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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
2008	Black	2016	Black
2009	White	2017	White
2010	Orange	2018	Orange
2011	Light green	2019	Light green
2012	Purple	2020	Purple
2013	Yellow	2021	Yellow
2014	Red	2022	Red
2015	Sky blue	2023	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

These tags have full NLIS accreditation status. The examples shown here 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 6 for manufacturers' contact details.

Tag type	Tag name	Image	Manufacturer
Visual	A & A Lang Lapover (LLT)		A & A Branding
Visual	A & A Lang Self Piercing (LSPT)		A & A Branding
Visual	A & A Nylon Self Piercing (NSPT)		A & A Branding
Visual	AAA Clip		AAA Tags
Visual	AAA Strip		AAA Tags
Visual	Allflex Flexi		Allflex
Visual	Allflex Flock		Allflex
Visual	Allflex Mini Mini GOAT ONLY (accredited for use in rangeland, farm and fibre goats only)		Allflex
Visual	Allflex Small Round GOAT ONLY (accredited for use in rangeland, farm and fibre goats only)		Allflex
Visual	Arlunga Sidney		Arlunga

Visual	Arlunga Strong		Arlunga
Visual	Drovers ID Ezy		Drovers ID
Visual	Leader Multi		Leader Products
Visual	Leader Original Laser		Leader Products
Visual	Pinnacle Dura		Pinnacle Products
Visual	Pinnacle SP		Pinnacle Products
Visual	Shearwell SET		Shearwell
Visual	Stockbrands Sidney		Stockbrands
Visual	Stockbrands Strong		Stockbrands
Visual	Tally Original		Swingertag
Visual	Tally Long		Swingertag


Visual	Tally Single Wedgetail		Swingertag
Visual	Tally Double Wedgetail		Swingertag
Visual	Zee Tags PAZ		Zee Tags
RFID	Allflex Lightweight		Allflex
RFID	Allflex Rapid		Allflex
RFID	Leader Leadertronic		Leader Products
RFID	Leader Multitronic		Leader Products
RFID	Shearwell ASET		Shearwell
RFID	Datamars Goat Legband		Zee Tags

Conditional accreditation status

These tags have conditional NLIS accreditation status. The examples shown here are mainly breeder tags. Any pink tags are post-breeder tags.

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Tag type	Tag name	Image	Manufacturer
Visual	Enduro Tags Combo 1 - Flock		Enduro Tags
Visual	Leader Jumbo		Leader Products
Visual	Leader Original Hot Foil		Leader Products
Visual	Tally Sidney		Swingertags
Visual & RFID	Zee Tags Tagfaster RFID and Visual		Zee Tags
Visual & RFID	Zee Tags FET RFID and Visual		Zee Tags
RFID	Enduro Tags Combo 2		Enduro Tags
Visual & RFID	Datamars TagFaster (with TI transponder)		Datamars Australia
RFID	Leader Multipin (Red Cap)		Leader Products

RFID	AAA RFID Sheep Tag		AAA Tags Pty Ltd
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Prospective tag purchasers should direct sales/distribution enquiries to the manufacturer/supplier.

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

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