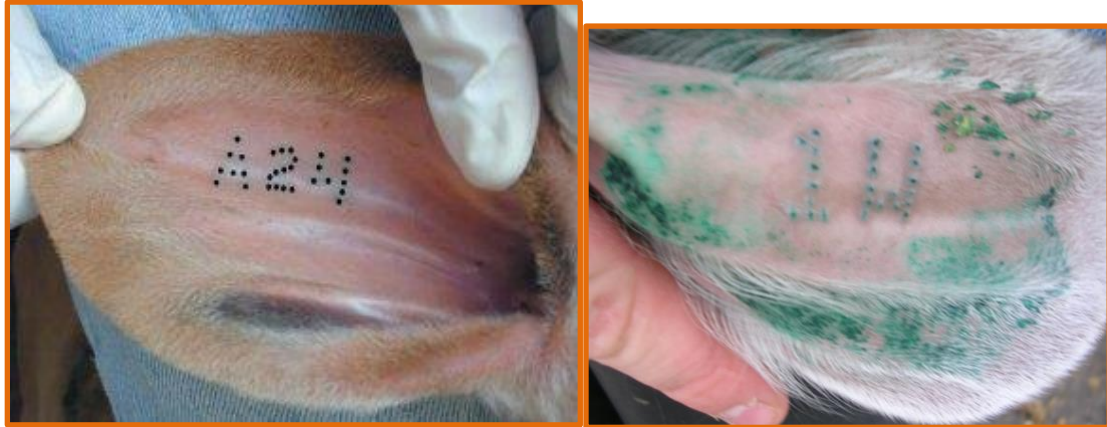


MASSACHUSETTS SMALL RUMINANT ID REQUIREMENTS



Official ID- Sheep and Goats

- Sheep and goats that moved from the premises where they are born or over 18 months of age must be tagged or have registry assigned ear (tail in La Mancha) tattoos accompanied by official registration paperwork
- Tattoos are valid only with current registration paperwork accompanying animal, or with an owner/shipper statement in slaughter channels
- Official Scrapie program microchips are valid only with current registration paperwork for animals not in slaughter channels. A tattoo (E for ear or T for tail) is required at the site of the microchip implant.
- Premises Identification Number required to be assigned or sold Scrapie tags
- Metal tags are currently free through MDAR (small producers, veterinarians) or USDA (Producer-specific tags)
- Plastic (white) or Metal (silver or white) may move interstate with a CVI
- Blue tags are for animals intended for slaughter within 72 hours
- RFID tags HIGHLY ENCOURAGED



For animal movement or CVI questions, Premises Identification Numbers (PINs), or to order tags for cattle or swine or MA Scrapie Prevention Program tags for sheep and goats:

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