



**NEW YORK STATE SHEEP/GOAT HEALTH ASSURANCE PROGRAM**  
**NYSSGHAP**  
 Part of the NEW YORK STATE CATTLE HEALTH ASSURANCE PROGRAM (NYSCHAP)



**APPLICATION**

The New York State Sheep/Goat Health Assurance Program is an integrated herd/flock management approach to the detection, control and eradication of diseases within the herd/flock. The program is built around a flexible core composed of management procedures, informed culling decisions and diagnostic surveillance.

**The parties of this agreement are:**

**Herd/Flock Owner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Federal PIN:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_ **NY Herd ID:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 List all ownership names associated with the farm operation \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Hereafter referred to as the Herd/Flock Owner, AND**

**Herd/Flock Veterinarian** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veterinary Practice/Clinic \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Hereafter referred to as the Herd/Flock Veterinarian, AND** The State of New York, Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Animal Industry, 10 B Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12235, **hereafter referred to as the Department.**

The parties agree to cooperate in a program to control disease in the above herd of cattle at the above location and to implement the following:  Unique Animal Identification  Herd Health Record System



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**The parties agree as follows:**

A. The herd/flock owner agrees to

- In conjunction with the herd/flock veterinarian, establish a written plan designed and tailored to control diseases on the farm. The herd/flock plan should be developed using tenets of the best management practices as a guideline.
- Implement herd/flock plan as developed.
- Notify herd/flock veterinarian of problems and adjust herd plan as necessary.
- Participate in an annual review with the herd/flock veterinarian and a state, diagnostic laboratory or private NYSSGHAP/NYSCHAP certified veterinarian to demonstrate implementation of the herd/flock plan.

B. The herd/flock veterinarian agrees to

- Establish, in cooperation with the producer, the herd/flock plan tailored to reduce or eliminate disease on the particular farm. Utilize the “Best Management Practices” as a template for the establishment of the herd/flock plan.
- Collect and submit diagnostic samples described in the herd/flock plan or as needed.
- Monitor the progress made towards implementation of the herd/flock plan throughout the year and amend as necessary.

C. The Department of Agriculture and Markets and the New York State Diagnostic Laboratory agree to

- Provide information about diseases and methods of control to the herd/flock owner and the herd/flock veterinarian.
- Assist with the interpretation of diagnostic test results.
- Meet with the herd/flock owner annually or as needed to assess implementation of the herd/flock plan and to revise and update the herd/flock plan.

D. All parties understand and agree that

- Prerequisites for entering into this agreement have been met with all documents submitted.



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- There will be no compensation or money paid to the Herd/Flock Owner for removal of cattle that are clinical cases and/or are test positive by serology, PCR or culture for infection.
- The department shall have no liability for damages, losses or injuries incidental to or arising out of farm/animal assessments, animal testing, vaccinations, or other work performed under this agreement.
- Cancellation of agreement:
  1. Herd/flock Owner may cancel at any time for any reason.
  2. Herd/Flock Veterinarians may cancel at any time for any reason, but the Herd/Flock Owner may apply for a new agreement.
  3. The Department may cancel at any time if the owner fails to comply with the herd plan.

### CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT –

THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW, ARTICLE 16, SUBDIVISION 41 **EXEMPTS** FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ANY PROPRIETARY FARM PROTOCOL, ANIMAL OR HERD TESTING INFORMATION AND/OR PRODUCER HERD DATA MAINTAINED IN CONFIDENCE AND VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED BY AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A FARM OPERATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A VOLUNTARY CATTLE HEALTH PROGRAM. Records relating to diagnostic testing shall be the property of the herd owner and shall be treated confidentially by NYSCHAP. Such records shall be received and accepted by the Commissioner as confidential pursuant to Section 23 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, but may be used by the Department in any regulatory action or proceeding involving the failure of any person to comply with the provisions of the program.

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Herd/Flock Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Herd/Flock Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NYS Field Veterinarian or  
Private NYSCHAP Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Division of Animal Industry, NYSCHAP