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A Call To Goat Producers

Finding new tag options – approved indicators

As many producers are aware the options for approved indicators are limited. Since the discontinuation of the Allflex Combo tag, producers have been using a Shearwell tag that has been causing concern especially for Boer goat producers. This tag has a thinner opening for the ear and is causing severe infections and problems in various herds.

CNGF has met with CCIA to come up with solutions, but this problem cannot be solved overnight. Our best solution is to replace this Shearwell tag with another one that is slightly wider. This new tag has been distributed to the producers that had initial tag problems and have seen success. However, this new proposed Shearwell tag is NOT yet considered a pre approved tag. In order for this tag to be considered, more tag testing must be done on goat herds across the country.

CNGF is looking for several goat herds, specifically those with large floppy ears (Boer, Kiko, Savannah, Nubian) that are willing to try out these new tags. We are urging participation in this study to help us provide a safe, efficient and suitable tag for goat producers across Canada to use.

CNGF is proposing to start testing these new tags as early as June 2026. Pending positive results we could see this new pre approved tag available by 2027.

We are also investigating other options that we will be able to tag trial in the near future if the manufacturers can meet all the required regulations.

Overall, we understand this matter cannot be solved overnight, but we are working to provide solutions as soon as possible. Please reach out with any questions and we look forward to helping our fellow goat producers.

Sincerely,



Cecilia Green

Executive Director, CNGF



INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT THE NEW TAGS?

We want to hear from you!

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Tag Testing – Producer Inquiry

Name:

Farm Name (optional):

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Breed(s) of Goats to be tagged:

of goats participating: _____

Are your goats currently using an approved indicator? YES / NO

Have you experienced issues with tags before? YES / NO

Thank you for helping test new tag options for goats in Canada. We appreciate your participation and encourage you to reach out with questions or comments at anytime.

Sincerely,

The Canadian National Goat Federation

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