Tattoo-Microchip ID Tips

Each breeder should have his or her own farm "prefix" or "tattoo letters", which is registered with the Pygora® Breeders Association. If you do not have a registered herd name you can request one online or via postal mail. These are permanent and cannot be changed once assigned. The chosen prefix can correspond to the chosen farm name, but can also be different. For example, if your farm name is "My Pygora Farm", you could select "MPF" for a first choice tattoo – or instead could select a random sequence like "XZX".

The *prefix* for the right ear or tail web consists of **up to four alpha-numeric characters**, which identify their particular herd (or "farm of origin").

The *suffix* for the left ear or tail web consists of a **birth letter** and **number** indicates the birth order for a kid in a given year on your farm.

Pygora goat registration applications include a "prefix" (farm ID) and suffix (date of birth and birth order number for each animal) for each goat. For kids born to farm "XZX" in 2010, the assigned tattoos would be XZX-M1, XZX-M2, XZX-M3, etc. – as determined by birth order. If by chance you go to the barn and find 3 new kids, make your best approximation of birth order.

The letters G, I, O, Q and U are not used because they may be confused with other letters or numbers. To tell which is the left and the right ear/tail web, you and the goat must be facing the same direction.

Birth Letters for year:	
2020	M
2021	N
2022	P
2023	R
2024	S
2025	T
2026	V
2027	W
2028	X
2029	Y
2030	Z

Each goat can be identified by physical application of both a tattoo AND a microchip, but the physical identification MUST include at least one type. If a microchip is used, a tattoo still needs to be be entered on the application for registration, as this will be recorded on the certificate - and references the unique "farm of origin" by inclusion of the tattoo "prefix" information.