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### LETTERS FOR YEARS IN TATTOOS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Letter</u>
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2010	Z
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2011	A
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2012	B
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2013	C
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2014	D
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2015	E
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2016	F
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2017	G
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2018	H
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2019	J
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2020	K
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2021	L
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2022	M
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2023	N
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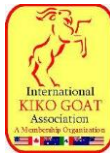
2024	P
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2025	R
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2026	S
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Letters are used in place of years to save space on the tattoos. A tattoo that reads X014 indicates the animal was born in 2008 and in most cases the numbers "014" is the tag number placed in the animal's ear. It is preferred, but not required, that the numbers on the ear tag match the tattooed numbers.

**I, Q, O and U** are never used.



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### TATTOOING

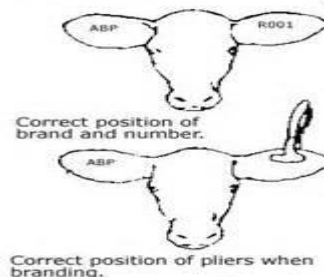
#### Materials:

- Tattoo outfit
- Tongs, preferably 1 set for each ear
- Letters for herd ID and years
- Numbers to match ear tag
- Ink that will show up easily on the color of ear you are tattooing
- Paper towels
- A tattoo case to store equipment

#### Technique:

- Put letters/numbers in tongs. (test on paper first) You might want to tattoo the goat's record page too. No more than 4 letters/numbers per ear.
- Clean the area well with rubbing alcohol and dry well.
- Hold the goat's head between your legs, have someone hold the head or place in a holding stall.
- **Herd ID goes on the goat's right ear, birth year letter and tag ID on the goat's left ear.**
- Position tattoo in the middle of the ear between the ribs of cartilage. **DO NOT** tattoo upside down.
- After both ears have been tattooed, ink the impressions immediately. Fill all of the little holes completely. If a hole is bleeding wait until the bleeding stops before inking. After inking thoroughly, use a paper towel to remove excess ink. Check the tattoo to make sure it is easily readable. (A missing hole can be corrected with a sterile hypodermic needle.)
- Take your time, do a good job. It pays off.

The diagram below indicates the correct method of applying the tattoo pliers.



You can also tattoo on different parts of the goat such as the tail bed.