

ANIMAL HEALTH RULES

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANIMALS FOR EXHIBITION, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION

This page provides the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's animal health requirements and recommendations for the Pennsylvania County and Community Fairs. All exhibitors are encouraged to check with the management of each fair in advance to ensure compliance with all fair requirements.

It remains our goal to resume poultry exhibitions in 2019. We will continue to monitor reports of avian influenza causes that occur in the United States and put our poultry industry at risk. **The official PDA leg band identification requirement for poultry will be enforced as of June 1, 2022.**

The following Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinary Consultation Relationship statement for the animals being exhibited must be included with a signature line for the owner or caretaker on the fair registration form: **"I attest and affirm that a "veterinary consultation relationship" – as that phase is defined in the Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law found at 3. Pa.C.S.A. § 2501 et seq. and any amendments thereto- "exists with regard to any animals I will be exhibiting. "** The name and phone number of the consulting veterinarian must be included on the entry form. Animals entering with a **"Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)** are exempt from this statement requirement.

Be sure to use only grooming products that are approved for use on meat and dairy animals when fitting your animals for show, unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues in the meat or milk. If you are not certain that a produce is residue safe and approved for use on meat or dairy animals, **do not use it.**

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture recommends that animals returning home from fairs and shows be isolated from other members of the herd or flock for a minimum of three weeks to help prevent the spread of disease, and recommends that exhibitors of all animals discuss the health of their animals, including vaccine recommendations, with a veterinarian on a regular basis. The Department also encourages premises owners to register their premises with the Department, so that we can contact you in a disease emergency situation. Call (717) - 836- 3235 to register your premises.

****If you enter in the open class entry fee is 10% of 1st place****

****Vehicles picking up livestock are not allowed inside fairgrounds until 9:00 pm (side gate) or the main gate (10 pm)**

Cattle

Section 3: Pennsylvania Cattle:

Requirements

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1 of the current year.
2. All animals must bear official animal identification. (**NOTE:** RFID tags will be required at District and State Dairy Shows.)
3. For **dairy animal** entries, The Certificate Inspection (health certificate) must include a statement that the animal(s) identified have been **immunized against IBR, P13, BRSV, and BVD.**
4. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
5. Individual official animal identification. Official ID will have a US shield and includes:
 - a. A USDA-issued National Uniform Ear-tagging System (NUES) tag; or
 - b. A 15-digit Animal Identification Number eartag starting with "840" (including RFID) or
 - c. Other official identification approved by USDA. (**Brands and breed registrations with tattoos are not acceptable.**)
6. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is **recommended** for animals 3 months of age and older (**market cattle are exempt**).

Section 4: Out of State Cattle

Requirements:

1. **A Certification of Veterinarian Inspection** (CVI) issued after May 1 of the current year.
2. All animals must bear official animal identification. (**NOTE:** RFID tags will be required at District and State Dairy Shows.)
3. For **dairy animal** entries, The Certificate Inspection (health certificate) must include a statement that the animal(s) identified have been **immunized against IBR, P13, BRSV, and BVD.**
4. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS): (applies to states that experienced a Vesicular Stomatitis outbreak in the last 12 months). An accredited veterinarian shall determine whether the animals are free from VS, and animals shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited veterinarian: "All animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from VS. During the past 90 days, these animals were not located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."
5. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
6. Individual official animal identification. Official ID will have a US shield and includes:
 - a. A USDA-issued National Uniform Ear-tagging System (NUES) tag; or
 - b. A 15-digit Animal Identification Number eartag starting with "840" (including RFID) or
 - c. Other official identification approved by USDA. (**Brands and breed registrations with tattoos are not acceptable.**)
7. Testing: **Tuberculosis Requirements:** No test is required for animals originating from "Accredited Free" states or zones.
8. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is **recommended** for animals 3 months of age and older (**market cattle are exempt**).

All exhibition animals originating from states or zones designated "Modified Accredited Advanced" must be test negative within the 60 days prior to the date of importation. The negative test results and date of test must be

included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original report is acceptable).

All animals originating from states or zones designated "Modified Accredited" must originate from herds in which all animals 12 months of age and older are test negative within the 12 months prior to the date of importation; and the individual animals to be imported (all ages) are test negative within the 60 days prior to the date of importation and at least 60 days after the negative whole herd test. The negative test results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original test report is acceptable).

Rodeo (or other recreational) animals of all ages must be negative on an official Tuberculosis test within the 60 days prior to entry, unless they originate from and are members of an Accredited Tuberculosis-free Herd. The negative test results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original test report is acceptable).

