

SCRAPIE: ERADICATE IT

The sheep industry's scrapie eradication efforts.



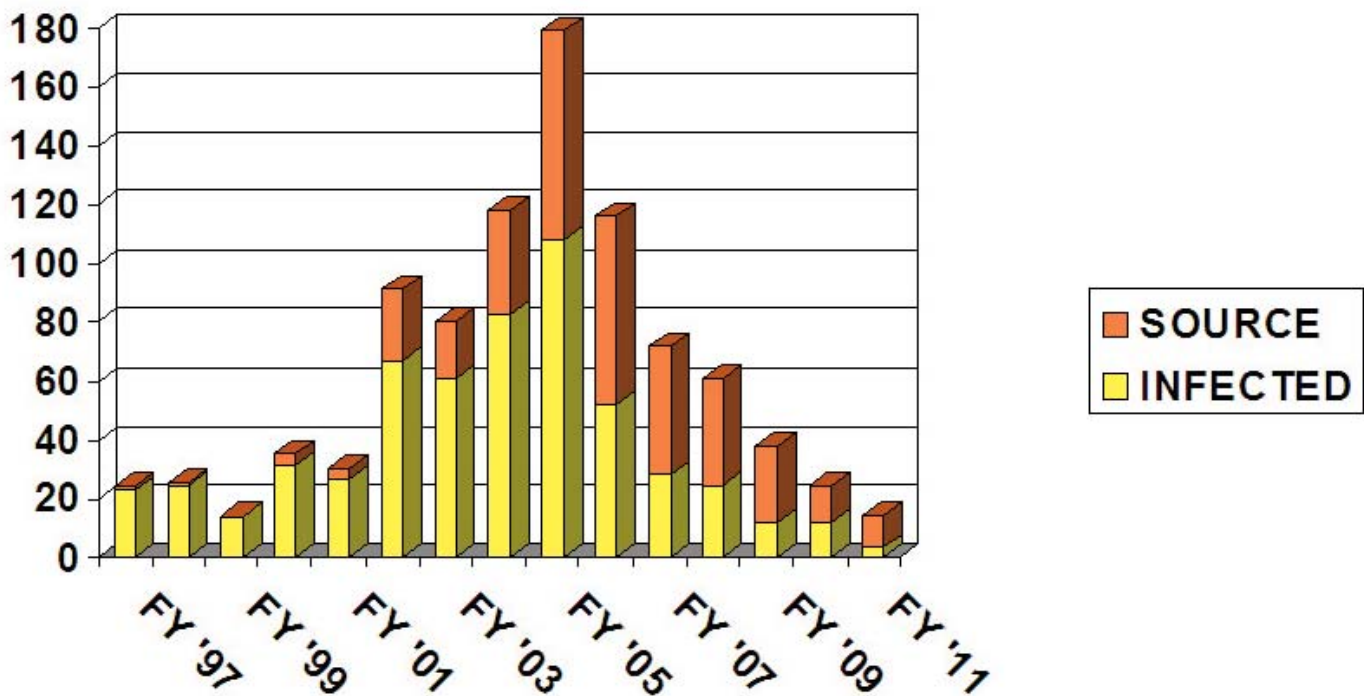
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The goal of the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) and the U.S. sheep industry is to eradicate scrapie from our borders by 2017. In addition, it is the objective to have the United States recognized as scrapie free in accordance with the World 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 September 30, 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

