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## Secretary Manager's Report

As I write this report, the CGS show season is in full swing. It is always exciting when a Report of Awards from one of the CGS sanctioned shows arrives at the CGS Office. Seeing the number of animals and exhibitors, processing the reports and seeing another animal gain the designation of Permanent Champion, and having the opportunity to create certificates that signify a show legs for members are all very much enjoyable aspects of this job. Noting errors, omissions, or other discrepancies that might invalidate a show leg for someone is not so enjoyable. The CGS Office and Board would like to strongly encourage everyone involved with a ROA to please check and double check that the information on those Reports is correct and complete before sending them into the office.

The 2024 Type Evaluation program ran from May - July of this year and we welcomed new Classifiers, Callum McLeod and Nicole Poburan to the team after they successfully completed and passed their Classifier training in Alberta earlier this year.

Thank you also to Kelsey Morehouse for your work with this years program. A total of 461 animals were presented to the Classifiers with 25 of those animals scoring EX.

The 2024 One-Day Milk Test Program has seen it's last applicant of the year send in their paperwork. 28 herds took part in one, (or more), one-day milk test with 263 does being on test.

The 305-Day Milk Test Program for lactations occurring between January 1, 2023 - February 28, 2024 saw 12 herds participating with a total of 335 animals on test. 305 of those does qualified for a \*P designation and certificates have been mailed to the owners.

Congratulations, and thank you to everyone who has already taken part in a CGS program this year and best of luck to those who are yet to do so.

*- Kerry O'Donnell  
CGS Secretary-Manager*



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Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m - 4:30 p.m. CST (Saskatchewan)  
excluding statutory holidays

# CGS Program Deadline Dates

If you are looking to host an event, attend an event, or participate in one of the CGS Performance Programs, please note the following deadlines for applications.

### 2025 CGS Type Evaluation Program

- March 15, 2025 without a late fee being charged. Final deadline March 31, 2025, with a \$200.00 late fee applied.

### 2025 CGS 305-Day Milk Test Program

- Please fill out the 305-Day Milk Test program application and submit your fees prior to starting a 305-Day Milk test.

### 2025 CGS One-Day Milk Test Program

- Applications and payment are due 30 days prior to the test date or a \$50.00 late fee may apply.

### 2025 CGS Show Sanctioning Applications

- Applications received less than 40 days prior to the show date will be charged a \$100.00 late fee plus courier charges
- Applications received less than 10 days prior to the show date will be charged a \$200.00 late fee plus courier charges.

### 2025 National Show Bid Applications

- June 30, 2024

### 2026 National Show Bid Applications

- June 30, 2025

### 2026 JLC Bids

- January 31, 2026

### 2026 CGS Director Nominations for Districts 1 (British Columbia), 3 (Manitoba /Saskatchewan) & 5 (Quebec)

- June 30, 2026

Renewing your CGS membership is easy. 1) Access the CLRC website, renew online and pay by credit card. 2) Access the CLRC website, print a form and return it to the CLRC office with a cheque. 3) Fill out the membership renewal form you received in the mail and return it to CLRC with the fees due. Access the online renewal form in english [HERE](https://clrc.ca/associations/membership?type=Renewal), (https://clrc.ca/associations/membership?type=Renewal) or french [HERE](https://clrc.ca/fr/associations/(membership?type=Renewal)) (https://clrc.ca/fr/associations/(membership?type=Renewal)).

# INTEGRATED GENETIC SERVICES NETWORK

## The Survey Results are In . . .

The Canadian Goat Society has been a part of the Integrated Genetic Services Network since 2022 under a 3 year funding program through CASPP. The Network, whose members include ; Canadian Goat Society, Canadian Meat Goat Association, Canadian Sheep Breeders Association, the Centre for Genetic Improvement of Livestock, the Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement, the Centre d'expertise en production ovine du Quebec, the Ontario Sheep Farmers, the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, and AgSights have been working collaboratively with the goal of improving sheep and goat genetics and record keeping. As part of the project, a survey was undertaken in the summer of 2023 to gauge sheep and goat breeders' participation in various components of Canadian genetic improvement programs, including animal identification, registration, performance recording, use of on-farm management software, and genetic evaluation. In total there were 252 surveys completed. Summaries of the responses were presented sep-

