

SCRAPIE: ERADICATE IT

The sheep industry's scrapie eradication efforts.



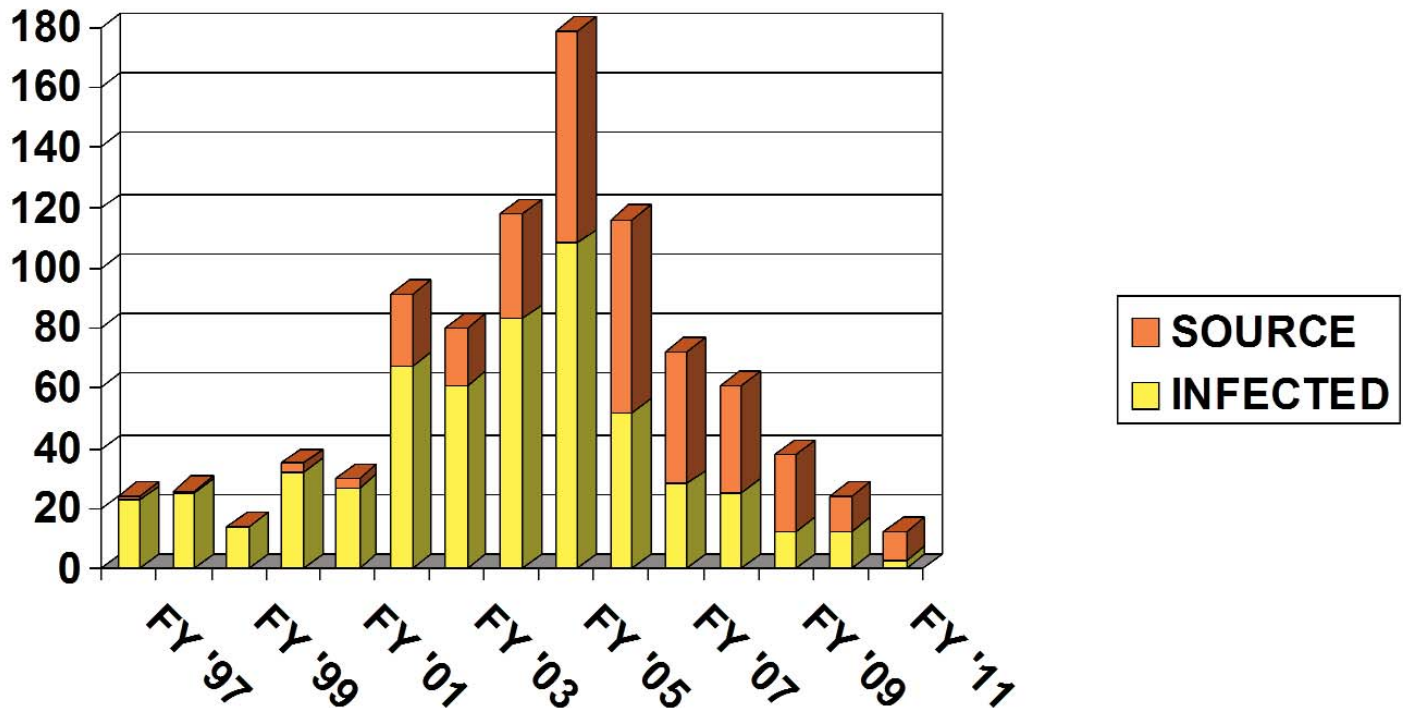
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The goal of the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) and the U.S. sheep industry is to eradicate scrapie from our borders by 2017. In addition, it is the objective to have the United States recognized as scrapie free by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). This quarterly publication is created specifically for those of you in the field who are also working to achieve this goal.

This newsletter brings together, into one spot, current information from all 50 states, as well as from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and any other organization providing scrapie news, and reports it back to the field.

If you have first-hand accounts that you believe would be relevant for others to read or have information that you would like included in this newsletter, please let us know at becky@sheepusa.org.

Infected and Source Flocks New Statuses by Year FY 1997 – 2011*



*Through May 31, 2011

New Scrapie Signs Available

Signs encouraging sheep and goat producers to follow scrapie compliance requirements by ordering free U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) tags are now available in English and Spanish. The signs prominently display 1-866-USDA-TAG, the toll-free number to call and order free official USDA tags and applicators. The signs also note that official identification of most sheep and goats in commerce is required.