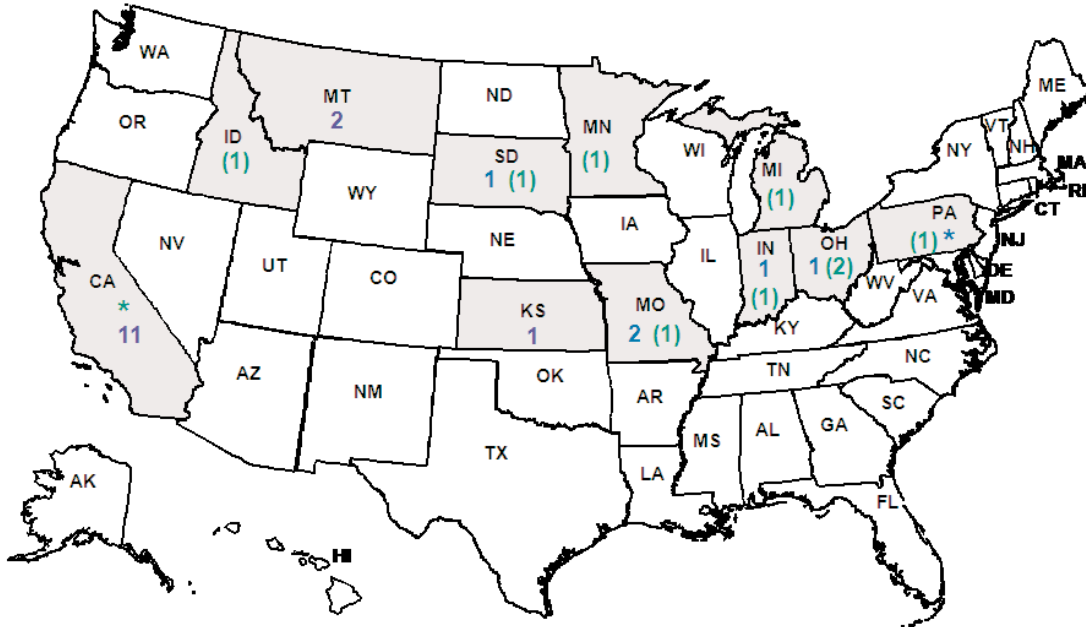
The signs are also available for preview at www.eradicatescrapie.org. An order form to request your free sign is also available at this web address. Bulk orders can be placed on the website, or by contacting Scrapie@AnimalAgriculture.org.

Animals Sampled for Scrapie Testing Sheep and Goats

As of September 30, 2011

40,132 animals have been sampled for scrapie testing: 37,174 RSSS; 2,006 regulatory field cases; and 952 regulatory live animal biopsies.

