

Cornell Sheep Farm Eartag Information

Eartag examples	Database examples <i>Use upper case to enter new ID letters. Do not enter leading zeros.</i>
Aluminum and yellow plastic (Snapp tag) CXB tags for crossbred sheep (numbers are in pairs; one aluminum and one plastic)	CXB3500
Green plastic (Snapp tag) Finn tags for Finnsheep (Paired tags)	F2490
“A” flock Dorset tags (Paired tags)	A1500
“B” flock Dorset tags (Paired tags)	B1500
“C” flock Dorset tags (Paired tags)	C1500
Round plastic Red or Purple Dorset tags (for A flock ewes)	R150, PU150
Round plastic Orange or White Dorset tags (for B flock ewes)	OR150, W150 ote: Or means letter O, not zero when looking in data base
Round plastic Yellow Dorset tags (for C flock ewes) Note: Yellow tags can be confused with white tags.	Y150
Medium sized fuchsia square tags with EF on one side (¼ EF ewes)	EF9
Medium sized pink square tags with CSFE on one side (Cornell Sheep Farm crossbred Ewes)	CSFE9
Medium sized blue square tags with CSFR on one side (Cornell Sheep Farm crossbred Rams)	CSFR9
Green tags used for special animals (½ EF rams, for example)	G370
Small, rectangular, pink tags for special ID	P1246
White plastic scrapie ID tags (enter at the time of sale for all sheep not going direct to slaughter and all sheep older than 18 months and all sheep going to Pennsylvania)	ST1115
Historical tag entries	Green tags were used for Karakul sheep. J tags were used for ewes in the Johne’s vaccination trial. There are others.

Key to Dorset eartags:

- A metal tag: Red or Purple plastic tag; prefixes are R and PU
- B metal tag: Orange or White plastic tag; prefixes are OR and W
- C metal tag: Yellow plastic tag; prefixes are Y

Procedures to maintain sheep identification:

1. All sheep must have at least two eartags. If a sheep has only one tag, give it at least one more (two, if using paired tags).
2. When a sheep gets new eartag(s), record any other tag numbers along with the new eartag number. A clipboard with forms for this is in the break room.
3. Dorsets must have at least one metal tag with the correct letter for the flock and have one plastic tag of the appropriate color. If you catch a Dorset sheep without a plastic tag, give it one of a color that corresponds with the letter of the metal tag. If you catch a Dorset without a metal tag, give it a set of metal tags with the letter prefix corresponding to the color of the plastic tag.
4. Sheep found without any eartags automatically enter the crossbred flock, unless they are obviously Dorset or Finnsheep. If you catch a sheep without any eartags, give it a matched pair of appropriate tags.