



ENROLLMENT FORM NSIP

NATIONAL SHEEP IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

NSIP – the National Sheep Improvement Program – is a computerized, performance-based program for genetic selection. NSIP is designed to help purebred sheep producers identify the best genetic stock for their breeding programs. NSIP gives breeders reliable information that they can use to advertise and sell their breeding stock. Buyers of NSIP animals have the confidence of paying for dependable and precise genetic values to meet their needs. NSIP uses modern, scientifically-proven technology (called “EPDs”) to measure genetic performance.

A producer who is a member of NSIP receives reports on the genetic values for every animal in a flock, based on the performances of those animals and all the animals that are genetically related to them, over many years and management systems. By using across-flock EPDs, a breeder can make genetic improvements efficiently and reliably. EPDs allow a breeder to rank all the animals by genetic value, identify high-producing replacements, and cull poor-producing animals.

Fees for NSIP are \$50.00 annual charge per flock plus \$1.25 per breeding animal (see definition on back page). Please fill out this form completely and mail it with your payment to the NSIP address listed below.

Name: _____
(print) (signature)

Farm/Ranch Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Fax: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Breed of Sheep: _____ (one breed only)

See note below if you want to enroll more than one breed.

List the total number of breeding sheep that you plan to mate or have already mated for this production cycle. Include all adult ewes and ewe lambs and all rams that will be used to sire lambs.

NSIP Fees: Number of Breeding Animals: _____ x \$1.25 = _____

Annual flock fee 50.00

====> Total Payment to NSIP \$ _____

To contact NSIP or obtain more information:

NSIP Phone: 303-771-5717
NSIP Fax: 303-771-8200
Website: <http://www.nsip.org>
(especially: <http://www.nsip.org/faq.htm>)
Email: info@nsip.org

Make out your check or money order to “**NSIP**” and send this form and your payment to:

NSIP
6911 South Yosemite Street
Englewood, CO 80112-1414

Enrollment Instructions:

Animals to Enroll: Enroll only purebred animals with registration numbers. Include also any ewe lambs and ram lambs that are being bred and will be registered but have not yet been assigned registration numbers.

Breeding Animal: A breeding animal is an adult ewe or a ewe lamb that will be part of the breeding flock or a ram that will be used to sire lambs. Include all animals, male and female, that were used in breeding during the past year.

Multiple Breeds: Fill out this enrollment form for a single breed. If you raise two or more purebred breeds on your farm or ranch, **fill out a separate enrollment form for each breed**. For the purposes of NSIP, these different breeds are treated as separate flocks.

Office Use Only:
chk rcvd _____
recpt sent _____
brd mbr _____



Additional Items:

Handling Data: NSIP is committed to providing accurate, top-quality genetic performance evaluation information to NSIP Customers. NSIP uses data provided by individual flock owners of purebred sheep to construct EPDs (see <http://www.nsip.org> or published guide). The mathematical process NSIP uses involves measuring relationships (genetic linkages) between individual sheep. Producers should note that for some breeds, adequate genetic linkages currently do not exist in the NSIP database to provide for meaningful EPDs. If appropriate genetic linkages do not exist at the time NSIP calculates EPDs for any given breed; and/or if critical data are missing or are otherwise unusable from any producer's records; NSIP reserves the right to provide customers with alternative genetic evaluation services (such as FEPDs; (see <http://www.nsip.org> or published guide). In the event that flock records are not suitable for any NSIP genetic evaluation services, NSIP will make a full refund of all fees paid to NSIP for any year/production cycle that flock data are not reported upon.

Confidentiality: NSIP agrees to hold individual flock data (raw data) in confidence and will not divulge, make public or sell individual flock data. NSIP further agrees that individual flock data will only be made public in aggregate form (for example, in group form for research and summary purposes).

Claims: NSIP makes no claims regarding the accuracy or integrity of individual flock data provided by flock owners. NSIP Customers understand and acknowledge that NSIP utilizes flock data provided by individual flock owners, and that NSIP does not guaranty or warranty the accuracy or integrity of such information. Further, NSIP Customers understand and acknowledge that NSIP makes no warranties regarding the information generated as a result of the individual flock owner supplied data. NSIP Customers agree that they shall make no claims against NSIP as a result of any information generated as a result of information provided by individual flock owners, including, but not limited to, any claims for negligence, breach of contract or the inaccurate reporting of data. NSIP Customers hereby waive any express or implied warranties in connection with the information provided by NSIP, including any warranties created by federal or state law.