arately for meat sheep, meat goats and dairy goats. The survey was done as part of the project to integrate genetic services across multiple species. The partners in the project recognized that only a small percentage of sheep and goat producers participate in the available genetic improvement programs. This survey was developed to help better understand what producers are currently doing and potential ways to increase the level of participation. Some of the highlights from the survey respondents for dairy goat producers, revealed that breeding values come in fourth position behind visual conformation, pedigree and number born records when selecting within herd, and in fourth position behind milk test records, pedigree and classification records when selecting from other herds.

84 responses were received from dairy goat producers with a sampling of the responses shown below. Full survey results can be accessed in [English](#), as well as in [French](#) and on the CGS website at: <https://www.goats.ca/info-links/publications/>

### Approximate % of business income - Dairy Goat Respondents

Percentage of business income	Sales of breeding stock	Meat	Milk	Fibre	Other
>75%	21.4	6.0	10.7	0.0	3.6
50 - 75%	13.1	8.3	7.1	0.0	0.0
25 - 50%	15.5	9.5	4.8	0.0	6.0
< 25%	39.3	33.3	16.7	16.7	16.7
0%	10.7	42.9	60.7	16.7	16.6

### Dairy Goat respondents comments on selection and culling decisions

Hooves (found some dairy herds didn't breed for sound feet, only milk production and it was very difficult to remove from our herd)

Testé pour maladies, comme l'AEC, paratuberculose et Lymphadénite Caséuse

Temperament

Production lait basse

Actual thriftiness and ability to winter

Temperament, maternal traits



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

# 2024 CGS East National Show

will be held  
**Saturday November 2, 2024**

*Royal Winter Agricultural Fair - Toronto, Ontario*  
*Judge: Kristopher Fraley, Byran, Texas*

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### Online entries for this years show open on September 6, 2024

The competition book for the 2024 RAWF dairy goat show is now available on the RAWF website. Online entries will be available as of September 6, 2024 on the RAWF website at: <https://www.assistexpo.ca/rawf>

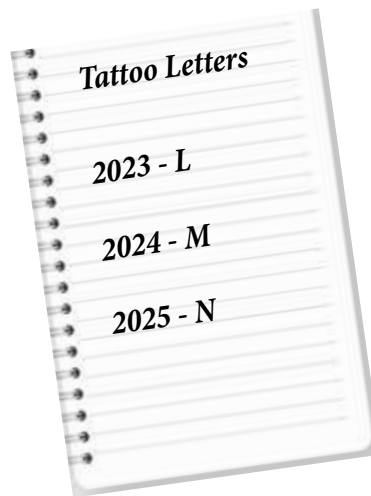
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## Tattoos and Showing - What to know before you go.

1) Make sure your animal is tattooed before you arrive at the show. The CGS show rules prohibit tattooing while at a CGS sanctioned show.

2) Waiting until a day or two or even a week or two before the show to tattoo does not allow time for the tattoo to heal or the ink to dry and flake off. (And remember, when you submit the application for registration for your animal to CLRC, that animal should already have been tattooed).

3) If the animal is already tattooed, check the tattoo at home well in advance of the show to ensure it is legible and that it matches the registration paper exactly.



If the tattoo is illegible, missing, or not **exactly** as shown on the registration certificate, the animal will be disqualified from the show. If an animal needs to be re-tattooed, you will need to request permission from CLRC to do so and time will be required to re-issue a corrected registration certificate.