Scrapie Confirmed Cases in FY 2011

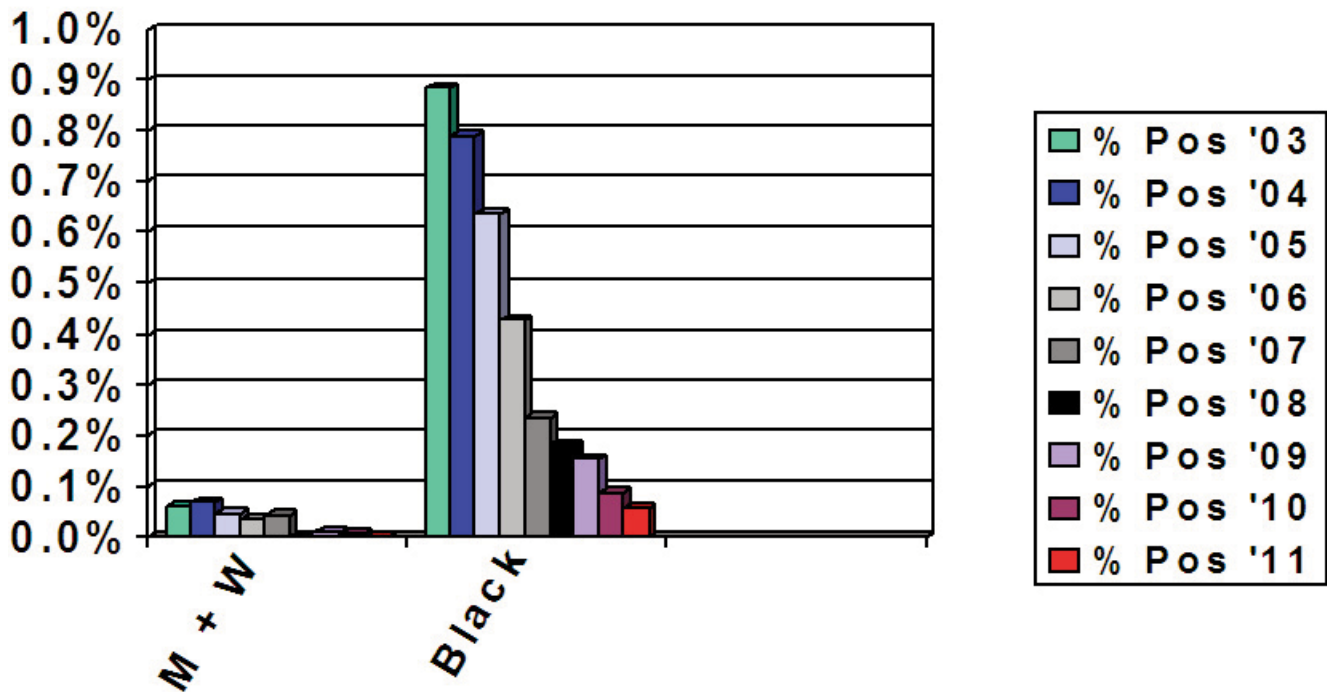


Classical Scrapie cases = 28;
NOR98-like Scrapie cases = 2;
20 field cases, including 10 positive goats all from the same herd;
10 RSSS cases (reported by State of ID tag. Collected FY 2011 and confirmed as of October 17, 2011.

