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## Memorandum

**To:** Wyoming County Fairs, Wyoming Extension Offices, Wyoming State Fair,  
 Wyoming Department of Agriculture

**From:** Dr. Jim Logan, State Veterinarian

**Date:** March 31, 2015

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**Subject:** Scrapie Identification Requirements for Sheep and Goats Being Exhibited at  
 Wyoming Fairs and Jackpots

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Sheep and goat exhibitors at Wyoming jackpots, county fairs, and state fair are reminded of the Wyoming Livestock Board (WLSB) and APHIS requirements that **ALL** sheep and goats exhibited in Wyoming **MUST** be individually identified with USDA-APHIS approved Scrapie identification. This requirement includes wethers. A USDA Scrapie tag must be in the ear of all exhibition sheep and goats. Scrapie identification should be traceable to the premise of origin (where the animal was born) through ownership records.

The **ONLY** exception to the tag requirement is that registered animals may be identified with a **legible** registration tattoo and must be accompanied with their registration papers.

The state requirement is consistent with the federal USDA-APHIS Scrapie identification requirement. WLSB and USDA-APHIS personnel will be checking for compliance with this requirement at county and state fairs. To avoid enforcement action, exhibitors are urged to be in compliance by having their sheep and goats properly identified **PRIOR** to arriving at the fair.

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The Wyoming Livestock Board Chapter 13 Scrapie Rules can be found online at:  
<http://soswy.state.wy.us/Rules/RULES/6024.pdf> Please see Section 6(b)(ii).

The USDA-APHIS Scrapie Rules can be found online at:  
[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_diseases/scrapie/downloads/umr\\_scrapie.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/downloads/umr_scrapie.pdf)  
Please see Parts III and IV.

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