4) At the show you will be asked to sign a Tattoo Verification form. In signing, you are acknowledging that your animal's tattoos are legible and that they match the registration papers exactly.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Canadian Goat Society

**Date: November 16, 2024**  
**Time: 12:00 p.m. E.T.**  
**Format: Virtual via Zoom**



AGENDA: as per Section 17 of the CGS by-laws

17. *ORDER OF BUSINESS* - The order of business at all annual and general meetings shall be as follows:

- a) Identification of members
- b) Reading minutes of previous meeting and approval of same
- c) Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting
- d) Announce the new Board
- e) Directors and Committees Reports
- f) Correspondence
- g) Unfinished Business
- h) New business
- i) Adjournment

*The above order with the exception of (a) Identification of members, may be changed at the pleasure of the meeting assembled.*

The audited financial statements for the fiscal year January 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024 will be presented at the AGM.

**Please note that the renewal of CGS memberships was due January 1, 2024.**

In order to participate in the meeting, you must be a paid CGS member and your membership must be renewed by **Tuesday, November 12, 2024.**

Pre registration for the AGM must be received by the CGS office no later than **Wednesday, November 13, 2024 by 4:30 p.m. CST.**

### HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE CGS AGM?

Registering for the AGM is easy . . . . .

1. For those members with email addresses on file and who receive their Newsletter and other communications in this manner, you will be receiving an e-mail from the CGS office in late October with the complete information for the AGM and a link to easily register.

2. Email the CGS Office at [info@goats.ca](mailto:info@goats.ca)

3. Phone us at 639-921-7788

No matter how you wish to register, we want to hear from you at the Annual General Meeting.

A full AGM package will be sent out to ALL members by e-mail or by regular mail depending on your preference in late October/early November .

## Keeping your account current at CLRC

In order to be a member in good standing of CGS, member accounts must not be in arrears. Accounts that are in arrears come at a cost to CGS. According to the CGS bylaws, members with accounts in arrears may be suspended and as such, lose the privileges associated with their membership as well as the privilege to register or transfer animals with CLRC. Please be diligent and keep your accounts up to date!

# SCRAPIE FLOCK CERTIFICATION PROGRAM UPDATE

In the summer of 2024, the updates from the 2023 SFCP National Standards review were published by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

The Canadian Goat Society holds a membership with the Canadian National Goat Federation (CNGF) which is the representative voice for the goat industry in Canada on National issues.

On March 27, 2023 CNGF participated in the working group meeting for the Scrapie Flock Certification Program Annual Review. Representatives from the Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF), Canadian Sheep Breeder's Association (CSBA), Canadian Livestock Genetics Association (CLGA), and Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) were also invited to the table. Dr. Amanada Amaratunga (National Administrator & Chair) and Jennifer Finnermore attended on behalf of CFIA.

In advance of the deadline for comments to be submitted to CFIA, CNGF consulted with the CNGF Board of Directors as well as contacting all the current goat breeders on the SFCP by email for their feedback. All of the responses received were compiled and forwarded to CFIA.

At this time, males may only be imported under the following conditions:

Flocks/herds registered in the SFCP at an equivalent or higher certification level (anniversary quarter will be taken into consideration); or a country the CFIA recognizes as being free from bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and scrapie;

or a flock/herd registered (on the date of export) at an equivalent or higher level in a country/region/zone of origin's scrapie flock certification program, that the CFIA has assessed as being equivalent to the Canadian program

Chapters 7.1- 7.4 of the SFCP have been updated by CFIA and details can be found on the CFIA website in [English](https://inspection.canada.ca/en/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/accredited-veterinarians-manual/chapter-7) here: <https://inspection.canada.ca/en/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/accredited-veterinarians-manual/chapter-7>, and [French](https://inspection.canada.ca/fr/sante-animaux/animaux-terrestres/maladies/manuel-du-veterinaire-accredite/chapitre-7) here: <https://inspection.canada.ca/fr/sante-animaux/animaux-terrestres/maladies/manuel-du-veterinaire-accredite/chapitre-7>

## For more information on Importation or the Scrapie Flock Certification Program

To contact a CFIA office with questions about importation; <https://inspection.canada.ca/en/about-cfia/contact-cfia-office-telephone>

Importation Regulations:

Requirements for small ruminants imported from the United States for breeding, domestic or captive purposes (English): <https://inspection.canada.ca/en/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/imports/import-policies/live-animals/2007-5>

French: <https://inspection.canada.ca/fr/sante-animaux/animaux-terrestres/importation/politiques-limportation/animaux-vivants/2007-5>

Scrapie Canada;

<https://scrapiecanada.ca/sfcp/sfcp-imports/>  
admin@scrapiecanada.ca

1.866.534.1302

Phone: 613.652.1824

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# CGS YOUTH PROGRAM

2023 saw the launch of a new CGS program aimed at acknowledging all of our junior members for the hard work and dedication they put into their animals.