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

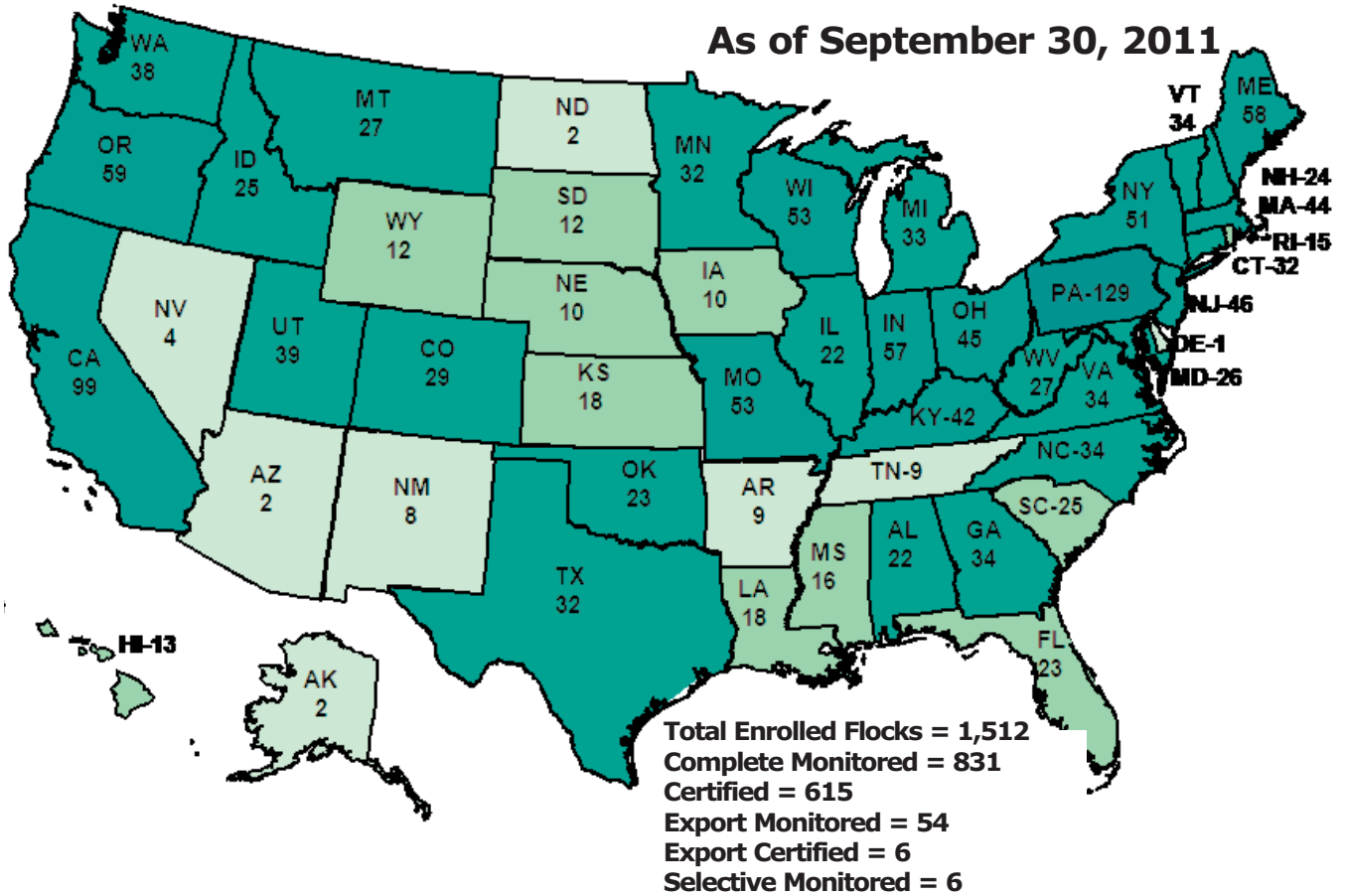
*Nor98-like case

Percent of RSSS Samples that Tested Positive for Classical Scrapie by Face Color during each Fiscal Year (2003 – 2011*)

