

SHEEP RECORDING **DO'S** AND **DON'TS**

- ✓ **DO** tag all lambs by 9 months (9 months taken from lambing records) or as they leave the holding, whichever comes first.
- ✓ **DO** DOUBLE EID tag all lambs by 12 months (12 months being following July) regardless of whether they will end up for slaughter or not
- ✓ **DO** record all tagging in the Identification record
- ✓ **DO** record all replacement tags in the replacement record- cross reference where possible.
- ✓ **DO** replace missing tags within 28 days of discovery
- ✓ **DO** record deaths
- ✓ **DO** write everything down as it happens- this will make it easier as you go along
- ✓ **DO** use tags sequentially
- ✓ **DO** keep tags in a safe place
- ✓ **DO** keep a note of any unused or damaged tags- this will make your record keeping simpler

- ✗ **DO NOT** use one half of full EID tag as a slaughter tag
- ✗ **DO NOT** use 2 'slaughter' tags instead of double EID
- ✗ **DO NOT** use a slaughter tag in any sheep older than 12 months old

REMEMBER

- If you have any purchased stock on the farm you **MUST** have a stock of **red** tags on the farm (Remember the Tups!).
- If replacing 1 tag remember to cut the remaining tag out and replace with 2 matching tags.
- If the sheep has a full EID tag in her ear then the individual number has to be noted (this applies to old sheep which have been identified for the first time or replacement tags for old sheep).
- Slaughter tags can be recorded on a batch basis.
- Breeding sheep can be sold on a slaughter tag if below 12 months.
- ScotEID- information on this is available for everyone's holding that have moved sheep through a market or abattoir in Scotland- if your movement records are a bit sparse then looking on ScotEID is a good starting point.
- SAMU can also give you a full list of the movements they have recorded on file if you request them in writing. Again- a good starting point.
- You do not need to purchase an EID reader *however* as years go on and more of the flock is EID tagged record keeping and tag reading may become easier with a hand held reader.
- 3 years worth of records required to be kept- A properly completed Orange book goes a long way towards a successful inspection.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help!