The program has pathways that allows both CGS members and non-members alike to take part.

The first program is the Showman Awards Program which is open to both CGS members and non-members. Under this program youth are awarded points for their placings in showmanship classes at CGS Sanctioned shows.

The second program is the Honour Roll Program which is open to CGS members only. Under this program points are awarded for participation in at least 2 of 3 CGS programs (show, classification, milk test). In order for points to be recognized, the youth



must have been the recorded owner of the animal on, or prior to the date the animal achieved the scores/test results, or show placing.

Winners for each program will be chosen from each of the CGS Districts (District 1 - British Columbia, District 2 - Alberta, District 3 - Saskatchewan & Manitoba, District 4 - Ontario, District 5 - Quebec, and District 6 - Atlantic Provinces).

The deadline for submission of summary forms to the CGS Office for both the Showman Awards Program and the Honour Roll Program for this year is

**December 31, 2024.**

For full details on the Youth Program, the age divisions and to access the Summary forms, please visit the CGS website [HERE](https://www.goats.ca/cgs-youth-program/). (https://www.goats.ca/cgs-youth-program/)

For the 2024 Show Season, the show sanctioning application form contains an area to indicate if your show will be holding Youth Showman classes that align with the CGS age divisions. A Youth Program information package, record of placing forms, and certificates for participating Youth will be included in your show package at no charge.

## Congratulations to our 2023 CGS Youth Showman Program Awards Winners

### District 1 – British Columbia

District 1 – British Columbia  
Showman Awards Program Winners  
Intermediate 2 Division (age 14 - 16)  
**Alexis Nelson**  
Intermediate 1 Division (age 11 - 13)  
**Isabel Maddocks**

### District 4 – Ontario

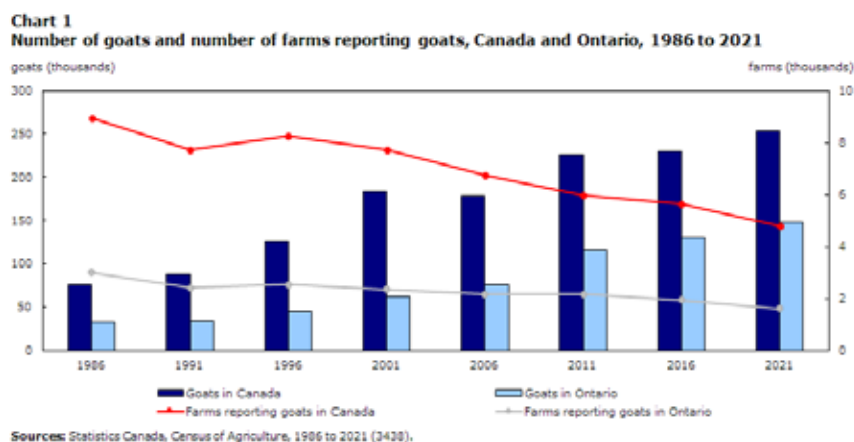
District 4 – Ontario  
Showman Awards Program Winners  
Intermediate 1 Division (age 11 - 13)  
**William Mitchell**  
Youth Age Division (ages 10 and under)  
**Georgie McCarthy**

### Youth Honour Roll Program Winner

District 4 (Ontario) | Intermediate 1 Division (age 11- 13) **Sean McCarthy**

# STATS CANADA AND THE DAIRY GOAT INDUSTRY IN ONTARIO

According to Statistics Canada, Goats are raised to produce dairy, meat, fibre and skin products. The demand for these products has risen over time in Canada. Results from the Census of Agriculture show that despite a decline in the number of farms reporting goats, the overall number of goats reported on farms in Canada has significantly increased over the last 30 years—largely because of increases in Ontario, where the greatest share of goats has been reported.