EQUINE

Section 8: Pennsylvania Equine Animals: Requirements:

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1 of the current year.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. All equine animals must be test negative for EIA by an official test within the 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Laboratory test results must accompany each animal to its final destination (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable). The CVI shall specify the date of sample collection, date of results, and results of the EIA test, along with the accession number and the name of the testing laboratory. Foals less than six months of age accompanied by a test-negative dam are exempt from EIA testing requirements. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal to its final destination.
4. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is **required** for animals 3 months of age and older.

Section 9: Out of State Equine Animals: Requirements:

1. **A Certification of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.**
2. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS): (applies to states that experienced a Vesicular Stomatitis outbreak in the last 12 months). An accredited veterinarian shall determine whether the animals are free from VS, and animals shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited veterinarian: "All animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from VS. During the past 90 days, these animals were not located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."
3. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.

4. All equine animals must be test negative for EIA by an official test within the 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Laboratory test results must accompany each animal to its final destination (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable). The CVI shall specify the date of sample collection, date of results, and results of the EIA test, along with the accession number and the name of the testing laboratory. Foals less than six months of age accompanied by a test-negative dam are exempt from EIA testing requirements. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal to its final destination.
5. If an equine animal has resided in a state in which Piroplasmiasis has been identified within the past six months for a cumulative total of 30 days or more within the six months preceding the date of entry into the Commonwealth, that animal must be test-negative for Piroplasmiasis on a competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (c-ELISA) test, or a Department-approved equivalent test, with the test occurring within 30 days preceding entry into Pennsylvania. The date of test and the test results shall be written on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
6. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is **required** for animals 3 months of age and older.

GOATS

Section 10: Pennsylvania Goats:

Requirements:

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1 of the current year.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. All animals must bear official animal identification.
4. Individual official animal identification is required for all goats. Official ID includes:
 - a. A USDA ear tag with a US Shield; or
 - b. A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database or
 - c. Goats having a breed registration tattoo and accompanied by a registration certificate are exempt from the scrapie ID requirement if the tattoo is legible and a registration certificate (copy acceptable) or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which lists the tattoo and registry accompanies the animal at all times during transport from the premises of birth.

Section 11: Out of State Goats

Requirements:

1. **A Certification of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.**
2. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS): (applies to states that experienced a Vesicular Stomatitis outbreak in the last 12 months). An accredited veterinarian shall determine whether the animals are free from VS, and animals shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited veterinarian: "All animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from VS. During the past 90 days, these animals were not located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."

3. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
4. Individual official animal identification is required for all goats. Official ID includes:
 - a. A USDA ear tag with a US shield; or
 - b. A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database; or
 - c. Goats having a breed registration tattoo and accompanied by a registration certificate are exempt from the scrapie ID requirement if the tattoo is legible and a registration certificate listing the current owner (copy acceptable) accompanies the animal from the premises of origin, and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which lists the tattoo accompanies the animal.
5. Testing requirements: Tuberculosis:
 - a. No test is required for animals originating from "Accredited Free" states or zones.
 - b. All animals originating from states or zones designated "Modified Accredited Advanced" must be test negative within the 60 days prior to the date of importation. The negative test results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original report is acceptable).
 - c. All animals originating from states or zones designated "Modified Accredited" must originate from herds in which all animals 12 months of age and older are test negative within the 12 months prior to the date of importation; and the individual animals to be imported (all ages) are test negative within the 60 days prior to the date of importation and at least 60 days after the negative whole herd test. The negative test results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original test report is acceptable).

Poultry—CANCELLED 2025

Section 12: Pennsylvania Poultry

Requirements:

- ~~1. All Pennsylvania poultry, including chickens, entering an exhibition must bear an official PDA-issued leg band.~~
- ~~2. An Owner-endorsed Poultry Health Certificate or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) must accompany all Pennsylvania poultry, including chickens and hatching eggs. The certificate must include the following:

 - ~~a. Name and location of exhibition; and~~
 - ~~b. Name, address, and telephone number of the owner; and~~
 - ~~c. A statement that the entries and the flock of origin are free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and~~
 - ~~d. Owner signature and date of that signature.~~~~
- ~~3. The following Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinary Consultation Relationship statement for the animals being exhibited must be included with a signature line for the owner or caretaker on the fair registration form: "I attest and affirm that a "veterinarian consultation relationship" as that phrase is defined in the Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law found at 3 Pa.C.S.A. § 2501 et seq. and any amendments thereto "exists with regard to any animals I will be exhibiting." The name and phone~~

number of the consulting veterinarian must be included on the entry form. This statement is not needed if a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection accompanies the birds.

