

Funding

WA has secured \$25.6 million, provided through the Royalties for Regions State Funding Program, to assist industry with the implementation of the eID system.

The Tag Incentive Payment (TIP) scheme currently provides a \$0.75 discount per fully accredited NLIS eID at the point-of-sale, for the current year-of-birth colour. Visit the department's website to see which eID types are eligible for this discount.

\$3.52 million has been made available toward an Infrastructure Grants scheme to assist downstream operators purchase and install essential eID equipment, including scanners, readers, wands and other limited infrastructure needs.



Further information

Scan the QR code to find out more or contact us.
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Support for electronic identification of sheep and goats



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In collaboration with industry, producers and numerous peak bodies, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development is currently overseeing Western Australia's transition from mob-based movements to mandatory individual electronic identification of sheep and goats. Rapid identification is key to an effective and efficient response to emergency animal diseases, residue or food safety incidents.

Electronic identification devices

Electronic identification devices (eIDs) contain a radio frequency identifier (RFID) able to be read via a hand-held scanning wand or panel reader. Fully accredited National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) sheep and goat eIDs (ear tags for sheep and goats and hock bands for some goats) will replace the existing visual tagging system.

Each accredited eID has a unique internal serial number, which is assigned to your NLIS account's Property Identification Code (PIC) when manufactured. When your sheep or goats are moved off your PIC, the unique serial number is scanned and uploaded to the NLIS database where a movement record is captured along with the new location of the livestock. The eIDs are also printed with a unique set of letters and numbers, which can also be used for visual identification.



eID transition dates for WA

eID tagging requirements		eID scanning requirements	
Prior to 1 January 2025	From 1 January 2025	From 1 July 2025	From 1 July 2026
Sheep and goats born prior to 1 January 2025 do not require eIDs unless leaving a property from 1 July 2026 onward.	Sheep and goats born from 1 January 2025 onward need to be eID tagged before leaving their property (or within 6 months of birth), whichever is earlier.	Saleyards and abattoirs required to scan any sheep and goats with eIDs (normal processing of visual tags will continue in parallel until 1 July 2026).	All properties and facilities required to eID scan all sheep and goats on arrival (visual tags will no longer be permissible).

Tag colour system

WA will continue to follow the year-of-birth colour system for eIDs. Following the transition away from visual tags, yellow NLIS eIDs can be used to identify stock born prior to 1 January 2025, when moving off their property of birth, after 1 July 2026.

Pink post breeder eIDs will only be necessary if the original breeder NLIS eID is missing or damaged, or if you have stock departing your property from 1 July 2026 onward that did not originate from your property. There can only be one eID on an animal at any time.

Year	Colour	Tag
2022*	red	visual or eID
2023*	sky blue	visual or eID
2024*	black	visual or eID
2025	white	eID
2026	orange	eID
2027	light green	eID
2028	purple	eID
2029	yellow	eID
2030	red	eID
2031	sky blue	eID

* Yellow eIDs can be used for all stock bred on property prior to 1 January 2025, when departing property of origin after 1 July 2026 onwards.

Pink post breeder eIDs must be applied to stock not bred on property, departing from 1 July 2026 onwards. Pink eIDs must only be applied if the original breeder eID is missing.