Welcome to SCRAPIE: ERADICATE IT

Welcome to the first issue of the newsletter: SCRAPIE: ERADICATE IT. The goal of the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) and the U.S. sheep industry is to eradicate scrapie from our borders by 2010. In addition, it is the objective to have the World Organization for Animal Health, OIE, declare the United States scrapie free by 2017.

ASI hopes to share current information and activities being implemented toward this objective with those of you in the field who are also working to achieve this goal. The intent of this newsletter is to bring together, into one stop, current information from all 50 states, as well as from USDA and any other organization providing scrapie news, and report it back to the field.

SCRAPIE: ERADICATE IT will be a quarterly publication created specifically for you. 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 either amy@sheepusa.org or judym@sheepusa.org.

Work Needed by Some States to Maintain Consistent State Status after Sept. 30

Currently, and for the past four years since the inception of the program, all 50 states are considered to have consistent state status when it comes to the National Scrapie Eradication Program (NSEP); however, come Sept. 30, 2006, that status may change for some states that are not in full compliance. States must have consistent state status in order to move breeding sheep or goats to other states with minimal restrictions.

As of now, to be considered a consistent state, each state is required to either meet all the federal standards or have a work plan in place that outlines how the state will comply with all the standards by Sept. 30, 2006. The federal standards require the development and maintenance of an effective scrapie-control program within the state, including identification of most sheep and goats on change of ownership. After Sept. 30, states must be in full compliance with the federal standards in order to remain consistent states. For those states that are not currently in full compliance, this means finalizing the laws and/or regulations needed to implement identification of sheep and goats on change of ownership (traceability of breeding sheep within the state).

As of March 4, 2006, 33 states (Arkansas, Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming) had the required regulations in place and the other 17 states still had work to complete in order to remain consistent states after Sept. 30.

To view the full story, visit www.sheepusa.org.
Scrapie Flock Certification Program
Participating Flocks
as of February 28, 2006

1,974 - Participating Flocks
231 - Certified
1,740 - Complete Monitored
3 - Selective Monitored

Scrapie Infected and Source Flocks
as of February 28, 2006

Total Infected Flocks = 85
The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's goal is to collect 4,000 slaughter surveillance samples each month from around the United States.

**Regulatory Scrapie Slaughter Surveillance (RSSS) Statistics through Feb. 28, 2006**

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<td>76,927 samples collected</td>
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<td>231 NVSL confirmed positive</td>
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**Web Sites Dedicated to the Eradication of Scrapie**

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
http://www.agriculture.state.ia.us/animalindustry.htm

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahps/scrapie

American Veterinary Medical Association  
http://www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/may02/s050102g.asp

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 Susan.E.Ledford@APHIS.USDA.gov to receive a password.*