# TEXAS SHEEP AND GOAT VALIDATION PROCEDURES FOR A BETTER NOSE PRINT

During validation, the County-Level State Sheep and Goat Validation Committee is required to collect a nose print from every market sheep, wether/commercial dam, and registered breeding sheep validated. The following steps should be helpful in having a good, legible nose print:

**NOTE: GOATS DO NOT REQUIRE A NOSE PRINT**

**Step 1. Complete the Information Required on the Nose Print Card**

- Each nose print card should include:
  - *Each* potential exhibitor's name
  - State validation tag number
  - Breed of the sheep
  - County name or tattoo number
- All required information MUST be on the same side of the card as the nose prints.

**Step 2. Clean Nose & Apply Ink**

- Clean the nose of any nasal mucus, dirt, feed materials before applying ink.
- Ensure that the nose is DRY and then apply ink to the nose.
- For best results use Carter's Pre-Inked Micropore Stamp Pad TM (Blue or Red Colored Ink).

**Step 3. Record Nose Print on Card**

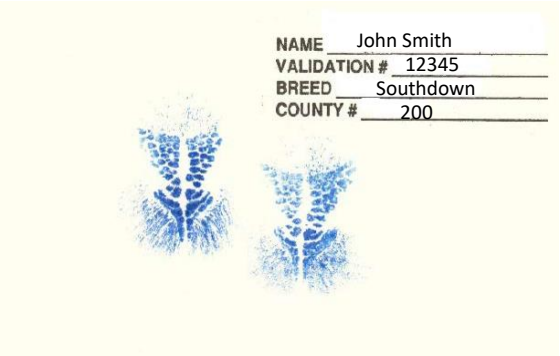
- Quickly touch the card to the animal's nose. For best results, have extra cards behind the card you are recording the nose print on for support.
- **TWO NOSE PRINTS PER ANIMAL SHOULD BE COLLECTED ON EACH CARD.** Both nose prints MUST be legible.
- **TWO CARDS PER ANIMAL SHOULD BE COLLECTED**. *One card is for your record and the second card is for the State Office.*
- Nose print cards are provided by the State Office and will be mailed with validation materials. Unruled index cards are also acceptable, if needed.

**Step 4. Double Check All Information**

- Once you have collected nose prints on both cards, be sure that *all the information recorded on the card is correct*. It is important to ensure that the validation tag number recorded on the card matches the validation tag number in the ear and on the *Validation Form.*

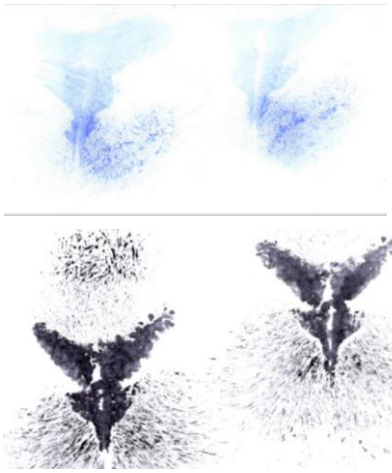
**IMPORTANT! Nose prints MUST BE CLEAR AND LEGIBLE and should NOT be smeared. If nose prints are not legible, the validation chairperson will be notified and will be required to obtain another nose print.**

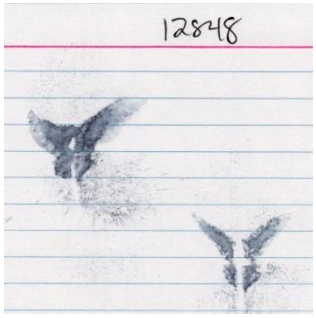
## ACCEPTABLE NOSE PRINTS




Notice that individual dots are easy to identify on both nose prints. To ensure that you have acceptable nose prints, you should be able to match the nose prints on both cards.

## UNACCEPTABLE NOSE PRINTS





Notice that individual dots are not easy to identify. If you are getting a print like this, start over with cleaning the nose and reapplying ink. BE SURE THAT THE NOSE DOES NOT HAVE ANY MOISTURE.