

Tennessee Department of Agriculture Regulatory Services - Animal Health

Summary: Livestock Health Requirements for Fairs & Exhibitions

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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) which enter fairs and exhibitions shall be accompanied by an official veterinary health certificate with individual permanent identification or sufficient description to identify each animal. 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 veterinary health certificate 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 veterinary health certificate with individual permanent identification or sufficient description to identify each animal.
- 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) All poultry assembled at shows or exhibitions shall be accompanied by evidence of a negative test for Pullorum-Typhoid within ninety (90) days; or be tested on-site for Pullorum-Typhoid prior to exhibition following strict biosecurity procedures; or originate directly from a flock which has been certified as Pullorum Typhoid clean under The Tennessee Poultry Improvement Plan.
 - (3) 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 health certificate 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 health certificate 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 veterinary health certificate as provided in Rule 0080-2-3-.01(1).
- H. Captive Cervidae: Captive Cervidae must have an official veterinary health certificate as provided in Rule 0080-2-3-.01(1).

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.
- B. Cattle: Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and additional requirements as follows:
 - (1) Tuberculosis: No requirements except from states having a tuberculosis culture positive in the last twelve (12) months.
 - (2) Brucellosis: Test eligible cattle - Intact male or female cattle eighteen (18) months or older. (Vaccinates and Non-vaccinates)
 - Certified Herds - No test requirements.
 - Class Free States - No test requirements.
 - Class A - Negative test within 30 days.
- C. Swine:
 - (1) Breeding Swine:
 - (a) 30 day negative test for pseudorabies, or
 - (b) Originate from Qualified Negative Pseudorabies Herd, or
 - (c) Originate directly from a herd in a Stage V (Pseudorabies-Free) State, and
 - (d) If four (4) months of age or older:

- (1) Negative test for brucellosis within thirty (30) days, or
- (2) Originate directly from a Validated Brucellosis-Free Herd, or
- (3) Originate directly from a Validated Brucellosis-Free State.
- (2) Feeding Swine: (a) 30 day negative test for pseudorabies, or
 - (b) Originate from Qualified Negative Pseudorabies Herd, or
 - (c) Originate from Pseudorabies Monitored Herd, or
 - (d) Originate from a herd in a Stage III, IV or V state in the National Pseudorabies Eradication Program.
- D. Horses And Other Equines - Animals six (6) months of age or older-negative equine infectious anemia (Swamp Fever) test within twelve (12) months.
- E. Poultry - Originate directly from a Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Flock, or be accompanied by evidence of negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within ninety (90) days.
- F. Sheep:
 - (1) All sheep imported into or through Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official health certificate 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 health certificate 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 Camelidae: Same requirements as for cattle.
- H. 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.

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 his 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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Special Comments:

1. It is expected that all exhibitors will bring only healthy animals to fairs and exhibitions. All animals are subject to being inspected after arrival at the show facilities and any with clinical signs of contagious disease will be sent home immediately. Certificate(s) of Veterinary Inspection are to accompany the animal(s) to the respective show.
2. Health certificates issued in satisfaction of these Tennessee Fair Regulations shall be good for **90** days for Tennessee livestock only.
3. Certificate(s) of Veterinary Inspection are to accompany all animal(s) to the respective shows with the exception of in-state Tennessee equine six (6) months of age and older must have a negative Equine Infectious Anemia test within the preceeding (12) months. Poultry assembled at shows or exhibitions should be accompanied by evidence of a negative test for Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days, or be tested on-site prior to exhibition following strict biosecurity procedures, or originate directly from a flock which has been certified as Pullorum-Typhoid clean under the Tennessee Poultry Improvement Plan. As part of increased awareness and surveillance for Avian Influenza and other poultry diseases, all bird's physical appearance should be assessed at the time testing is conducted.
4. Any "chick chain" birds that have been commingled with birds of unknown disease status must test negative for Pullorum-Typhoid prior to entry.
5. Please note that exhibition requirements for out-of-state livestock are the same as regular import requirements.
6. **Warts and ringworm are considered contagious and infectious diseases and are permissible exclusions only if considered inactive by the issuing veterinarian and noted as such on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
7. **Scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), footrot, cutaneous fungal and bacterial infections (i.e. club lamb disease, caseous lymphadenitis) are considered contagious and infectious diseases, and are permissible exclusions only if considered inactive by the issuing veterinarian and noted as such on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
8. **Fair officials are responsible** for ensuring that all animals entering fairs for exhibition be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and are in overall good health. Violations should be reported to the state veterinarian or his agent.