

Annual Sheep & Goat Inventory

1st December 2023



This survey is online.

Please complete the survey at www.scoteid.com/survey. Enter your location code and survey password to begin, which are shown on the front page of your letter.

The Annual Sheep and Goat Inventory is a legal requirement. **Failure to complete the survey increases the chance of inspection.**

Please provide the information correct as at **1st December 2023**.

Q & A

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

The list of people to whom we have sent a letter or email is created from:

1. Those who said they kept sheep/goats in last year's inventory.
2. Those who did not respond to the inventory last year.
3. Any others who have newly registered as a sheep keeper during 2023.

What categories are asked for?

- The first category is for ewe lambs born in 2023 that have been put to ram.
- The second category is for all other lambs born in 2023 (for example - ram lambs, ewe lambs being kept for breeding in the future, wether lambs, store lambs, fattening lambs).
- The third category is for all ewes born before 2023 (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 2023.
- The final category is for all goats (both born in and before 2023).

Please provide the full CPH (county parish holding) number for the location and then the numbers of animals specified in each category on that location, adding another CPH for each location where you have animals.

My animals are over-wintered on 1st December 2023 on another location. Should I include the animals on my survey?

Yes. Complete one survey for your business including all the animals you own. If you are using more than one location as at 1st December 2023, 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 survey?

No. Complete one survey for your business including all the animals you own. If other businesses are using your location, the animals are included on the graziers' surveys. If you do not own sheep or goats, please complete sections 1 and 3 only.

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 on the website www.scoteid.com/survey.

Will I get phone calls about this survey?

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

Please take care to fill in the survey clearly and accurately as this reduces the likelihood that our team will need to phone you.

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 and do not provide a nil return you remain on our register and will continue to be contacted.

If you do not keep sheep or goats, nor intend to do so within the next twelve months, please contact your local Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) office (contact details below) and ask to have your registration as a keeper of sheep or goats removed.

Contact details for Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) offices

Area Office Location	Telephone	Email
Ayr	03000 600 703	APHA.Scotland@apha.gov.uk
Galashiels	03000 600 711	
Inverness	03000 600 709	
Inverurie	03000 600 708	
Perth	03000 600 704	