



CSIP Moving Forward

As the Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP) moves forward and continues its development, it is important to keep in mind the original objectives of the CSF Board in implementing an identification system that is “affordable, flexible and effective” for the sheep industry.

To do so, the CSF is working with industry partners and government to make sure those objectives are met while the evolution to full traceability occurs. Specific areas of activities include:

“Affordable”

- Analysis of costs and benefits of tags, identification systems and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) management systems
 - Review of available technologies and tags
 - Analysis and determination of the costs of traceability with industry partners and government
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“Flexible”

- Regular review of technologies, tags and traceability systems ensuring that tags, identification systems and management systems work best for sheep producers
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“Effective”

- Ensuring that individual ID numbers can be traced to their farm of origin
- Meeting industry obligations without a bureaucratic burden on producers
- Continuous examination of policies and standards