

VERSION 3.0 NSIP CODES

DISPOSITION

Disposition Codes (DIS) are used to monitor the movement of animals out of the flock. Leave the Disposition column **blank** unless the animal dies or is removed from the flock.

Codes for ALL Animals that leave the flock:

- D** - Died
- B** - Sold for breeding
- S** - Sold for slaughter

All are capital letters.

Remember:

Leave the DIS blank if animal is still in the flock!

Update Note:

NSIP has simplified the DIS codes. Now there are only three one-letter codes that are easy to remember. Previous data entry versions used 17 number-codes. Those 17 codes are now obsolete.

Please use only the three current codes when you enter data into the DIS columns.

MANAGEMENT CODES

Management Codes (MGT) are used to group lambs for genetic evaluation. Each lamb's weight **must** be accompanied by an appropriate Management

Use Pre-Weaning Codes (1-4) only for weights recorded prior to weaning. Weaning weights must be accompanied by an appropriate Weaning Code (5-8)

Pre-Weaning Weight

- 1** - No creep, ewes fed by number nursed
- 2** - Creep, ewes fed by number nursed
- 3** - No creep, all ewes fed the same
- 4** - Creep, all ewes fed the same

Weaning Weight

- 5** - No creep, ewes fed by number nursed
- 6** - Creep, ewes fed by number nursed
- 7** - No creep, all ewes fed the same
- 8** - Creep, all ewes fed the same

Post-Weaning Weight

- 9** - Fed as a market lamb for slaughter
- 10** - Replacement development program
- 11** - Production test – maximum performance

Location

- A** - Location 1
- B** - Location 2
- C** - etc.

Location Codes are appended to the other MGT codes, as in 7A, 7B, or 10A, 10B, 10C, etc.

LIVABILITY CODES

Livability Codes (LIV) are only used for lambs that die in the first two weeks of age. Use DIS codes for lambs that die after 2 weeks of age. Leave this column blank if the lamb is alive at weaning.

- 1** - Aborted
- 2** - Dead at birth/full term (stillbirth)
- 3** - Died within 72 hours
- 4** - Died after 72 hours but within two weeks

FACE SCORES

These scores record the amount (or lack of) wool on the face, including the condition of wool blindness.

- 1** - No wool beyond poll
- 2** - Wool beyond poll, but not below eyes
- 3** - Wool slightly below eyes, but open face (No wool blind)
- 4** - Wool below eyes, face not entirely covered (Wool blind)
- 5** - Face entirely covered (Wool blindness)

REARING CODES

Rearing Codes (REAR) must be assigned to each lamb that is alive when the initial weight measurements are made.

Note:

Rearing Codes do NOT mean single, twin, triplet, or quad!

The REAR code tells NSIP if the lamb was reared under normal (on its biological dam) or under unusual situations.

- O** - Reared on the Original Dam
- F** - Fostered on a Different Ewe
- A** - Artificially-Reared
- E** - Embryo Transfer

All are capital letters.

"O" is the capital letter O, not a zero.

FOLD SCORES

These scores record relative amount of neck folds. Primarily for fine-wooled and some dual-purpose sheep.

- 1** - No neck folds
- 2** - Few neck folds, small to moderate size
- 3** - Neck folds of moderate size and number
- 4** - Heavy or large neck folds, moderate number
- 5** - Covered with heavy or large neck folds

SEX CODES

- R** - Ram
- E** - Ewe
- W** - Wether

All are capital letters.