



eID for sheep and goat traceability

Information for South Australian producers

Individual electronic identification (eID) tags are replacing visual tags and the mob-based system to improve traceability of sheep and farmed goats.

For many producers, the only change is switching from visual tags to eID tags. See the key dates:

1 January 2025

- Sheep and farmed goats born on or after 1 January 2025 must be identified with a National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) accredited eID tag before leaving their property of birth.
- Producers who conduct property to property (P2P) movements must record individual movements of sheep and farmed goats identified with eID on the NLIS database within two days of arrival.

1 January 2027

- **ALL** sheep and farmed goats leaving a property must be identified with an NLIS-accredited eID tag.

Sheep and farmed 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.

Requirements for producers

- eID tags must be NLIS-accredited. For a list of accredited tags visit pir.sa.gov.au/eid
- Use a compatible applicator when applying eID tags and follow tag manufacturer instructions - see applicators listed for NLIS-accredited tags and link to application guides at pir.sa.gov.au/eid
- Sheep and goats must only be identified with one eID device. Once applied, the tag must remain with the animal for life. eID tags cannot be reused.
- 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 eID tags and record individual movements. If you move animals directly to a saleyard or processor, as a producer, you do not have to scan eID tags.
- Producers are responsible for recording individual movements of sheep and goats with eID tags on the NLIS database within two days of arrival on their property if they:
 - have multiple property identification codes (PICs) and move stock between them
 - buy stock privately (with or without an agent)
 - agist stock on their property.

eID funding and support

Discounted eID tags - available until 30 June 2027

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

An agreement is in place with tag manufacturers to provide a 47.5 cent discount per tag. The discount applies to NLIS-accredited eID tags aligned to the year-of-birth colour system:

- orange eID tags for 2026 (discount available from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026)
- light green eID tags for 2027 (discount available from 1 January 202 to 30 June 2027).

eID tags range in price, depending on the type and manufacturer. The discount will be applied at the point of sale. You should not need to complete an application form or any additional paperwork.

eID device rebate - applications close 30 June 2027

A rebate is available for sheep and goat eID tags purchased between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2027 that are not aligned to the NLIS year-of-birth colour system.

SA producers can apply for a 25% rebate up to a cap of 47.5 cents (GST exclusive) on the purchase price on NLIS-accredited eID tags not designated to the current year.

Read the Guidelines and apply: sa.gov.au/eidexpandedrebate

Online resources for producers

Visit the **resources and support** section on the PIRSA website for more information on how to implement eID on farm - including eID tags, equipment, movement obligations and how to use eID data for decision-making and efficiencies. A series of local producer case studies exploring the use of eID data for breeding decisions and productivity gains are available to view and download.

Visit pir.sa.gov.au/eid-case-studies

What is eID?

eID devices (tags) allow animals to be individually identified and traced through the NLIS database. They do not store data. They use a radio frequency identifier (RFID) microchip to store a unique serial number that 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. eID breeder tags are used to permanently identify animals born on your property. Post-breeder eID tags (pink) 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 the NLIS: integritysystems.com.au/nlis | 1800 683 111

Find out how to register for a PIC: pir.sa.gov.au/pic

Learn more about SA's transition to eID and subscribe for updates: pir.sa.gov.au/eid