The 18- x 12-inch signs are printed on laminated, weather-resistant stock

The signs are also available for preview at www.eradicatescrapie.org. An order form to request your free sign is also available at this web address. Bulk orders can be placed on the website, or by contacting Scrapie@AnimalAgriculture.org.

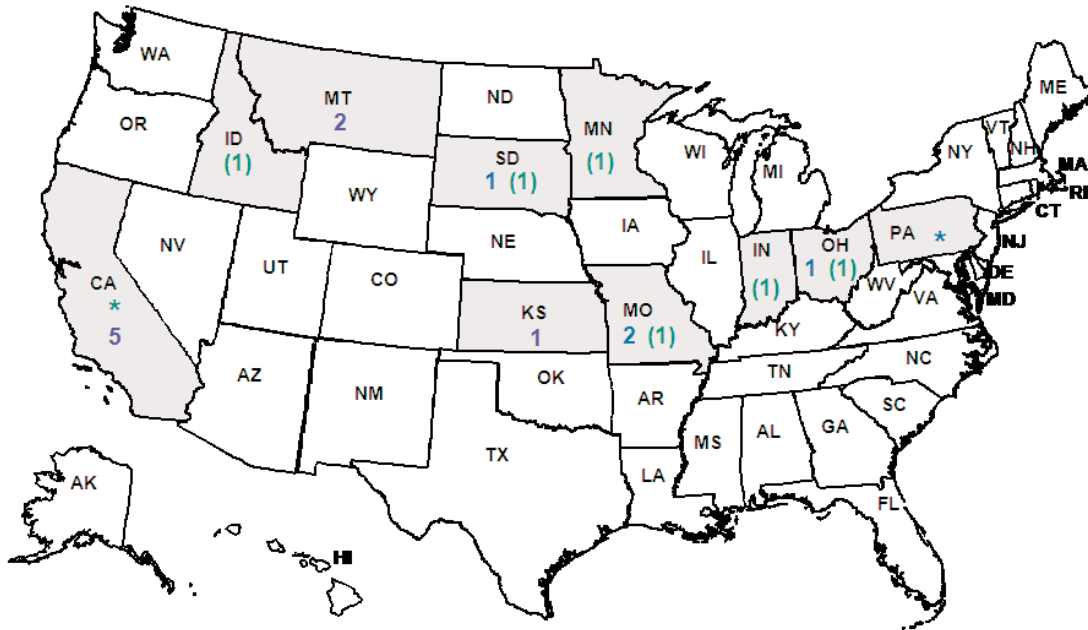
Animals Sampled for Scrapie Testing

Sheep and Goats

As of May 31, 2011

25,530 animals have been sampled for scrapie testing: 23,441 RSSS; 1,496 regulatory field cases; and 593 regulatory live animal biopsies.

