

Annual Sheep & Goat Inventory

1st December 2018



You can save time by completing this form online.

Go to the website www.scotEID.com/survey

Your survey password is on the front page of your form.

Please find enclosed your Annual Sheep and Goat Inventory.

You need to complete this and provide the information as at **1st December 2018**.

You can complete the **survey online at www.scotEID.com/survey**, by using your **survey password on the front page of your form**. Otherwise, use the postage-paid envelope provided to return the form to us as soon as possible.

We would like to remind you that the Annual Sheep and Goat Inventory is a legal requirement. **Failure to complete the form will also increase the chance of inspection.**

Q & A

Why have I been included in the Annual Sheep and Goat Inventory?

The list of people to whom we have sent a form is created from:

1. those who said they kept sheep/goats in last year's inventory
2. plus those who did not respond to the inventory last year
3. plus any others who kept sheep/goats at the time of the June 2018 census
4. plus any others who have newly registered as a sheep keeper during 2018

What categories are asked for?

We have changed the labels for the sheep categories this year.

- The first category is for ewe lambs born in 2018 that have been put to ram.
- The second category is for all other lambs (ram lambs, ewe lambs being kept for breeding in the future, wether lambs, store lambs, fattening lambs...all other lambs).
- The third category is for all ewes born before 2018 (so including yearlings and anything older) that have been put to ram this winter.
- The fourth category is for all other sheep (male or female) born before 2018.

We also ask for the number of goats.

These numbers should be provided along with the full CPH number for the holding that they are on.

I'm not keeping sheep or goats at the moment, what should I do?

It is mandatory to respond even if it is a nil return.

If you do not keep sheep or goats, nor intend to do so within the next twelve months, you should *also* contact your local Animal Health office and ask to have your registration as a keeper of sheep or goats removed.

My animals were being over-wintered on 1st December 2018, on another location. Should I include the animals on my return?

Yes. You should complete one return for your business including all the animals you own. If you are using more than one location as at 1st December 2018, you should list each location and the number of animals present there.

There are graziers' animals on my holding, should I include them on my return?

No. You should complete one return for your business including all the animals you own. If other businesses are using your location, the animals should be included on their return. If you do not own sheep or goats, please complete only sections 1 and 3.

Why can't you use the information I supplied on my June survey return?

We are required by the European Commission to collect full sheep numbers in December. The details we collect in December are also different from those collected in June. We have now merged the Inventory and the December Survey so that you only receive one form (you have not been selected for the December Survey this year, though you may in future years).

I have animals on more than 25 locations.

If you require a continuation sheet for more than 25 locations, please telephone the Agricultural census staff named on the front of your form or phone or email Sheelagh Harrison on 0300 244 9725, Sheelagh.harrison@gov.scot, with your details, including full CPH number which can be found on the front of the inventory form.

Please make sure you include your main CPH number on the continuation sheet, then attach and return it with your completed form.

How will my personal information be treated?

Any personal information you provide to us is treated in confidence. For more details please see the Privacy Notice that was sent to you.

Will I get phone calls about this survey?

Once you have returned your information, our census team may contact you if we are unclear about any of the information you have given us. If our staff contact you by telephone, they will always identify themselves. To confirm who they are speaking to they may ask you for an address or some information from your survey form. They will **never** ask for personal information such as your date of birth or bank account details.

Filling in the form accurately reduces the likelihood that we will need to phone you.

Contact details for Animal Health offices

Area Office Location	Telephone	Email
Ayr	01292 291350	APHA.Scotland@apha.gsi.gov.uk
Galashiels	01896 758806	APHA.Scotland@apha.gsi.gov.uk
Inverness	01463 728800	APHA.Scotland@apha.gsi.gov.uk
Inverurie	01467 626610	APHA.Scotland@apha.gsi.gov.uk
Perth	01738 602211	APHA.Scotland@apha.gsi.gov.uk