In 2021, there were 253,278 goats reported on farms in Canada, up 10.1% from 2016. Meanwhile, there were 4,801 farms that reported goats in Canada in 2021, down 14.7% from 2016 (Chart 1). As a result, there were on average 52.8 goats per farm that reported goats in Canada in 2021, an increase from 40.9 in 2016.

The increase in the number of goats reported in Canada was largely driven by Ontario. In 2021, there were 148,109 goats reported on farms in Ontario, up 13.7% from 2016.

In fact, farms in Ontario accounted for over half (58.5%) of total goats reported in Canada in 2021. This was followed by Alberta, with 33,527 goats reported in 2021. Overall, the Prairie provinces reported 52,775 goats, accounting for 20.8% of Canada's total.

In 2021, the number of goats reported on registered dairy goat farms in Ontario was 85,673, representing 57.8% of total goats in the province. This was a 2.2% increase from the 83,841 goats reported in 2016.

While the number of goats in Ontario increased, the number of registered dairy goat farms declined. In 2021, a total of 141 registered dairy goat farms were identified in Ontario, down from 206 in 2016. However, the average number of goats per registered dairy goat farm increased from 407.0 to 607.6 over the five-year period.

In 2021, 39.7% of registered dairy goat farms held 400 to 999 goats, and 12.8% held 1,000 goats or more—the smallest share. However, while registered dairy goat farms reporting 1,000 goats or more were fewer in number, they accounted for the largest proportion (43.4%) of total goats on registered dairy goat farms in the province



## Most registered dairy goat farms in Ontario are co-managed by female and male farm operators

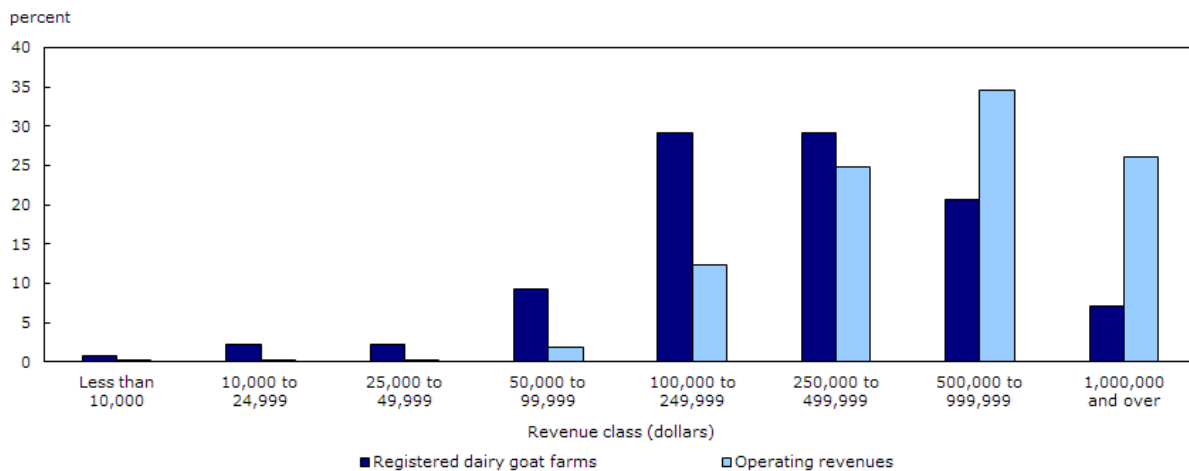
There were 243 farm operators that worked on 141 registered dairy goat farms in Ontario in 2021, of whom 60.5% were male and 39.5% were female. By comparison, 69.0% of total farm operators in Ontario were male and 31.0% were female.

