

# Ontario Goat

## TRACEABILITY

What it means for Ontario goat producers  
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## HELPING PRODUCERS PREPARE

- Premises identification
- Animal identification
- Movement reporting
- Producer education



## PREMISES IDENTIFICATION

- Provincial Premises Registry
- Data-sharing agreement with OMAFRA
- Yearly update of information on behalf of consenting producers



## ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

- Ontario Goat Tag Trial
  - 14 Ontario meat and dairy farms
  - Dangle tag and loop tag
  - Evaluated:
    - Retention
    - Ease and success of application
    - Readability of tags when applied to the ears of goats



## ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION BMPs

- Individually identify all goats on the farm
  - Ear tags, leg bands, neck chains, collars
- Individually identify all kids as soon as possible after birth
- Keep a record for each goat, including:
  - Animal ID number
  - Birth date/date arriving at farm
  - Date leaving farm
  - Destination of animal leaving farm
- Retire each goat's record upon:
  - Shipment, culling, slaughter or death



## MOVEMENT REPORTING

- Encouraging producers to use the manifest
  - Notepads distributed to producers attending AGM
  - How-to videos on YouTube



## NEXT STEPS

- Premises identification
  - 2015 PID update on behalf of consenting producers
- Animal identification
  - Name administrator
  - Additional tags for on-farm trials
- Movement reporting
  - Encourage producers to use the manifest
- Producer education



## THANK YOU!

- Questions, comments, suggestions?  
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