

Exhibition Animal Health Requirements

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CERTIFICATES OF VETERINARY INSPECTION AND/OR TEST RECORDS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT ANY TIME WHILE ANIMALS ARE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.

GENERAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Health Certificate of Veterinary Inspection: The term "Health Certificate" or "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection" (CVI) means a legible record, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of destination.

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):

1. Must accompany animals, except as noted and be available on request by Animal Health Officials; All out-of-state animals shall require an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at 217/782-4944. Permits may also be obtained online at: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>
2. Must show results of required tests and/or vaccinations;
3. Must show name and address of owner or exhibitor;
4. Must be dated and signed by an accredited veterinarian;
5. Must show only one (1) identification per line on the CVI; and
6. Must show the official identification of each animal.
7. For out-of-state livestock, a CVI shall be void thirty (30) days after issuance.
8. For Illinois origin livestock, a CVI shall be void ninety (90) days after issuance.
9. If animals are from tuberculosis accredited, brucellosis certified, pseudorabies qualified, or brucellosis validated herds, the identifying herd number(s) along with the date of the last herd test(s) shall appear on the CVI.

Special Note: No Corrections or Additions will be allowed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

General Provisions:

1. Any Illinois cattle or goats being exhibited in non-accredited free states must be isolated from the remainder of the herd/flock upon return to Illinois and retested for tuberculosis 60-120 days post entry.
2. Animals with active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, soremouth, caseous lymphadenitis or multiple warts easily visible without close examination, will not be permitted to exhibit. Animals infested with scabies or mange will not be permitted to exhibit.
3. All exhibitors of animals at any Illinois Fair shall comply with the provisions of the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act. If violations are observed, the animal(s) will be excused from exhibition and be ordered removed from the grounds with all awards and premiums being forfeited.
4. Market animals include steers and market heifers; barrows and market gilts; wether and market ewe lambs; meat goat wethers and market does; poultry meat pens, roasters and fryers; and rabbit meat pens and fryers.

CATTLE

Identification

1. Individual identification of each animal shall be either a fully healed and legible tattoo, approved official ear tag, registration number, or individual brand, if brand is recorded on the registration certificate.

Illinois Cattle

Brucellosis

1. Illinois is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois cattle.

Tuberculosis

1. Illinois is an Accredited Tuberculosis- Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Illinois cattle.

Special Note: Illinois calves under 6 months of age and Illinois steers are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

Out-of-State-Cattle

All out-of-state cattle are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at 217/782-4944. Permits may also be obtained online at: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>

Brucellosis

1. Female cattle six (6) months of age and older and bulls eighteen (18) months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within thirty (30) days prior to entry, unless exempt by one (1) of the following:
 - A. Originate directly from a certified brucellosis-free herd.
 - B. Official vaccinates of dairy breeds under twenty (20) months of age or official vaccinates of beef breeds under twenty-four (24) months of age.
 - C. Animal originated from a "Class Free" state (if entire state is so classified)
 - D. Steers and spayed heifers are not required to be tested for brucellosis.
2. The negative brucellosis test shall be conducted at a state or federal laboratory within 30 days prior to exhibition.

Tuberculosis

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States
 - A. No tuberculin test required. All cattle, including steers, originating from an Accredited Tuberculosis Free State, may enter Illinois for exhibition when accompanied by a CVI issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days.
2. Non-Accredited Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
 - A. Cattle must originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past year.
 - B. The individual animals entering Illinois must be negative to an additional tuberculin test conducted within 30 days prior to exhibition.
 - C. Cattle that enter Illinois for exhibition and remain in Illinois (animal does not return to the state of origin within 30 days) must be isolated and retested for TB 60-120 days from the last official TB test date.

SWINE

Illinois Swine

Identification

1. Illinois swine shall be identified by an official ear tag, tattoo or recognized breed ear notch.
2. Ear notch identification is acceptable for barrows, crossbred gilts and breeding swine.

Special Note: Ear notch identification of crossbred swine does not satisfy USDA identification requirements for interstate movement or official testing.

Brucellosis

1. Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois swine.

