



Initially the NLIS Sheep & Goats program used visually-readable ear tags and paper records to identify livestock and trace mob-based movements. RFID tags are also used now to identify livestock and record movements on the NLIS database so that animals can be traced individually.

The NLIS Sheep & Goats standards for visual and RFID tags detail minimum mandatory specifications for accredited devices supplied to producers. Devices may be a one-piece or two-piece tag. The visual tag standard recommends that breeder tags be supplied according to the colour of the year system. The colours rotate in 8-year cycles.

Originally, RFID breeder tags for sheep were yellow and post-breeder tags pink. The standard now allows the colour of year system for RFID tags.

Figure 1: Colour of year system

Year	Tag colour	Year	Tag colour
2000	Black	2008	Black
2001	White	2009	White
2002	Orange	2010	Orange
2003	Light green	2011	Light green
2004	Purple	2012	Purple
2005	Yellow	2013	Yellow
2006	Red	2014	Red
2007	Sky blue	2015	Sky blue

Any year	Post-breeder tags must be pink
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Accreditation status

Devices that perform well after six months of a field trial may be granted **conditional accreditation**. This allows the product to be sold as an NLIS device. Devices that still perform well at 12, 24 and 36 month intervals are usually granted **full accreditation** after three years.






Full accreditation status

Fourteen tags have full NLIS accreditation status. The examples below are mainly breeder tags. Any pink tags are post-breeder tags. These are applied to sheep or goats no longer on their property of birth, or to introduced animals that have lost their original tag.

Note: See Page 4 for manufacturers' contact details.

Tag type	Product name	Image	Manufacturer
Visual	Allflex flexi tag		Allflex Australia P/L
Visual	Allflex flock tag		Allflex Australia P/L
RFID	Allflex lightweight RFID tag		Allflex Australia P/L
Visual	Arlunga sidney tag		Arlunga P/L
Visual	Arlunga strong tag		Arlunga P/L
Visual	Drover's Ay-One ezy tag		Drover's Ay-One P/L
Visual	Leader multi tag		Leader Products P/L
Visual	Leader original laser tag		Leader Products P/L
RFID	Shearwell ASET RFID sheep tag		Shearwell Australia P/L











Full accreditation status *(continued)*

Tag type	Product name	Image	Manufacturer
Visual	Stockbrands strong tag		Stockbrands Co. P/L
Visual	Tally tag		Swingertag P/L
Visual	Tally long tag		Swingertag P/L
Visual	Tally single wedgetail tag		Swingertag P/L
Visual	Tally double wedgetail tag		Swingertag P/L




Conditional accreditation status

Thirteen tags have conditional NLIS accreditation status. The examples below are mainly breeder tags. Any pink tags are post-breeder tags.

Note: See Page 4 for manufacturers' contact details.

Tag type	Product name	Image	Manufacturer
Visual	A & A lang lapover tag (LLT)		A & A Branding Co.
Visual	A & A lang self piercing (LSPT)		A & A Branding Co.
Visual	A & A lang self piercing tag (NSPT)		A & A Branding Co.
Visual	AAA strip tag		AAA Tags P/L
Visual	AAA clip tag		AAA Tags P/L
Visual	Leader jumbo tag		Leader Products P/L
Visual	Leader original hot foil tag		Leader Products P/L
RFID	Leadertronic RFID tag		Leader Products P/L
Visual	Pinnacle dura tag		Pinnacle Products
Visual	Pinnacle SP tag		Pinnacle Products

Conditional accreditation status *(continued)*

Tag type	Product name	Image	Manufacturer
Visual	Stockbrands sidney tag		Stockbrands Co. P/L
Visual	Tally sidney tag		Swingertag P/L
Visual	Zee Tags PAZ tag		Zee Tags

Manufacturers' contact details

Prospective tag purchasers should direct sales enquiries to the manufacturer/supplier. Manufacturers of accredited tags for sheep and goats are listed alphabetically below.

Note: Manufacturers should notify NLIS Ltd if their contact details change.

Manufacturer/Supplier	Address	Phone/Fax/Email/Web
AAA Tags Pty Ltd	8 William Street Norwood SA 5067	T: (08) 8353-8747 F: (08) 8356-0707 M: 0419 608 570 W: www.aaatags.com
A & A Branding Company	Unit 4/11 Milford Street East Victoria Park WA 6981	T: (08) 9362-4512 F: (08) 9361-0856 E: aabrading@iinet.net.au
Allflex Australia Pty Ltd	PO Box 657 33 Neumann Road Capalaba QLD 4157	T: (07) 3245-9100 F: (07) 3245-9110 W: www.allflex.com.au
Arlunga Pty Limited	Bews South Road Lameroo SA 5302	T: (08) 8576-3071 F: (08) 8576-3272 E: arlunga1@bigpond.com
Drover's Ay-One Pty Limited	PO Box 93 Dungog NSW 2420	T: (02) 4992-3111 F: (02) 4992-3244 E: sales@drovers.com.au W: www.drovers.com.au
Leader Products Pty Ltd	465 Hume Highway Craigieburn VIC 3064	T: (03) 9308-2355 F: (03) 9308-3486 W: www.leaderproducts.com.au
Pinnacle Products	PO Box 255, Gnowangerup WA 6335	T: (08) 9827-3546 F: (08) 9827-1965 E: sales@pinnacleproducts.net.au
Shearwell Australia Pty Ltd	99B Highbury Road Burwood VIC 3125	T: (03) 9830-6606 E: orders@shearwell.com.au W: www.shearwell.com.au
Stockbrands Co. Pty Limited	53 Edward Street Osborne Park WA 6017	T: (08) 9444-5519 F: (08) 9444-0619 E: sales@stockbrands.com.au W: www.stockbrands.com.au
Swingertag Pty Limited	Tudhoe Street Wagin WA 6315	T: (08) 9861-1290 F: (08) 9861-1468 E: tallytag@comswest.net.au
Zee Tags Australia GP Pty Ltd	2/5 Navigator Place Hendra, Brisbane QLD 4011	T: (07) 3216-4828 F: (07) 3216-4995 W: www.zeetags.com.au