SheepTrace: Your Questions Answered

What sheep producers need to know as the Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP) becomes SheepTrace.

For now, keep doing what you do today. Continue reporting sheep traceability information through CLTS and buying approved sheep tags through your usual supplier. You will receive instructions before the reporting system changes.

1. About SheepTrace

What is SheepTrace?

SheepTrace is the new name for Canada's national sheep identification and traceability program, previously called the Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP). The program is continuing under a new name as the Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF) takes over its administration.

Why is CSIP becoming SheepTrace?

The new name reflects the program's broader role in sheep traceability, beyond just identifying animals. It gives producers one recognizable name for the program, reporting, information and support.

Is SheepTrace a new program with new rules?

No. SheepTrace is the continuation of CSIP, *not a new set of rules*. The change in name and administration does not create new reporting requirements. Any future changes to federal traceability rules would happen separately.

Is SheepTrace the same as AgroLedger?

No. SheepTrace is the national sheep identification and traceability program. AgroLedger is the technology that will support SheepTrace by collecting and managing traceability information. Put simply, SheepTrace is the program you follow; AgroLedger is the technology behind it.

Who is responsible for SheepTrace?

The Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF) will administer SheepTrace. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will continue to set and enforce federal livestock traceability rules.

2. What you need to do now

Do I need to do anything differently right now?

No. Keep using your usual sheep identification, record-keeping and reporting practices. You do not need to change anything until SheepTrace provides clear instructions.

Where do I report sheep movements and other traceability information for now?

Keep reporting through the Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS), as you do today. Do not switch systems until SheepTrace announces access to AgroLedger, the new information management system.

Do I need to create a SheepTrace account now?

No. Instructions on account access and setup will be provided before you need to use the new reporting system.

Will my reporting requirements change?

Not because of this transition. The information you are required to report and the rules you currently follow remain the same during the move to SheepTrace.

3. Sheep tags

Will I have to buy my sheep tags differently?

No. During the transition, continue ordering approved sheep tags the way you do today, including through Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers.

Will I need new tags because the program name is changing?

No. You do not need to replace valid approved tags because CSIP is becoming SheepTrace.

Can I still use tags with a CCIA logo?

Yes. Otherwise valid approved sheep tags remain acceptable. The new name does not mean you have to retag your sheep.

Will new tags carry the SheepTrace name?

SheepTrace branding is being introduced into future program and tag arrangements. Information about when the new branding will appear will be shared as details are confirmed. Keep using currently approved tags in the meantime.

Will I still be able to get tags during the transition?

Continuing tag supply is a priority. Keep ordering through your usual supplier. If the ordering process changes, you will be informed.

4. Changing reporting systems

Will the system I use to report sheep information change?

Yes. When the transition is complete, sheep traceability reporting will move from CLTS to the AgroLedger reporting system, supporting the SheepTrace program.

When will I start using AgroLedger to report?

The planned date is December 9, 2026, subject to the system being ready and any updated direction from CFIA. You will receive instructions before you need to make the switch.

How will I know when to stop using CLTS?

SheepTrace and its transition partners will tell you when to stop using CLTS and when to begin using the new reporting system. Until then, keep using CLTS.

Will there be training and help to get started?

Yes. SheepTrace plans to provide practical guides, short videos, webinars, frequently asked questions and direct support before you are expected to use AgroLedger.

Will auction markets, dealers and processors get their own instructions?

Yes. Guidance tailored to businesses that report sheep information, including markets, dealers and processors, is planned before the switch.

Will the new reporting system work on my phone or tablet?

Yes. SheepTrace uses AgroLedger, a web-based application that can be accessed from any internet-connected device, including smartphones, tablets and computers. There's no need to download or install special software.

Prefer not to report online? That's fine too. Producers can continue to submit required traceability reports by paper or over the phone. SheepTrace will have two dedicated support staff available to answer questions, help with reporting and assist producers who need additional support.

Our goal is to make traceability reporting as simple and accessible as possible, regardless of how you prefer to submit your information.

5. Your records and information

What will happen to information I have already reported?

As part of the transition, SheepTrace will receive all historical sheep traceability information from the Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS). Your previously reported information will be retained, so your reporting history will not be lost when the program moves to the new system. More information about how to view and access historical records will be provided before the transition.

Will I need to enter all my old information again?

No. Your previously reported traceability information will be transferred from CLTS to SheepTrace. You will not need to re-enter your historical reports or start your reporting history over.

Will my information be protected?

Yes. Protecting your information is a priority for SheepTrace. Regulated traceability data is stored securely in Canada and protected by strict security and privacy measures. Access is limited to authorized individuals who need the information to carry out their responsibilities. Anyone granted administrative access to regulated traceability data must first undergo security screening by the Government of Canada.

SheepTrace uses AgroLedger, a secure, web-based system designed to protect information, control access and maintain a record of data activity. These safeguards help ensure your information is protected and used only for authorized purposes.

What if I notice a mistake in my records?

Until the switch, keep using the existing CLTS correction process. SheepTrace will explain how to request corrections in the new system before launch.

6. Timing and next steps

How long will the changeover take?

The transition began September 10, 2026. The current target for switching reporting systems is December 9, 2026.

Could the December 9 date change?

Possible but unlikely. December 9 is the planned date, not a guarantee. If the date or instructions change, SheepTrace will let producers know what to do and when.

Will there be a time when both reporting systems are available?

The final switch-over process has not yet been announced. If there is any overlap or temporary pause in reporting, SheepTrace will explain it in advance.

7. Finding information and help

Where can I find the latest SheepTrace information?

The SheepTrace website (www.sheeptrace.ca) will be the main place for updates, instructions, training materials and frequently asked questions. CSF and provincial sheep organizations will also help share updates.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

You can contact the Canadian Sheep Federation at 613.652.1824. SheepTrace will publish its dedicated support contact details and hours as they are confirmed.

Will information be available in French?

Yes. Core SheepTrace information and guidance are being prepared in both English and French.

How will I know if anything changes?

SheepTrace will publish updated guidance and share important instructions through industry partners. Check for official SheepTrace updates before making changes to your reporting practices.

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