Scrapie Confirmed Cases in FY 2011

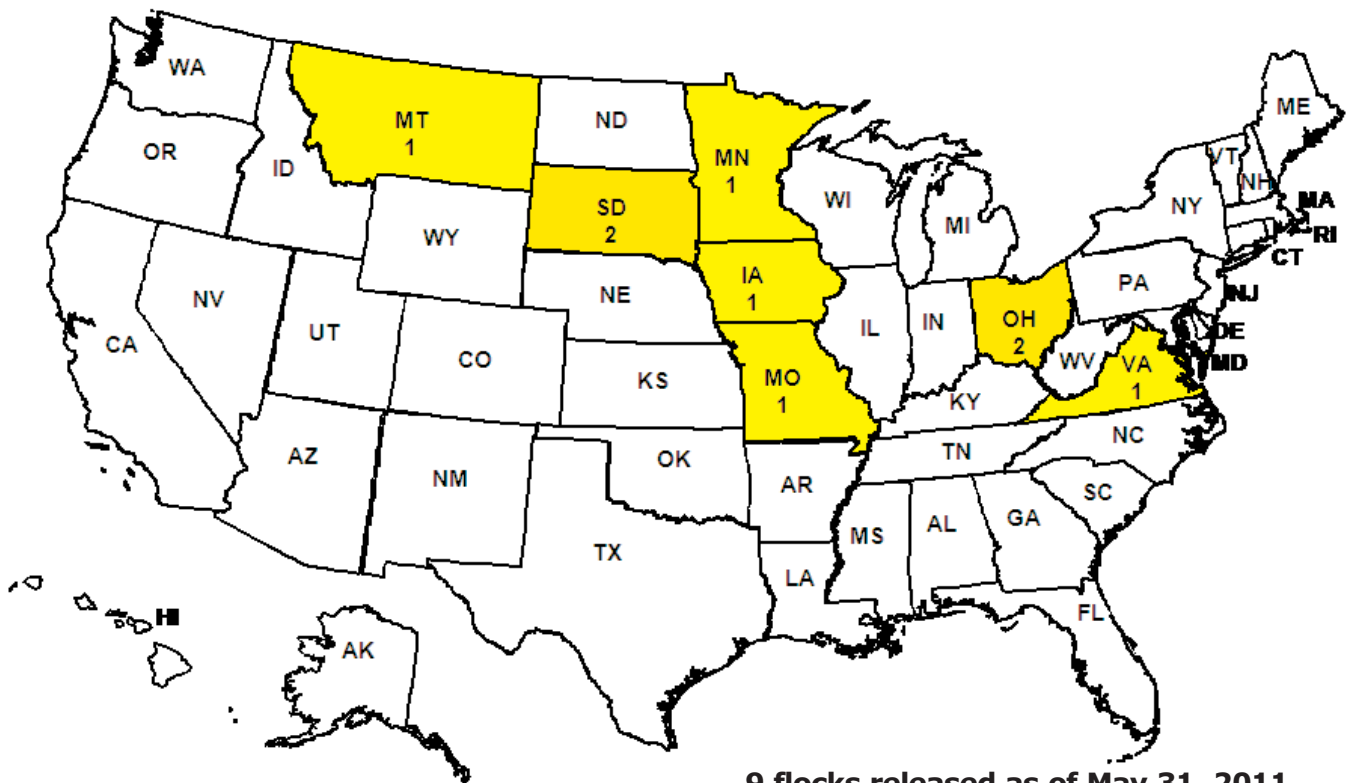


Classical Scrapie cases = 18;
NOR98-like Scrapie cases = 2;
13 field cases, including 5 positive goats all from the same herd;
7 RSSS cases (reported by State of ID tag. Collected FY 2011 and confirmed as of June 13, 2011.

Note: Field cases include animals from infected source flocks, so the state totals often include several animals from the same flock.

*Nor98-like case

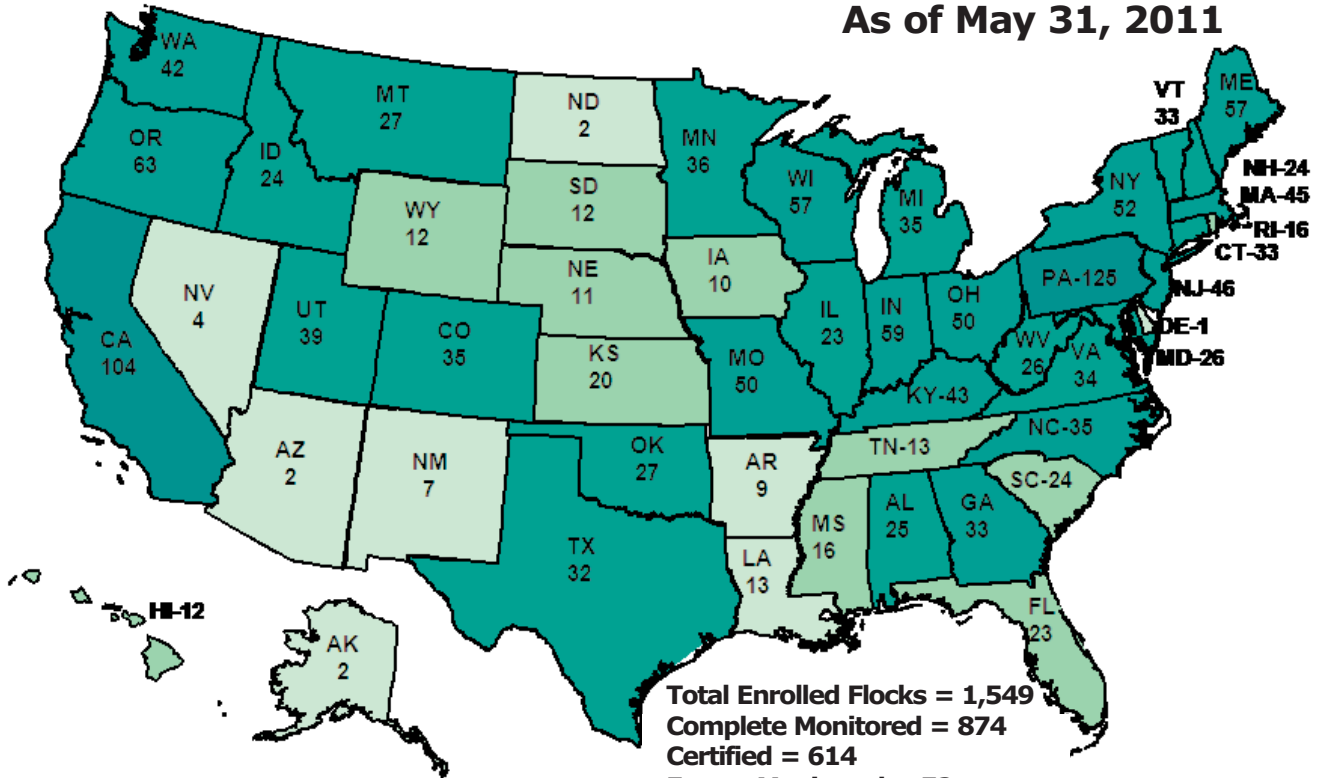
Released Scrapie Infected and Source Flocks FY 2011



