

Producer rebates for scanning equipment

Tasmanian producers and other categories of sheep and goat owners can apply for reimbursement on eligible scanning items from July 1, 2024, until June 30, 2025, or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

To be eligible for reimbursement, participants must have an active Property Identification Code, an Australian Business Number, and a National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) account. Refer to the Grant Scheme Guidelines for further information.

Eligible participants will be given pre-approval and must purchase the item/s and then complete an online application at our webpage here - www.nre.tas.gov.au/eID, providing proof of purchase to receive a reimbursement.

Eligible applicants	Eligible items and reimbursements
Sheep and Goat Owners	Reimbursements are capped at \$5,000 per PIC* A reimbursement of 75% is available on any of, or combination of, the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handheld Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID) Readers • RFID Panel Readers (fixed or mobile) • Panel Antennas (fixed or mobile) • eID Readers • eID Compatible Scale Readers
Organisations that run livestock events for sheep or goats, local government and veterinarians that treat sheep or goats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% of the cost of a handheld RFID reader up to a maximum of \$2,000 gst ex

Eligible applicants	Eligible items and reimbursements
Agricultural show societies, school farms and non-for-profit organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the cost of a handheld RFID reader up to a maximum of \$2,000 gst ex

* Eligible applicants must have PICs that represent physically distant properties, to be eligible for funding. For example, a producer with a PIC for a property at Scottsdale and another PIC for a property at Fingal could apply for funding for scanning equipment for each PIC. However, a producer with adjacent properties that have different PICs will only be eligible for funding for one of those PICs. NRE strongly recommends producers consolidate adjacent PICs by contacting nlis.tas@nre.tas.gov.au or going to <https://pras.biosecurity.tas.gov.au/pras/ui>. NRE Tas reserves the right to consider applications on their merit and asks that producers make clear claims where issues around PICs and localities are at play.

The responsibility for transferring livestock information on the NLIS database lies with the receiver/buyer of sheep or goats. Producers are not required to transfer eID tags on the NLIS database if sheep and goats are moved directly to a saleyard or processor.

While sheep and goat producers may not need to purchase tag reading equipment, access to a scanner may be necessary for specific activities, such as:

- moving stock between different property identification codes
- buying stock privately
- or utilising eID for stock management purposes.

For more information on the project and rebates that are available visit: www.nre.tas.gov.au/eID



Sheep & Goat (eID) rebates & reimbursements

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eID implementation dates for TAS

When	Who	What's required
1 January 2025	Producers	Sheep and goats born on or after 1 January 2025 need to be identified with an NLIS-accredited eID tag before leaving their property of birth.
1 January 2025 onward	All supply chain participants	Sheep and goats identified with eID tags must have individual movements recorded and uploaded to the NLIS database.
1 January 2027	Producers	All sheep and goats leaving a property need to be identified with an NLIS-accredited eID tag.

Rebates for already purchased eIDs

Tasmanian sheep and goat producers who purchased eligible electronic identification devices (eIDs) between January 1 and May 31, 2024 can receive a \$1 rebate per device, while a \$4 rebate per eligible eID goat leg band is also available.

Producers must have an active Property Identification Code (PIC) and be authorised to order NLIS accredited devices on their PIC to be eligible for reimbursement.

To apply for reimbursement, producers must submit an application via SmartyGrants. For more information visit www.nre.tas.gov.au/eID. Proof of payment is required for reimbursement, and payments will be GST exclusive.

Applications close on **September 30, 2024**.

The table below lists the eligible NLIS accredited eID tags and goat leg bands and the rebate periods.

Tag type	Rebate period
Sky Blue, Year of Birth 2023 breeder devices	1 January to 30 May 2024
Black, Year of Birth 2024 breeder devices	1 January to 30 May 2024
Pink, Post Breeder, devices	1 January to 30 May 2024
Yellow, (generic) breeder devices	1 January to 30 May 2024

eID rebate at point of sale

Tasmanian sheep and goat producers will receive a \$1 rebate on the retail price (excluding GST) for each eligible eID ear tag and a \$4 rebate for each eligible eID goat leg band. This agreement is in place with the following manufacturers:

- Allflex Australia
- Datamars
- Leader Products
- Enduro Tags
- Shearwell

The rebate will automatically be applied at point of sale, eliminating the need for any paperwork or application forms.

To be eligible for the rebate, producers must have an active Property Identification Code (PIC) and be authorised to order and use NLIS accredited sheep or goat tags on the PIC.

The cost of eID tags varies with the tag type and manufacturer.

The year of birth colour system is used by most producers for management purposes and remains voluntary but strongly recommended in Tasmania.

The table below lists the eligible NLIS accredited eID tags and goat leg bands and the rebate periods.

Tag type	Rebate period
Sky Blue, Year of Birth 2023 breeder devices	1 January 2024 – 30 June 2024
Black, Year of Birth 2024 breeder devices	1 January 2024 – 30 June 2025
White, Year of Birth 2025 breeder devices	1 November 2024 – 30 June 2026
Orange, Year of Birth 2026 breeder devices	1 November 2024 – 30 June 2026
Pink, Post Breeder, devices	1 January 2024 – 30 June 2026
Yellow, (generic) breeder devices	1 January 2024 – 30 June 2026

There is no maximum rebate amount that can be claimed, however:

- NRE Tas will conduct audits of ordered tags.
- All orders undergo thorough checks by tag manufacturers against the information stored within the Tasmanian Agricultural Property Database and the National Livestock Information System (NLIS) to verify the accuracy of the data to be applied to the RFID device.
- It's important to note that the pool of available funds is limited. Ordering more tags than reasonably necessary could potentially deprive other sheep and goat owners of accessing the rebate.
- Please note that yellow coloured eID tags can be used as a generic colour to identify all stock bred on property prior to 1 January 2025.