

**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DIVISION OF ANIMAL HEALTH**

SUMMARY: LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

I GENERAL:

- A. All stalls, pens, chutes, etc. located on the grounds of fairs and exhibitions shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with a disinfectant approved by USDA, APHIS between each scheduled fair or exhibition.
- B. All livestock (except poultry and equine) which enter fairs and exhibitions shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with individual permanent identification. Certificates for this purpose shall be valid for ninety (90) days from date of issue. (Tennessee livestock only – out-of-state certificates are valid for thirty (30) days from the date of issue)
- C. No animal showing clinical signs of infectious or communicable disease shall be allowed to enter or remain on premises of fairs or exhibitions. It shall be the responsibility of the manager of each event to assure prompt removal of such animals.

II LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ORIGINATING WITHIN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
[Certificates of Veterinary Inspection Valid for a Period of Ninety (90) Days]

A. SWINE:

All swine which enter fairs and exhibitions shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with individual permanent identification or sufficient description to identify each animal.

B. CATTLE:

All cattle which enter fairs and exhibitions shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with individual permanent, official identification.

Lactating Dairy Cattle residing within Tennessee and moving to an exhibition, show, or sale within Tennessee (intrastate movement) do not require pre-movement H5N1 testing.

C. POULTRY:

(1) Sponsors of poultry shows or exhibitions shall notify the Tennessee Department of Agriculture at least **thirty (30) days prior to show or**

exhibition.

(2) Poultry found not to be in apparent good health shall be removed immediately from any show or exhibition.

D. HORSES & OTHER EQUIDAE:

Horses and other Equidae six (6) months of age and older must have a negative Equine Infectious Anemia test within the preceding twelve (12) months.

E. SHEEP

(1) All sheep imported into or through Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and be in compliance with 0080-2-1-.02, and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

(2) All sheep that move within the state, with the exception of wethers under the age of 18 months that are produced for slaughter only, including for change of ownership, shows, fairs, expositions or slaughter shall be permanently, individually identified by a method approved in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

F. GOATS

(1) Goats imported into or through Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and be in compliance with 0080-2-1-.02, and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

(2) Goats imported into Tennessee for immediate slaughter to an approved slaughter establishment or to an approved livestock market for sale to a slaughter establishment shall only be required to have a transportation document and be in compliance with Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

(3) All registered breeding goats, goats that have been commingled with sheep, goats for exhibition and dairy goats that move within the state, including for change of ownership, shows, fairs, expositions or slaughter shall be permanently, individually identified by a method approved in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

G. CAMELIDS: Camelids must have an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection as provided in Rule 0080-2-3-.01 (1).

H. CAPTIVE CERVIDAE: Captive Cervidae must have an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection as provided in Rule 0080-2-3-.01 (1).

(1) CWD susceptible species must have two forms of identification (including official USDA ID)

- (2) CWD susceptible species must not move from a CWD affected County to a non-CWD affected County.

III LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ORIGINATING OUTSIDE THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

Livestock and Poultry entering fairs and exhibitions from areas outside the State of Tennessee shall be subject to current Tennessee import requirements. Please contact the state veterinarian's office regarding questions or recent changes to these rules. These interstate requirements are summarized as follows:

A. ALL SPECIES (except poultry):

Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection valid for thirty (30) days and individual permanent official identification, except for equine. Equine must have sufficient description to identify the animal.

B. CATTLE:

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and additional requirements as follows:

- (1) Tuberculosis: No requirements except for cattle originating from regions not considered free of tuberculosis.
- (2) Brucellosis: No requirements except for cattle originating from regions not considered free of brucellosis. Test eligible cattle – Intact male or female cattle eighteen (18) months or older. (Vaccinates and non-vaccinates)
- (3) Per the USDA Federal Order, all lactating dairy cattle originating outside the State of Tennessee must have a negative H5N1 test within seven (7) days of interstate movement. Lactating dairy cattle can move back to the state of origin within ten (10) days of test.