4. ~~Avian Influenza Clean Testing and Verification (all samples must be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or a Category II Accredited Veterinarian):~~

- ~~a. All poultry, including chickens and their hatching eggs for exhibition must originate from a flock in with a random, representative sample of a minimum of 30 birds, 3 weeks of age or older, were tested for avian influenza within the 30 days prior to opening date of the exhibition. The birds or hatching eggs must be accompanied by the most recent test report (copy acceptable). Test results must be negative. If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, test all birds. Birds shall not be comingled with untested or AI positive birds after negative samples have been collected and before the show.~~

5. ~~Pullorum typhoid Clean Testing and Verification (All samples must be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or a Category II Accredited Veterinarian):~~

- ~~a. Poultry, including chickens, and there hatching eggs must originate from a flock in good standing on the NPIP Pullorum typhoid Clean Program (and there was no break in the chain of ownership by NPIP participants) or from a flock in good standing on the PA Pullorum Equivalent Program. The birds or hatching eggs must be accompanied by the most recent test report (copy acceptable). Test results must be negative. If the rapid whole blood plate agglutination test was done, the most recent NPIP 9-2 form or state equivalent form must accompany the birds or hatching eggs (copy acceptable). Test results must be negative. If birds are less than one year of age and originate from an NPIP Clean hatchery, they do not have to be tested for pullorum typhoid if they are accompanied by an NPIP 9-3 form from that hatchery and any additions to the flock were also from NPIP Clean sources. The NPIP number must be noted on the report for NPIP Pullorum typhoid Clean flocks; or~~
- ~~b. All individual birds for exhibition (maximum 300) must have had pullorum typhoid test within the 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. The birds must be accompanied by the most recent test report, or state equivalent form for the rapid test (copies acceptable). Test must be negative. The following age restrictions apply to comply with NPIP standards:
 - ~~i. Chickens shall be tested at 4 months of age or older.~~
 - ~~ii. All birds not meeting these age restrictions at the time of sampling are exempt from pullorum typhoid testing requirements.~~~~

Rabbits

Section 14: Pennsylvania Rabbits: Requirements:

1. All animals must be free of infections and contagious diseases.
2. The following Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinary Consultation Relationship statement for the animals being exhibited must be included with a signature line for the owner or caretaker on the fair registration form: **"I attest and affirm that a "veterinarian consultation relationship"- as that phase is defined in the Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law found at 3 Pa.C.S.A. § 2501 et seq. and any amendments thereto- "exists with regard to any animals I will be exhibiting."** The name and phone number of the consulting veterinarian must be included on the entry form.

SHEEP

Section 16: Pennsylvania Sheep: Requirements:

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1 of the current year.
2. All animals must bear official animal identification.
3. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
4. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is **recommended** for animals 3 months of age and older.
5. Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is **required** for all sheep. Official scrapie ID includes:
 - a. A USDA ear tag with a US shield; or
 - b. A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database; or
 - c. Sheep having a breed registration tattoo and accompanied by a registration certificate are exempt from the scrapie ID requirement if that tattoo is legible and a registration certificate (copy acceptable) or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which lists the tattoo and registry accompanies the animal at all times during transport from the premises of birth.

Section 17: Out of State Sheep: Requirements:

1. **A Certification of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.**
2. All animals must bear official animal identification
3. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS): (applies to states that experienced a Vesicular Stomatitis outbreak in the last 12 months). An accredited veterinarian shall determine whether the animals are free from VS, and animals shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited veterinarian: "All animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from VS. During the past 90 days, these animals were not located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."
4. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
5. Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is **required**. Official scrapie ID includes:
 - a. A USDA ear tag with a US shield;
 - b. A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database; or
 - c. Sheep having a breed registration tattoo and accompanied by a registration certificate are exempt from the scrapie ID requirement if that tattoo is legible and a registration certificate (copy acceptable) or a Certificate of Veterinary which lists the tattoo and registry accompanies the animal at all times during transport from the premises of birth.
6. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is **recommended** for animals 3 months of age and older.

Swine

Market Swine

***ALL MARKET SWINE MUST BE REGISTERED BY AUGUST 25TH WITH A KNOWN SLAUGHTER HOUSE BEFORE UNLOADING AT FAIR**

Section 18: Pennsylvania Swine: Requirements:

1. **A Certification of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required**
2. All animals must bear official animal identification.
3. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
4. Individual animal ID. ID options include the following forms of official ID:
 - a. A registration certificate in combination with an ear notch or
 - b. A USDA-issued metal ear tag with a US shield or
 - c. An ISO-complaint 15-digit eartag starting with "840" (including RFID). Or
 - d. A plastic stamped ear tag (**market hogs only**).