

EASY GUIDE TO SHEEP TAGGING

SHEEP BORN AFTER JANUARY 2010

BREEDING SHEEP Intended for breeding or will reach over 12 months of age.

Require Double Tags- One electronic (EID) and one Non electronic (visual) tag. Both will be printed with your UK number and an individual animal number.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Intended for slaughter within 12 months of age.

Require a Single Tag- Two options;

Option 1.

A single non electronic (Visual) tag printed with your UK number ONLY.

Lambs tagged with these tags can only be upgraded (to be kept over 12 months of age) if they are on their holding of birth. **IMPORTANT-** Once they have left their holding of birth they **cannot be upgraded** and must be slaughtered before they reach 12 months of age.

HOW TO UPGRADE

Replace them with your next set of double tags (EID + Visual).

Option 2.

A single electronic (EID) slaughter tag printed with your UK number ONLY (this tag will carry an individual animal number on the chip).

- Lambs tagged with this tag can only be upgraded (to be kept over 12 months of age) if they are on their holding of birth or first movement. **IMPORTANT-** On any movement after this, the lambs **cannot be upgraded** and must be slaughtered before they reach 12 months of age.

HOW TO UPGRADE

- **To upgrade on their holding of birth** use your next set of double tags (one must be electronic) and cross reference. The original tag should be removed.
- **To upgrade on their first movement** use double RED tags (one must be electronic) and cross reference. The original tag should be removed.

HOW TO CROSS REFERENCE

Record the original ear tag number (found on the EID chip) in your movement book and record the animal number it has been replaced with. You will require an EID tag reader for this as single EID tags or not visually printed with the individual consecutive number.

REPLACING LOST TAGS

- **Animal ON its holding of birth**
 - *Slaughter lambs-* intended for slaughter within 12 months of age require your next single tag (EID or Visual depending what was lost)
 - *Breeding Sheep-* Intended for breeding or will reach 12 months of age require your next set of double tags (EID + Visual).
- **Animal NOT ON its holding of birth**
 - Slaughter lambs- intended for slaughter within 12 months of age require a single RED tag (EID or Visual depending what was lost).
 - Breeding Sheep- Intended for breeding or will reach 12 months of age require double RED tags (EID + Visual).

SHEEP BORN BEFORE JANUARY 2010

Ewes that are already tagged do not need any other tags. If they have NEVER been tagged they must be tagged following the new tagging rules (see sheep born after January 2010).

REPLACING LOST TAGS

- **Animal On its holding of birth**

Need to be double tagged with your next set of tags as the rules set out before January 2010 (non electronic pairs).
- **Animal NOT ON holding of birth**

Need to be double RED tagged with your next set of tags as the rules set out before January 2010 (non electronic pairs).