

Purchasing electronic tags for sheep and goats

Are you a sheep or goat producer?
Do you finish lambs?

You can buy electronic tags at subsidised prices for 2019 born lambs and kids.

Victorian producers can purchase electronic NLIS (Sheep) tags for 2019 born lambs and kids at subsidised prices. From 1 January 2019, tags will be available from \$0.55, depending on the type of tag purchased.



What colour tags can I purchase?

Producers can purchase electronic tags in any year of birth colour at subsidised prices to identify 2019 born lambs and kids. This includes pink post-breeder tags.



How many subsidised tags can I buy?

Producers can buy up to 110 per cent of electronic tags purchased through Agriculture Victoria in 2018, to identify 2019 born lambs and kids.

The allocation to each producer will be based on the number of electronic tags purchased for a particular Property Identification Code (PIC) between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018, plus up to an additional 10 per cent. Orders will be automatically rounded up to the nearest 20.

As an example, a producer who purchased 500 electronic tags for 2018 born lambs and kids will be able to buy 560 electronic tags at the subsidised price.

To find out how many subsidised tags you can buy, log on to www.tags.agriculture.vic.gov.au.



For more information
Visit www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/sheepEID
or call the NLIS Helpline on 1800 678 779 during business hours.



I bring in lambs from interstate – what tags should I buy?

If you buy lambs and kids born interstate after 1 January 2019, you must apply an electronic pink post-breeder tag before the animals leave your property, unless they are already electronically tagged.

Electronic pink post-breeder tags can be purchased at subsidised prices within the 110 per cent allocation.



Can I order more tags?

Producers can order more than the additional 10 per cent of subsidised electronic tags if there is a genuine business need and they can provide suitable evidence. Examples of evidence include copies of recent invoices from the purchase of ewes or lambs or pregnancy scanning data.

Such requests are considered on a case-by-case basis and should be sent to nlis.victoria@ecodev.vic.gov.au.

Additional tag purchases without evidence of a demonstrated need will be at the standard retail price.



How to buy tags

To buy tags, visit www.tags.agriculture.vic.gov.au or you may request a paper application form by calling the NLIS helpline on 1800 678 779 during business hours.

Tags can also be purchased via rural supplier outlets.

Online applications must be paid by credit card. Paper applications can be paid by either cheque or credit card.

Tags will typically be delivered within 10 working days of the order being received.