

A large flock of sheep, mostly white with some black faces and legs, are gathered in a green field. The sheep are looking in various directions, some towards the camera. The background is a vast, open field under a clear sky.

Sheep Working Group Update

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Recommendations to NAIS staff and State Veterinarians

- The scrapie program as it is today along with the appropriate group/lot identification will work.
 - The Scrapie Program's Flock ID number and the animal ID number, as currently used in the NSEP, is a unique number in the US
 - Our industry has more premises and animals identified than others



Recommendations (cont.)

- Once electronic identification and tracking technology is proven to work in the sheep industry, it must also be economically feasible for the industry.



Recommendations

- Request USDA do an economic analysis of cost-benefit of EID methods and animal tracking for the sheep industry.

Recommendations (cont.)

- Group/lot Identification
- Continue Sheep-specific Electronic ID & Tracking Research



Questions ?



Thank you to the Sheep Working Group!