



EID TAGGING BASICS 2010:

TAG IT:

1. Prime and store lambs - EID Slaughter tag in left ear.
2. Breeding sheep - double tag, one EID tag in left ear and one standard in right ear: sheep is individually identified.
3. Tags lost– tag with red replacement tag if sheep is not on holding of birth.
4. Upgrading to breeding - remove the slaughter tag and replace with double tag, note the change in your flock register.

RECORD IT:

Same as pre-2010, PLUS:

1. Record tagging date and individual ID's (if breeding sheep) in your flock register.
2. Store/prime lambs with the same flock code – batch move: same as before.
3. Store/prime lambs in mixed batches – i.e. a group with more than one flock code – record the amount of sheep moved with different flock codes e.g. 28 x 0534567 / 12 x 0534568.
If you sell to a slaughter house or market check the ScotEID website, the market/slaughter house CCP (critical control point) will have sent the reads to the website for you.
4. Breeding lambs/ewe-lambs/tups – use CCP reads to record individual IDs. The CCP will have sent the reads to the ScotEID website. If not using a CCP, use an on-farm reader for recording or sequentially tag.

5. Register with the ScotEID website and any reads through a CCP will be logged there for you. You can register by going to www.scoteid.com or you can telephone the ScotEID information centre on 01466 794 323.

**SHEEP EID 2010 – THE BASICS:
WHAT'S DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE?
YOU NEED TO:**

- Tag all breeding sheep born or tagged for the first time after 31 December 2009 with one standard and one electronic tag – full EID.
- Tag slaughter lambs with a single EID slaughter tag only– this must be upgraded to full EID if you choose to then keep this sheep for breeding.
- Tag your sheep by the time they reach 9 months of age or if sooner, before they leave the holding of birth.
- Record in the holding register:
The same as before PLUS:
 - The date of tagging animals
 - The individual numbers (breeding sheep) or flock marks (slaughter lambs) used on this date
 - The number of animals tagged
 - The year of birth
 - The breed and genotype (if known)

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO INDIVIDUALLY RECORD
INDIVIDUAL IDs WHEN:**

- You sell your sheep through a market or abattoir that acts as Critical Control Point (CCP) – they will send the read to the ScotEID website. The CCP may have the ability to provide a print out of reads, which you can keep with your holding register (slaughter and breeding lambs).
- You are moving sheep within your business.
- You are moving sheep within a 5-mile derogation – unless they have reached 9 months, there are no tagging or recording requirements.
- You are selling simple batches of slaughter lambs privately – not via a CCP. However, when selling mixed batches you must record the different flock codes.
- You are recording in the movement document – this is not required until January 2011. For 2010, record only the number of sheep moved.
- Note: If you tag breeding sheep with sequential ID's you can write ID number __ to ID number __ in your register, rather than write every single ID.