C. SWINE:

No testing requirements for swine unless originating from a region not considered free of Brucellosis and Pseudorabies.

D. HORSES AND OTHER EQUINES:

Animals six (6) months of age or older - negative equine infectious anemia (Coggins) test within twelve (12) months.

E. POULTRY:

Originate directly from a Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Flock and an H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean Flock or be accompanied by evidence of a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within ninety (90) days and a negative Avian Influenza test within twenty-one (21) days.

F. SHEEP

(1) All sheep imported into or through Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and be in compliance with 0080-2-1-.02, and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

(2) All sheep that move within the state, including for change of ownership, shows, fairs, expositions or slaughter shall be permanently, individually identified by a method approved in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

G. GOATS

(1) Goats imported into or through Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and be in compliance with 0080-2-1-.02, and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

(2) Goats imported into Tennessee for immediate slaughter to an approved slaughter establishment or to an approved livestock market for sale to a slaughter establishment shall only be required to have a transportation document and be in compliance with Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

(3) All registered breeding goats, goats that have been commingled with sheep, goats for exhibition and dairy goats that move within the state, including for change of ownership, shows, fairs, expositions or slaughter shall be permanently, individually identified by a method approved in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

H. CAMELIDAE: Same requirements as for cattle.

I. CERVIDAE:

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and additional requirements as follows:

- (1) Brucellosis: Same requirements as for cattle.
- (2) Tuberculosis:
 - (a) All cervidae shall originate in herds which have had a negative herd test for tuberculosis within twelve (12) months with a USDA approved single cervical test and individual imported animals shall be negative to the single cervical test within thirty (30) days of entry; or
 - (b) Animals not originating in tested herds as described above must test negative to two (2) single cervical tests at least ninety (90) days apart, the second test conducted not more than thirty (30) days prior to entry.
- (3) Two forms of identification (including official USDA official ID)
- (4) CWD:
 - (a) CWD susceptible species must be from a CWD Certified Herd

NOTE: (Contact an accredited veterinarian for further details of import rules).

IV Fair association or exhibition or management shall inform exhibitors of the rules of this chapter and shall notify the State Veterinarian or her agent of any violations. Exhibitors shall present evidence of compliance with this chapter to the State Veterinarian or his agent upon request.

These rules constitute a minimum legal standard and in no way restrict the right of fair and exhibition managers to establish additional or more stringent requirements.

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Accepted Official Identification Types by Species for Fairs/Exhibition

Animals being imported from out of state must meet import requirements.

Bovine

- 840 RFID tag
- USDA Metal tag (if placed before November 5th, 2024.)
- Registration Tattoo – Registration papers must be submitted with the CVI to our office and must travel with the animal to exhibitions with their CVI.
- Sufficient description to identify each animal individually ***

Swine

- USDA metal tag
- 840 RFID tag
- Registration Tattoo – Registration papers must be submitted with the CVI to our office and must travel with the animal to exhibitions with their CVI.
- Ear Notches – Registration papers must be submitted with the CVI to our office and must travel with the animal to exhibitions with their CVI.
- Sufficient description to identify each animal individually ***

Sheep and Goats

- Scrapie Tag
- Registration Tattoo – Registration papers must be submitted with the CVI to our office and must travel with the animal to exhibitions with their CVI.
- Electronic Implant - Registration papers must be submitted with the CVI to our office and must travel with the animal to exhibitions with their CVI.

****Sufficient Description to Identify each Animal- Animal should have obvious unique identifiers including markings or scars that would make the animal distinguishable from all other animals of the same sex and species regardless of age.*

This is only applicable to Tennessee origin animals shown at Tennessee fairs.

