USDA Veterinary Services office at (801) 524-5010 or vspsut@usda.gov.

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