

Sheep Identification tags

Why do sheep have ear tags?

The single ear tag only displays the flock or herd mark. It doesn't display an individual identity number for the sheep.

When should sheep ear tags be fitted?

- 1) Six months of birth if housed overnight.
- 2) Nine months of birth if not housed overnight.
- 3) When they move off the holding of birth if this is sooner.

Breeding Sheep

Sheep which are being kept beyond 12 months must be identified with 1 Electronic Tag and one Visual Tag – both tags must have your unique



flock mark (with a zero in front) followed by a five digit animal number. tag is placed in the animals left ear.