Recommendations for Exhibitors of Lactating Dairy Cows Related to H5N1/Avian Influenza of Dairy Cattle

Adapted from USDA APHIS [Guidance](#) (May, 2024)

Before the Event

- Become familiar with requirements for interstate movement as well as any state specific exhibition requirements prior to the event.
 - [Rules and Regulations Governing Movement and Handling of Livestock at Fairs and Exhibitions](#)
 - [Federal Order Requiring Testing for and Reporting of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(HPAI\) in Livestock](#)
 - APHIS strongly recommends minimizing movement of lactating dairy cattle as much as possible, with special attention to evaluating risk and factoring that risk into movement decisions.
 - Consult with your veterinarian to discuss risk.
 - Lactating dairy cattle moving interstate to an exhibition, show, or sale must have a negative test result from samples collected within 7 days of movement. These animals may travel to their home herd using the same negative test result provided the exhibition, show, or sale does not exceed 10 days of length.
 - **Lactating Dairy Cattle residing within Tennessee and moving to an exhibition, show, or sale within Tennessee (intrastate movement) do not require pre-movement testing.**
- Become familiar with signs of influenza in cattle and work with your veterinarian to ensure your animals are free of illness.
 - Signs of influenza in dairy cattle include decreased milk production; reduced appetite; thickened, discolored milk; lethargy; fever; and/or dehydration.
 - If you have any animals with clinical signs on the premises, do not move other animals off the premises.
- Ensure that any people that will be attending the fair or exhibition do not have any symptoms of illness.
- Clean and disinfect any equipment you will be bringing with you to the exhibition such as:
 - Feed equipment
 - Cleaning utensils
 - Grooming equipment
 - Vehicle and Trailer (inside and out)
 - Portable milking equipment
 - Use approved disinfectants that are safe for human and animal contact:
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-m-registered-antimicrobial-products-label-claims-avian-influenza>
- Avoid transporting animals from different premises in the same trailer.

During the Event

- Keep copies of certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs), vaccination records, and test results on hand and readily available.
- Observe cattle regularly for signs of influenza-like illness (e.g. decreased milk production; reduced appetite; thickened, discolored milk; lethargy; fever; and/or dehydration).
 - Report sick cattle to the show veterinarian and exhibition organizers.
- Sick animals should be immediately removed from the exhibition or moved to a designated temporary isolation area. Sick lactating dairy cattle can be evaluated on site before leaving the premises OR can be sent home and state animal health officials and your veterinarian should be contacted for follow up testing.
 - Interaction with the sick animal should be limited to only people caring for the animal.
 - Dedicated personal protective equipment (PPE) such as disposable gloves, gown/coveralls, and boots or boot covers should be worn by people caring for sick animals.
 - No treatment supplies, feed or water, portable milking equipment and supplies, or grooming supplies should be shared between sick animals and healthy animals.
 - Additional precautions should be taken by those caring for sick animals to minimize the opportunity for disease transmission to other cattle or people. Precautions could include hand washing before putting on and after taking off PPE, changing clothes and changing boots between activities.
- Follow the event's biosecurity plan.
 - Avoid close contact with other exhibitor's animals and avoid nose-to-nose contact between animals.
- Follow the event guidance for handling milk from lactating cows.
- Do not share tools, feed and water, portable milking equipment and supplies, or grooming supplies with other exhibitors.

After the Event

- Isolate and observe animals daily for illness after returning home and before allowing contact with other animals.
 - 30-day isolation of lactating dairy cattle from other livestock is recommended.
 - Do not share equipment between show cattle and other animals at home.
- Discuss the need to test animals returning from an exhibition or fair for influenza A with your veterinarian.
- Consult your state or [local public health department](#) if exhibitors or family members develop [influenza-like illness](#) (e.g., fever or chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, tiredness, and/or vomiting and diarrhea) or conjunctivitis (red eyes) following the event. Testing and treatment for influenza A may be available. The Tennessee Department of Health can be reached at 615-741-7247 (24/7).
- Clean and disinfect all equipment you took to the show.
 - Use approved disinfectants that are safe for human and animal contact:
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-m-registered-antimicrobial-products-label->

[claims-avian-influenza](#)

For any questions, please contact the State Veterinarian's Office at 615-837-5120 or animal.health@tn.gov or the Tennessee Department of Health at 615-741-7247 or cedep.investigation@tn.gov .