

California requires an **Interstate Livestock Entry Permit** for sheep moving into the state.

Exemption:

- *Sheep less than 18 months of age that have not lambed, have not aborted or are not pregnant, and moving directly to a state or federally approved slaughter facility.*

To obtain an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit, call the **CDFA Animal Health Branch Permit Line at (916)900-5052**, before moving sheep into the state. Permits are valid for fifteen (15) days after issue.

California requires an **Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI)** for sheep within thirty (30) days before moving into the state with this statement **“The animals are not scrapie-positive or suspect or from a scrapie non-compliant flock”**.

Exemption:

- *All Sheep going directly to a state or federally approved slaughter facility.*



Ovine Brucellosis - Rams

A negative Brucella Ovis test is required for all rams 6 months of age and older within 60 days prior to entry.

Exemptions:

- A California Ram that is entered in a show or sale out of state, then returns to California.
- Rams from a certified Brucella ovis-free flock

**Livestock Movement Section
Permit Line (916) 900-5052**

<http://www.eradicatescrapie.org>
http://www.cdca.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/Scrapie_Info.html
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/
http://www.cdca.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Entry_Requirements.html

California requires all sheep imported into the state or **changing ownership within the state** to bear **Official Identification (ID)**. Official ID must be an identification mark or device approved by the United States Department of Agriculture. The ID must be written on, or a list attached to the CVI. Flocks may list the official ID as a range of numbers.

Acceptable forms of official animal ID include:

- Official Eartags*
- USDA compliant microchips
- Official tattoos:
 - Flock ID w/ Individual Animal ID
 - Registration tattoo, if recorded in a Purebred Registry Association Book with documentation attached to the CVI

Exemptions:

- *Sheep less than 18 months of age that have not lambed, have not aborted, or are not pregnant, and moving directly to a state or federally approved slaughter facility.*
- *Castrated sheep less than 18 months of age, except those for exhibition.*

*An **official eartag** provides unique identification for the individual animal. It must bear the US shield, be tamper resistant, have a high retention rate, and conform to one of the following numbering systems:

- Flock ID tags (flock ID w/Individual Animal ID on tags)
- Scrapie program tags
- Serial ID tags (State code + serial numbers & letters)
- Animal Identification Number (AIN) (RFID or visual)



Flock ID tags



Scrapie tags

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Animal Health Branch**

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