Of the 141 registered dairy goat farms in Ontario in 2021, 33.3% were operated solely by male farm operators, compared with 57.1% of total farms in On

tario. In addition, 7.1% of registered dairy goat farms were operated exclusively by female farm operators, compared with 8.8% of total farms in Ontario. Notably, it was more common for registered dairy goat farms to have mixed-sex farm operators. More than half of registered dairy goat farms (59.6%) reported at least one male and one female farm operator, compared with 34.1% of total farms in Ontario.

## The vast majority of registered dairy goat farms in Ontario report \$100,000 or more in operating revenues

Percentage of number and operating revenues of registered dairy goat farms by revenue class, Ontario, 2020



Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Agriculture, 2021 (3438).

A higher proportion of registered dairy goat farms had operating revenues of \$100,000 or more, compared with all farms in Ontario in 2020. Farms reporting operating revenues between \$100,000 and \$249,999, and farms reporting operating revenues between \$250,000 and \$499,999 both accounted for the largest proportions of registered dairy goat farms in the province (29.1% each). Notably, registered dairy goat farms with \$1,000,000 in operating revenues accounted for 7.1% of total goat farms in the province but over a quarter (26.2%) of total operating revenues

Registered dairy goat farms with 400 to 999 goats were the most profitable in 2020.

The majority of registered dairy goat farms in Ontario had fewer than 1,000 goats in 2021, and farms with 400 to 999 dairy goats had the most favourable expense-to-revenue ratio (0.83), followed by farms with 1,000 goats or more

Registered dairy goat farms with 1,000 or more goats accounted for the majority of employees

While the number of registered dairy farms with 1,000 or more goats was relatively small (18 farms) in Ontario, they employed the majority of the 137 year-round employees in 2020. Only farms with 400 goats or more had any seasonal employees, for a total of 30. This is likely because of the year-round strict milking requirements on registered dairy goat farms.

# CGS STANDING COMMITTEES ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

A strong, forward thinking, vibrant association is built with the help of it's members, their opinions and experiences. CGS is looking for volunteers to submit applications to sit on CGS committes and help improve our programs based on your experienes with those programs.

The CGS standing commitees include; Bylaws, Show, Judges Licensing Conference, Classification, Type Evaluation, Youth, and Milk Recording.

The Board of Directors have been working on developing Terms of References for all of the CGS standing committees and at this time, the Show, JLC and Bylaw Committee Terms of Reference are now available on the CGS website. If you have an interest in, or want to see a change to any of these programs and have experience or a skill set to help us improve our programs, please feel free to submit an application form to be a commitee member.

Access the Terms of Reference for the Show, JLC and Bylaw Comittee here: <https://www.goats.ca/for-members/>

Access the commitee application form here: <https://www.goats.ca/for-members/>



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## Canadian Goat Society Committee Appointment Application Form

(Application forms must be received by September 31 of the current year)

I am interested in serving on the following CGS Committee:

- Show Committee     JLC Committee     Type Committee  
 Bylaw Committee     Youth Committee     Milk Recording Committee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CGS Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any prior experience you having working on a committee (either within or outside of CGS):

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What skills, experience, expertise, or resources can you bring to the committee:

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## Canadian Goat Society Registrars at CLRC

Have a question or needing help with registering or transferring an animal? If so, contact any one of the CGS Registrars at CLRC:

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1-877-833-7110 Ext. 306  
1-613-731-7110 Ext. 306  
melanie.overduin@clrc.ca,

Mohamed Ismail  
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mohamed.ismail@clrc.ca

Lisa Hutt  
1-877-833-7110 Ext. 312  
1-613-731-7110 Ext. 312  
lisa.hutt@clrc.ca

### Write it Down!

When purchasing registered stock, always make sure to have a bill of sale with the date of purchase, name, registration and tattoo of the animal, as well as any terms of the sale. Having everything in writing protects both the buyer and seller.

### Warning

The Animal Pedigree Act, which is Federal law, specifies that the seller of an animal must provide registration papers transferred into the new owner's name, (and hands) within 6 months of the date of sale.