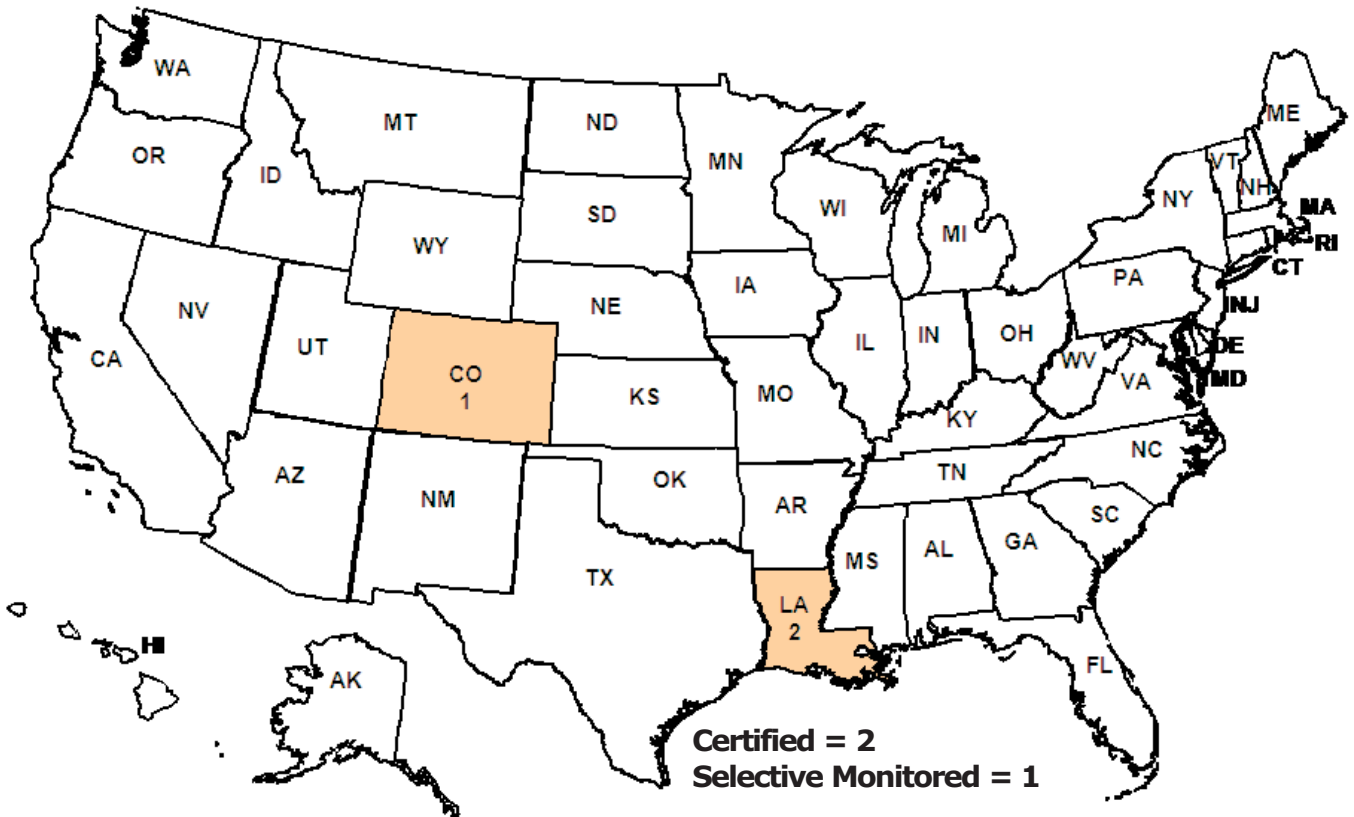


* Through September 30, 2011—Adjusted to exclude multiple positive animals from same flock. Mottled and white-faced combined. Does not include Nor98-like scrapie cases found through RSSS (2 in FY 2007, 1 in FY 2008, 4 in FY 2010, 1 in FY 2011).

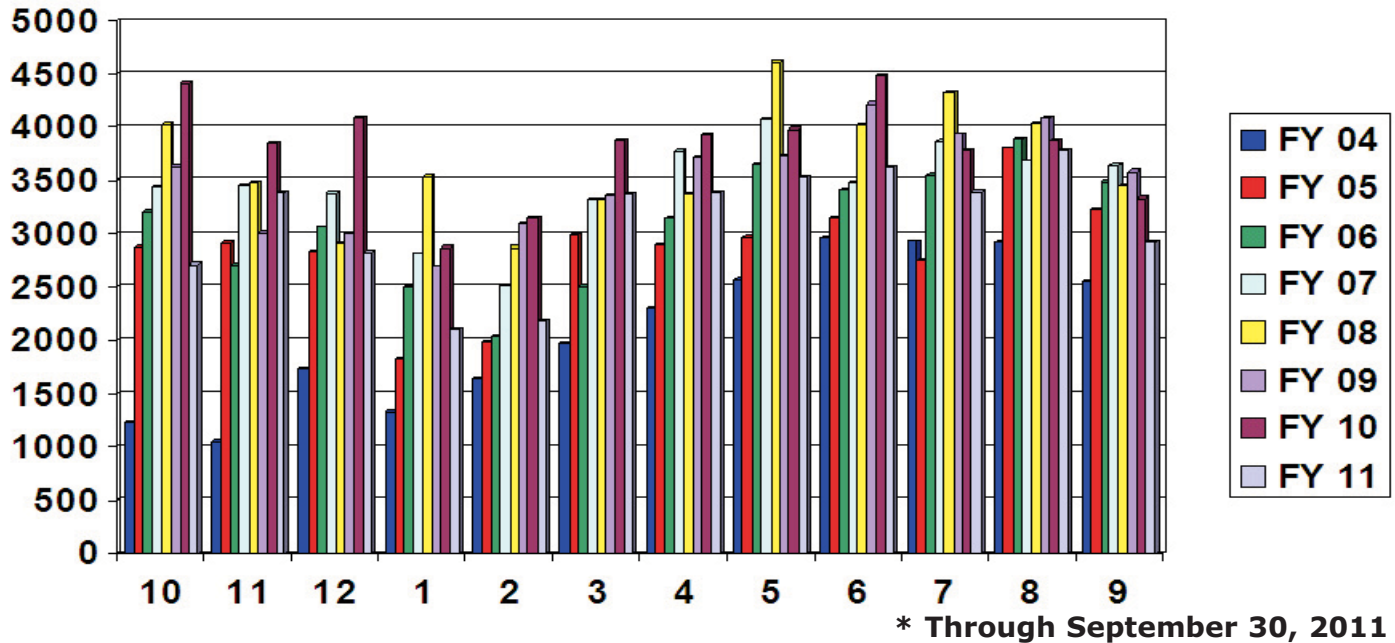
Scrapie Flock Certification Program Participating Flocks



SFCP Flocks Enrolled and Certified in September 2011



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 September 30, 2011

Since April 1, 2003:	In FY2011:
313,896 samples collected 455 NVSL* confirmed positives	37,174 samples collected (1,705 from goats) 9 NVSL confirmed positives (classical); 1 (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 SharePoint
<http://animalhealth/scrapie/default.aspx>

Federal employees can access this password-protected site by emailing
 Earl.T.Thorpe@APHIS.USDA.gov to receive a password. State employees can request a copy on CD.



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