9 flocks released as of May 31, 2011

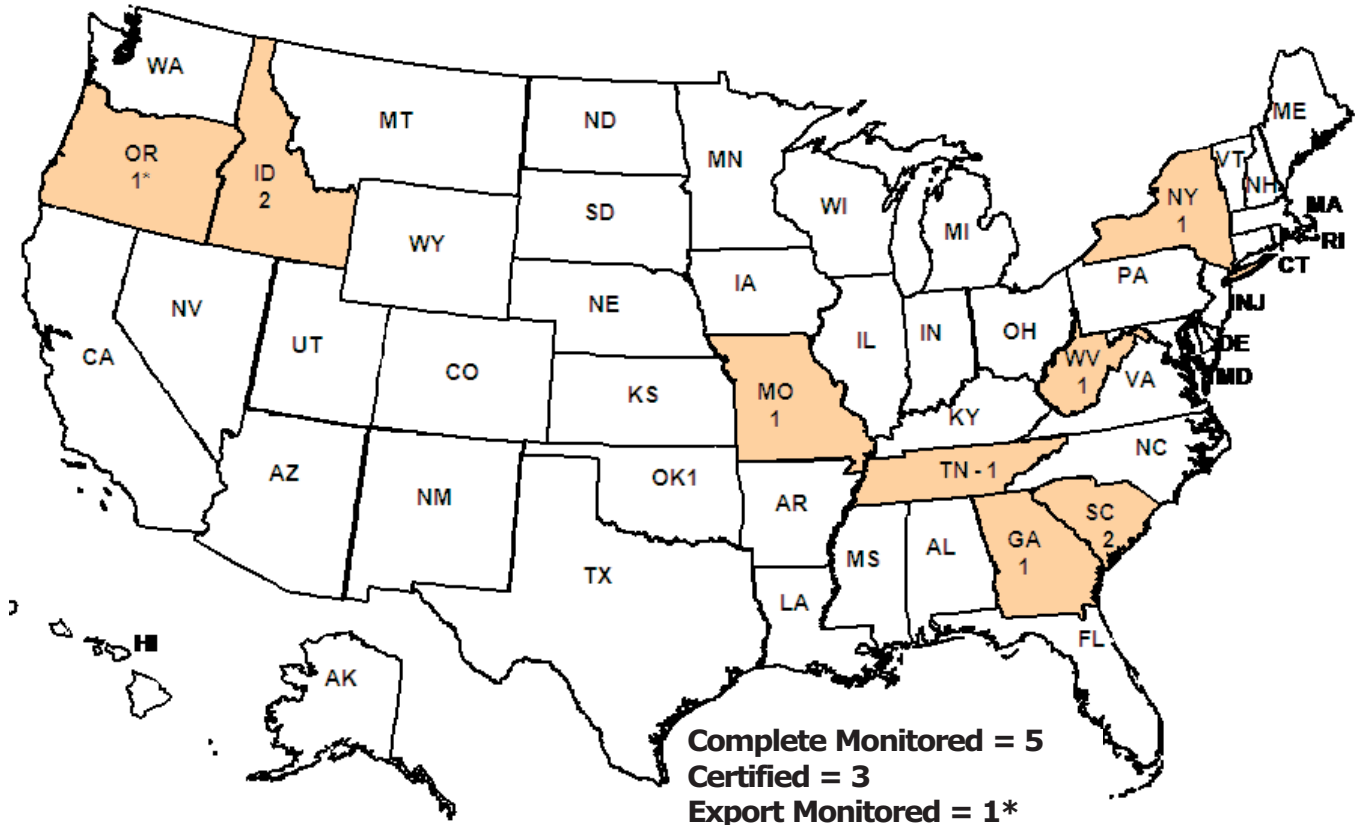
Scrapie Flock Certification Program Participating Flocks

