

Flock/Herd Register

Name of Keeper

Address of Keeper

Postcode

Address of Holding
(if different from above)

Postcode

Holding number

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Flock/Herd number

Species and Herd Name

Type of production
(e.g. Milk/Meat)

Notes for Guidance

- The flock/herd record is designed to meet the record keeping requirements for sheep and goats as laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 21/2004. Using it will also help fight against sheep and goats diseases by following the recommended European Union wide system for tracing animal movements.
- You must record all movements on and off of your holding including movements within a Sole Occupancy Authority (SOA), to/from tack, common land, rented grazing, markets, abattoirs and veterinary surgeries within 36 hours of the move taking place. **In addition, you must now record movements if you are moving animals to land separated from your main site but within 5 miles of it even if it is part of your farm** (You should record details of the field locations the animals are moving from and to in columns 5 and 6).
- All lambs and kids must be uniquely identified before nine months of age (or six months if intensively reared) or before leaving the holding of birth, whichever is soonest. We recommend you tag your animals when you gather them in for routine procedures, whilst taking into account welfare issues, such as possible fly strike. Before sheep and goats leave their holding of birth **for any reason**, they must be identified.
- There is no requirement to record the individual number in the flock/herd record book except in specific circumstances, such as movements to shows or for breeding exemptions, or for export, or where the 3 tag limit (see below) has been exceeded. In such cases, you do not need to apply an additional tag.
- Sheep and goats may only have a maximum of 3 official tags, except when applying the tag for export. If you do not wish to use an S tag or the animal has reached its limit of 3 official tags, you may record the individual number in the movement document and on the flock/herd record book instead.
- In addition to recording the flock or herd mark in column 3, you must record the type or identification mark, for example, UK, S or R.
- Lambs or kids born on rented grazing or tack must be identified with a unique UK number incorporating the flock/herd mark for that holding. You may apply to your local Animal Health Divisional Office for an additional flock/herd mark for this land.
- If you are moving animals to slaughter you must fill in the address of the slaughterhouse in column 6.
- Records of all movements of sheep/goats to and from your holding must be entered within 36 hours of the movement taking place. Your flock/herd record must include details of all sheep/goats within your flock/herd. You must retain these records for 6 years.
- The flock/herd record should cover all animals within a flock or herd on a single holding.

- Use a new line each time an event, e.g. purchase or sale, occurs. These can be grouped per event. You are recommended to start your record for each new year, commencing 1 January, on a new page.
- Once a year, between [1 and 31 January], you must record for each flock and herd the total number of sheep and the total number of goats that were present on [1 January.]
- All the flock and herd records you have for one holding constitute the holding record.

Identification Tags

- **UK tags** – For all animals marked since 1 February 2003, the holding of birth mark consists of a single eartag bearing the letters UK, followed by the flock/herd mark and an individual number. The full identification number must be unique. Animals for export and intra-Community trade must be double tagged.
- **Baseline S tags** – Applied to animals born before February 2003, not on their holding of birth, that are not already identified with an individual number.
- **S tags** – For animals leaving any holding other than the holding of birth, an S mark should be applied if the keeper does not choose to record the full individual number in the flock/herd records and on the movement document. An S mark consists of an eartag with the letter S followed by the flock or herd mark of the holding the animal is moving from. It may also include an individual number if the animal was born before 1 February 2003. The S mark allows traceability back to a sheep's or goat's previous holding.
- **X tags** – Sheep and goats going for export or intra-community trade may be individually identified with an X tag. An X mark is the letters UK followed by the flock/herd mark of the holding of consignment for export, followed by an individual identification number, followed by the letter X. You are advised to check with the country you are exporting to, to ensure they will accept animals identified with an X tag rather than two identical UK tags.
- **F tags** – Sheep and goats imported from outside the European Union must be identified with an F mark on the holding of destination. This consists of the letters UK followed by the flock/herd mark, an individual number and the letter F.
- **R tags** – If a sheep or goat loses an eartag, and the animal is not on its holding of birth, you can either replace it with an identical tag (if you know the animals identity) or with a red R tag. The R mark consists of the letters UK, the flock mark, the individual number, followed by the letter R.
- Animals which are double tagged in anticipation of export or intra-community trade do not require S tags for movements within the UK prior to export. If a double tagged animal loses a tag it must be replaced asap with an identical tag.

Replacement Tag/Electronic Device Record

Date of Replacement	Number of Replacements	<i>Cross reference with previous mark(s)</i>

Bold = Compulsory
Italics = Optional

Inventory for Calender Year 20XX

[1st January.]		Total Number of Sheep/Goats: (delete as appropriate)		Date Entered:			(must be before 31 January each year)		
1. Date	2. Number of sheep/goats moved	3. Flock/Herd marks Relevant code or flock/herd mark <small>(See Note 1)</small>	4. Transporter's name and vehicle registration number	5. CPH number of holding of Departure <small>(Address)</small>	6. CPH number or address of destination holding	7. If moved from a market, lot number	8. <i>If sold without leaving holding, name and address of new owner</i>	9. <i>Number of sheep/goats Born/Lost/Died</i>	10. <i>Running total</i>

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Note 1: The Individual Identification number should be recorded for movements to shows, assembly centres, for export, for disease control order standstill exemptions or if animal exceeds three eartags.

Note 2: The movement of carcasses for disposal by approved method may be recorded on this register. In which case column 9 is also mandatory.