



eID for sheep and farmed goat traceability

Information for South Australian producers

Individual electronic identification (eID) tags are replacing the mob-based visual tag system for the identification and traceability of sheep and farmed goats. South Australia will transition in two stages:

Stage 1: Sheep and farmed goats born on or after 1 January 2025 will need to be identified with a National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) accredited eID tag before leaving their property of birth.

Stage 2: From 1 January 2027, all other sheep and farmed goats leaving a property will need to be identified with an NLIS accredited eID tag.

Requirements for producers

For many producers, the only change will be switching from visual tags to eID tags. Things to remember:

- Sheep and farmed goats born on or after 1 January 2025 will need to be identified with an eID tag before leaving their property of birth.
- eID tags must be NLIS-accredited (scan the QR code overleaf for the list of accredited devices).
- Sheep and goats born before 1 January 2025 DO NOT need an eID tag if sold or processed before 1 January 2027 - an NLIS visual tag will satisfy NLIS requirements for these animals.
- Stock being kept past 1 January 2027 can be voluntarily eID tagged before 1 January 2025.
- Sheep and farmed goats should only be identified with one eID tag. Once applied, the tag must remain with the animal for life. eID tags cannot be reused.
- Many eID tags can be applied with the same applicator used for visual tags.
- eID tags range in price, depending on the type and manufacturer. Talk to your reseller about discounts available on eligible tags.
- The year of birth colour system is used by most producers for management purposes and remains voluntary in South Australia.
- It is the receiver's responsibility to scan and transfer eID tags. If you move animals directly to a saleyard or processor, as a producer you DO NOT have to scan and transfer eID tags.
- You MUST scan individual eID tags if you:
 - have multiple property identification codes (PICs) and move stock between them
 - buy stock privately (with or without an agent)
 - agist stock on your property.
- If transferring animals to another business owner's PIC, it is the receiver's responsibility to scan.

What support is available for producers?

The Government of South Australia is providing funding to support implementation of the first stage of eID for sheep and farmed goats.

eID tag discount (1 January 2024 – 30 June 2025)

Discounted eID tags are available to producers with an active PIC registered with PIRSA.

An agreement is in place with tag manufacturers to provide a \$0.95 discount per NLIS-accredited eID tag.

The discount applies to NLIS accredited eID tags aligned to the year-of-birth colour system:

- black eID tags for 2024 (discount available from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024)
- white eID tags for 2025 (discount available from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025).

The discount will be applied at the time of purchase, whether you are purchasing directly from a tag manufacturer or through a reseller. You should not need to complete an application form or any additional paperwork. (Scan the QR code below for more information).

eID device rebate (2023)

A rebate is available for sheep and goat producers with an active PIC who have purchased 2023 year of birth (sky blue) NLIS-accredited eID tags between 1 January and 31 December 2023. You can apply for a 50% rebate up to a cap of \$0.95 (GST exclusive) per eligible tag.

Applications close 30 April 2024. (Scan the QR code below for more information).

Producer rebate for essential infrastructure

Essential infrastructure rebate assistance for producers is being finalised and will be announced in 2024.

What is eID?

The eID system allows for individual identification of animals for traceability via the NLIS database.

eID devices, also known as tags, use a radio frequency identifier (RFID) microchip to store a unique serial number. The device does not store any other information and can be read by a handheld wand or panel reader. This unique number can be used in management software, spreadsheets or databases to record production data for each animal.

Accredited eID devices are registered to the NLIS database and linked to your PIC at the time of purchase. Breeder eID tags are used to identify animals born on your property. Post breeder eID tags are used to identify animals missing a tag and no longer on their property of birth.

How can I find out more?



Learn more about SA's transition to eID and join the mailing list.



Learn more about the eID tag discount and eID Device Rebate (2023).



See the list of NLIS accredited eID devices for sheep and goats.