



News Clips

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A "new look" in the ovine sector

Attention all ovine producers—when you receive your next order of ear tags, don't be surprised to notice that the electronic tags have a new look. In fact, since the beginning of the year, the female portion of the RFID tag for sheep has been changed slightly. It now has a black centre, which is perforated at the base to allow for better penetration. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, take a look at the photos showing both the old and new tags!

FormClic: the free traceability software

To complete your traceability declarations faster and easier, we recommend that you use FormClic, the free electronic form software, available on our website at www.agri-tracabilite.qc.ca, which allows you to fill out the forms directly and transmit the information to ATQ on the internet with a simple click of your mouse. This software is compatible with most stick readers and also allows you to save all your data on your computer. No more paperwork!

Tag-reading tools

To save precious time, we would also like to suggest sev-

eral different models of stick readers that allow you to quickly read your animals' electronic ear tags. These tag readers can record hundreds of tag numbers, which can then be transferred directly into the FormClic software and/or your flock management software. In addition to eliminating paperwork, this method also allows you to save a great deal of time!

Would you like to test a stick reader in order to make an informed decision before buying? Then check out our stick reader loan program, available at a very low cost (you pay only the shipping costs).

Smart tags...

To facilitate your declarations regarding new births, ear-tag installations and also to enter all the necessary information in one easy step, pre-programmed status tags may be used. These little "smart tags," which are never actually attached to the animal, allow you to automatically read the sex of the animal (using a male or female tag), as well as the date of birth, using a stick reader. Subsequently, all the stored data may be downloaded to your computer using the FormClic software program.

Upon request, a set of smart tags and a user's guide can be included when you borrow a stick reader from ATQ. If you already own a tag reader and wish to obtain a free set of smart tags, please contact



Shown on the bottom, the "old-style" electronic tag; on top, the new model with an aerated centre.

the ATQ Customer Service Department.

Access to site numbers

When you are preparing your traceability declarations, you must provide the site (premises) numbers of the animals' origin and destination. You may obtain these numbers, under certain conditions, by contacting the ATQ Customer Service Department.

Are you eligible?

In order to obtain the site numbers:

1. You must be officially registered in the ATQ database (i.e., a producer, sorting centre, slaughterhouse, auction, rendering plant, agricultural fair, etc.)
2. You must already know one or more of the following details: the name, telephone number, or address of the site operator for

whom you wish to obtain this information.

Following verification of your identity, a search will be performed in the ATQ database to provide you with the site number requested.

Happy traceability!

Agri-Traçabilité Québec
1 866 270-4319
Monday to Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Is your ATQ file up to date?

Reminder: It is important to keep your ATQ traceability file up to date at all times by:

- Declaring any inventory variations—births, deaths, purchases, sales;
- Activating the identification tag as soon the animal is tagged, specifying:
 - The 15-digit tag number
 - The animal's sex and date of birth
 - The seven-digit site number

Happy traceability!

Do you have other traceability-related questions?

Do you need help updating your file? We're here to help!

Many tools are available free of charge to help you keep your traceability file updated—FormClic software, tag readers for lease and ATQ Direct. Give us a call!

**ATQ Customer service:
1-866-270-4319**