







# 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 No longer available for purchase. Stocks may be used up until CFIA advise revocation.</p>	
<p><b>PINK</b> Plastic Allflex dangle tag No longer available for purchase. Stocks may be used up until CFIA advise revocation.</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 Packing Plants

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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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### **Packing plants that slaughter sheep are required to:**

- Accept only sheep and lambs bearing an approved CSIP ear tag.
- If you receive an animal that lost its tag in transit, you must maintain a record of any identification number on the animal, the name and address of the person bringing the animal to the abattoir, and adequate information to enable the animal's origin to be traced.
- Maintain the animal's individual identification number with the carcass until the carcass and offal is approved for human consumption or is condemned.
- Approved CSIP ear tags must not be removed from any live animal or tampered with for any reason and must not be re-used.

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.