

Sheep Tagging and Assurance Residency

This factsheet provides links to a number of sources providing information on sheep tagging and assurance residency periods.

SHEEP TAGGING



On 11th January 2008, new rules for sheep and goat identification were introduced. See below for links to information and guidance documents aimed at clarifying the current legislation relating to sheep/goat tagging:

DEFRA Guidance for keepers in England Rules for identifying sheep and goats - January 2008

Visit the link below to download:

http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/id-move/sheep-goats/pdf/keepers_guidance.pdf

DEFRA Q&A for the Introduction of Double-Tagging for Sheep and Goats

Visit the link below to download:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/id-move/sheep-goats/doubletag-qanda.htm>

ABM Templates/Appendices: To aid farmers with the requirements of assurance and legislation, ABM has produced a number of templates available to download from the ABM website. All sheep and goat keepers in the UK are required to keep a flock/herd register.

To download the ABM Flock Record template, visit the link below:

http://www.abm.org.uk/resources/000/193/523/Template_3_Flock_Record_Book_-_REVISED_NOV_08.doc

SHEEP RESIDENCY PERIODS

The ABM Beef and Lamb Standard currently states that sheep must be kept on an assured farm for 60 days before being sold as assured. To help producers ensure they are fully meeting this requirement ABM has developed a new area on its website (www.abm.org.uk), which provide guidance on sheep tagging and residency periods and includes a number of documents such as:

ABM Lamb Assurance Guidance Flowchart: Provides clear guidance to farmers on whether purchased livestock need to be identified as non-assured.

ABM Residency Period Calculator: Allows producers to calculate from the date of purchase, the earliest date that previously non-assured stock can be sold as assured.

Residency Periods - What works for you? Case studies showing the various ways that producers can adhere to the 60 days residency period required when buying previously non-assured livestock.

Click on the link below to visit the Sheep Tagging and Assurance Residency Area on the ABM website

<http://www.abm.org.uk/abm/sheep tagging.aspx>

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