

Sheep and Goat Individual Electronic Identification (eID)

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Background

In September 2022, federal and state agriculture ministers agreed in principle to work with industry towards implementing a national individual electronic identification (eID) system for sheep and farmed goats by 1 January 2025.

Livestock SA provided a service for and funded by Department of Primary Industries (PIRSA) and industry to assess the costs, benefits, and risks of the implementation of sheep and goat eID. Livestock SA appointed an independent whole of supply chain steering committee to develop a thorough and well considered Business plan, Implementation plan and Communications plan. These documents were submitted to the State Government as recommendations of the steering committee earlier this year.

South Australia's approach

On 8 June 2023, the State Government announced the key dates and an associated \$9.3 million funding package, to assist producers and the broader industry start the transition towards mandatory sheep and goat eID in South Australia by January 2025.

This initial funding package includes:

- a 50% per eID tag/device rebate in FY2023–24 and FY2024–25 for newborn lambs and kids
- a 75% rebate on essential infrastructure required for the implementation of eID across the supply chain.

Key Dates

- 1 January 2025: All sheep and managed goats born on or after this date will require an eID device before leaving their birth property. Sheep and managed goats born before 1 January 2025 do not need eID to be sold during 2025 and 2026.
- 1 January 2027: All sheep and managed goats leaving property, irrespective of age, will require an eID device.
- Tag rebate: Designed for breeding stock that will be retained to avoid doubling handling post 1 January 2027. Terminal lambs and kids do not need an eID device for the next 2 years (only after 1 January 2025).

More information:

www.livestocksa.org.au/eid

www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/animal_health/animal_species/sheep/electronic_identification_eid_sheep_goats

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