As of May 31, 2011



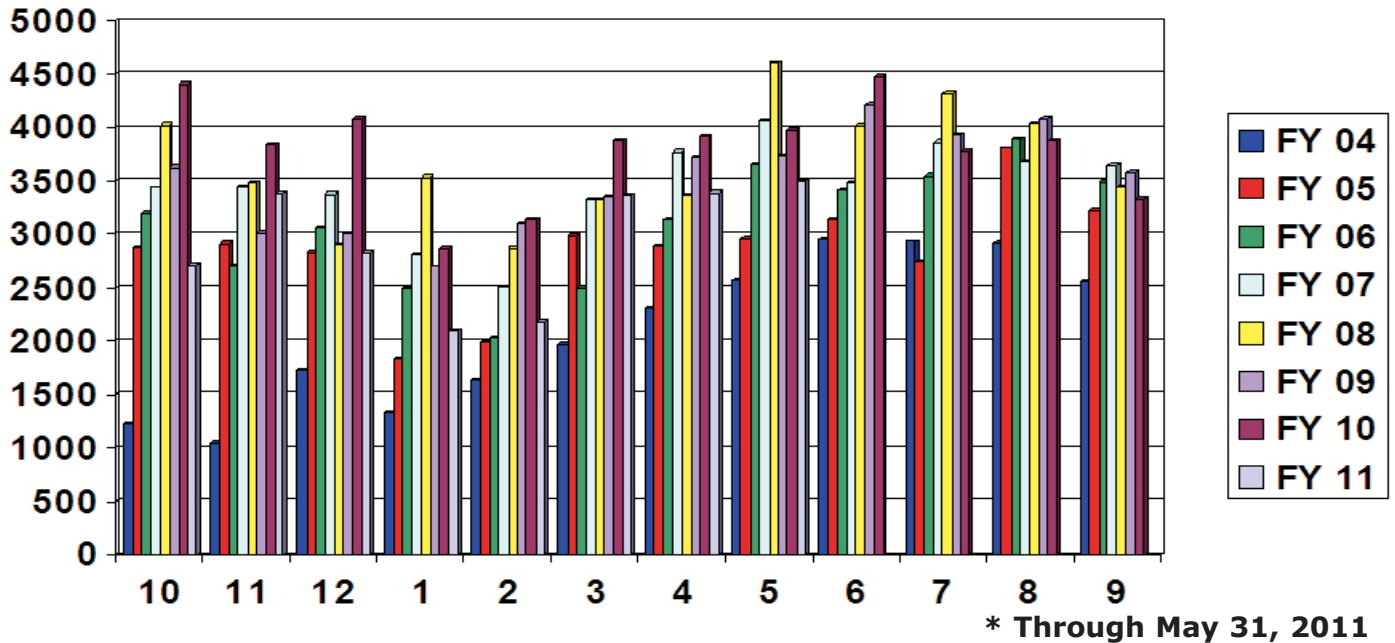
Total Enrolled Flocks = 1,549
Complete Monitored = 874
Certified = 614
Export Monitored = 52
Export Certified = 4
Selective Monitored = 5

SFCP Flocks Enrolled and Certified in May 2011



Complete Monitored = 5
Certified = 3
Export Monitored = 1*

Slaughter Surveillance Samples Collected by Month, FY 2004 to FY 2011*



The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's goal is to collect 44,000 slaughter surveillance samples each year from throughout the United States.

Regulatory Scrapie Slaughter Surveillance (RSSS) Statistics through May 31, 2011

Since April 1, 2003:	In FY2011:
300,163 samples collected 452 NVSL* confirmed positives	23,441 samples collected 18 NVSL confirmed positives (classical); 2 (Nor98-like)

*National Veterinary Services Laboratories

Web Sites Dedicated to the Eradication of Scrapie

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/

Maryland Small Ruminant Page
www.sheepandgoat.com/scrapie.html

National Institute of Animal Agriculture
<http://www.animalagriculture.org/scrapie/Scrapie.htm>

Scrapie QuickPlace
<https://qp01.aphis.usda.gov/QuickPlace/scrapie/Main.nsf?OpenDatabase>
State and federal employees can access this password-protected site by e-mailing Earl.T.Thorpe@APHIS.USDA.gov to receive a password.

