

Frequently Asked Questions

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Recording Identification of Sheep

Lambs born on your holding must be identified:

- Within six months of birth if the animals are housed overnight
- Within nine months of birth if the animals are not housed overnight; OR
- Before the animal moves from its holding of birth, if earlier

(Detailed rules regarding tagging vary between regions and you should consult documentation relating to your area of the UK).

It is also a requirement that the tagging of animals must be recorded on the Holding Register. The program will display the number of each year's lamb crop on the Home Page that have been born, tagged, sold etc so that you are reminded to enter all the tagging records.

To record a tagging record

Option 1:

- From the **Entries** drop down menu select **Identification**
- Click the **New** button on the main toolbar at the top of the Flock Manager screen to open the data entry window

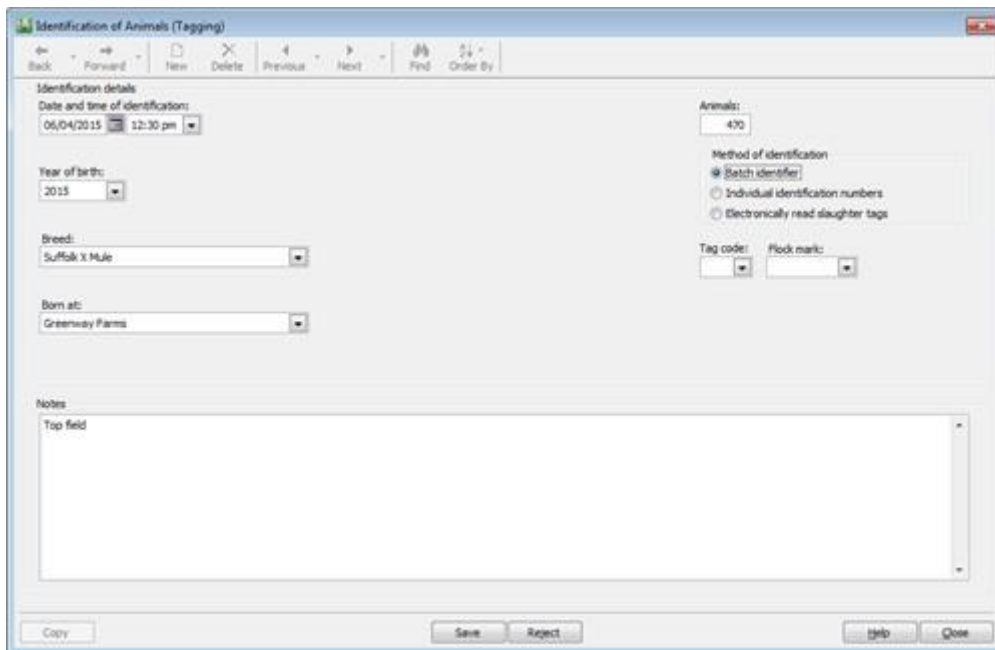
Option 2:

- Click on **Actions** on the list bar on the left of the main screen followed by **Identification (Tagging)**
- Click on **New** on the toolbar at the top of the window

After following one of the above options:

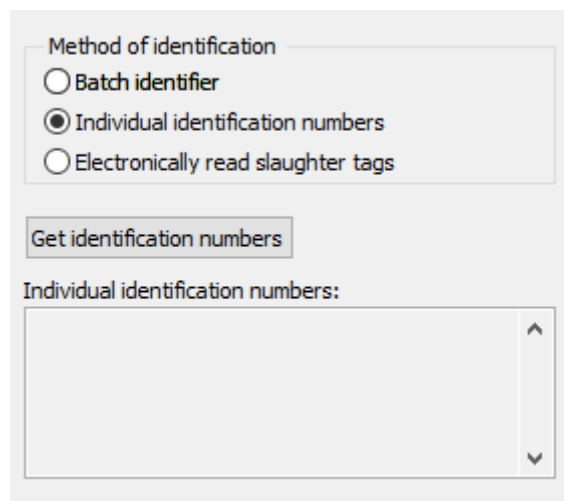
- Enter details as required including method of identification
- Click on Save

If you are recording slaughter tags use the 'Batch identifier' option and enter the total number tagged at each holding.



The screenshot shows the 'Identification of Animals (Tagging)' window. It features a toolbar with buttons for Back, Forward, New, Delete, Previous, Next, Find, and Order By. The 'Identification details' section includes fields for 'Date and time of identification' (06/04/2015 12:30 pm), 'Year of birth' (2015), 'Breed' (Suffolk X Mule), and 'Born at' (Greenway Farms). On the right, the 'Animals' field shows 430, and the 'Method of identification' section has three radio buttons: 'Batch identifier' (selected), 'Individual identification numbers', and 'Electronically read slaughter tags'. Below these are 'Tag code' and 'Flock mark' dropdowns. A 'Notes' section with a 'Top field' label and a text area is at the bottom. At the very bottom are 'Copy', 'Save', 'Reject', 'Help', and 'Close' buttons.

If you have used individual identification numbers pick that option and go to **Get identification numbers** which will take you to a similar screen to the Movements option.



This screenshot shows a dialog box for selecting the 'Method of identification'. It contains three radio buttons: 'Batch identifier', 'Individual identification numbers' (which is selected), and 'Electronically read slaughter tags'. Below the radio buttons is a 'Get identification numbers' button. Underneath that button is a label 'Individual identification numbers:' followed by a large, empty text area with a vertical scrollbar on the right side.

NB – If you have to retag animals – for example, if they lose a tag go to the option **Retagging**. If upgrading slaughter tags to individual tags use the option **Upgrading**.