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From CSIP to SheepTrace
Understanding the Transition Timeline

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The Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP) is becoming SheepTrace as the Canadian Sheep Federation takes on administration of the national program. The 90-day transition began September 10 and has a planned operational cutover of December 9, 2026, subject to readiness and applicable approvals.

SEPTEMBER | Transition launched

CSF announced its finalized Responsible Administrator agreement on September 16. Reporting through CLTS and approved tag purchasing through established channels continued without change.

OCTOBER | Technology and information

AgroLedger, developed by CSF since 2020, is ready for producer use. Transfer of existing CLTS records to AgroLedger is underway. Updated SheepTrace FAQs are available, while the AgroLedger user manual and instructional videos are being added to the SheepTrace.ca Resources page this week. Paper reporting options are in development.

NOVEMBER | Support and preparation

Two full-time SheepTrace staff members start November 2. Following training, they will answer questions and assist with reporting. Additional user guidance, training and system access details will be provided as operating arrangements are confirmed.

DECEMBER | Planned system cutover

Reporting is planned to move from CLTS to the new SheepTrace reporting system on December 9, subject to readiness and authorization. Exact access and switch instructions will be issued before users need to act.

What remains unchanged?

The Responsible Administrator transition does not change federal traceability reporting requirements before or after cutover. CFIA remains the federal regulator. Producers should keep reporting to CLTS and buying approved identifiers through their usual channels until notified otherwise.

Follow the latest guidance

See SheepTrace.ca for FAQs, resources and verified transition instructions. Do not create accounts or change reporting workflows until instructions are issued.

CURRENT GUIDANCE • Continue reporting through CLTS until SheepTrace issues instructions.
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