Pseudorabies

1. Pseudorabies testing is not required for Illinois swine.

Out-of-State Swine

All out-of-state swine are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at 217/782-4944. Permits may also be obtained online at: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>

Identification

1. Individually identified by an official ear tag, tattoo or recognized breed ear notch.
2. Ear notch identification is not acceptable for crossbred animals.

Brucellosis

1. Breeding swine 4 months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to exhibition unless exempt by one (1) of the following:
 - A. Originate immediately and directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd.

- B. Originate directly from a validated brucellosis-free state.
2. Swine brucellosis tests for exhibition shall be conducted at a state or federal lab.

Pseudorabies

1. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage IV or V state are exempt from the pseudorabies testing requirement.
2. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage III state shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within thirty (30) days prior to entry or originate immediately and directly from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd.
3. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage I or II state shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within the 10 days prior to entry.
4. Barrows and females in market classes must meet the same requirements as breeding swine.

SHEEP

Identification

1. Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag or microchip if the owner provides the reader.
2. Ear tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.
3. When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.

Market Lambs

All wethers must be slick shorn (show ring ready) before weigh-in so that show lamb fungus can be identified.

Infected or Source Herd or Flock

1. Sheep originating from a herd or flock that has previously been classified as either an infected or source herd or flock can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved herd/flock plan.
2. For any animal born after 1/1/2002, the CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

Out-of-State Sheep

All out-of-state sheep are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at 217/782-4944. Permits may also be obtained online at: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>

GOATS

Identification

1. Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag or microchip if the owner provides the reader.
2. Tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.
3. When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database. Ears should be used for tattooing when possible. If there is no space in the ear, the flank or tail fold may be used.

Illinois Goats

1. Goats originating from a herd or flock that has previously been classified as either an infected or source herd or flock can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved herd/flock plan.
2. For any animal born after 1/1/2002, the CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

Out-of-State Goats

All out-of-state goats are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at 217/782-4944. Permits may also be obtained online at: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>

1. Goats originating from a herd or flock that has previously been classified as either an infected or source herd or flock can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved herd/flock plan.
2. Tuberculosis- Goats from areas or states that are not Accredited Bovine Tuberculosis Free, must be accompanied by a CVI indicating that the goats originated from a herd where a complete negative herd test has been conducted within the past twelve (12) months and the individual animals are negative to a tuberculin test conducted within thirty (30) days prior to entry. For any animal born after 1/1/2002, the CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

HORSES, PONIES, MULES AND OTHER EQUIDAE

Illinois Equine

1. All horses and other equidae, twelve (12) months of age and older attending an advertised equine event, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) conducted within the last twelve (12) months. A copy of this test shall accompany the animal.
2. AGID (Coggins) or ELISA tests are accepted.
3. An advertised equine event means a show, rodeo, sale, auction, exhibition, trail ride, or horse fair that is posted or media promoted.
4. A CVI is not required for Illinois equine.

Out-of-State Equine

All out-of-state horses and other equidae, are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at 217/782-4944. Permits may also be obtained online at: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>

1. All horses and other equidae entering Illinois that are twelve (12) months of age or older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) conducted within the last twelve (12) months. A copy of this test shall accompany the animal.
2. AGID (Coggins) or ELISA tests are accepted.
3. All horses and other equidae shall be accompanied by a CVI issued within thirty (30) days prior to entry.

POULTRY*

General Requirements for all Poultry

1. All entries (except waterfowl, i.e. domesticated fowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese) in a show or exhibition shall have originated from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent hatchery or flock OR have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. Exhibitor shall show proper information as to name and address of owner or exhibitor, name and address of the authorized testing agent, date of the testing and the number, breed and species of those tested.
2. Prior to being used to transport poultry to a show, all crates, boxes, containers and vehicles shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
3. Any poultry vaccinations must be performed at least 4 weeks prior to delivery to the show.
4. Upon admission to a show, all entries shall be examined by an official fair veterinarian or qualified state personnel who shall also receive and examine all certificates necessary for admission of birds to a show. Birds not in show condition will be excused from exhibition and removed from the premises. Any fowl showing signs of illness during the fair will be removed from the exhibition grounds.
5. All out-of-state turkeys must originate from flocks that are officially classified as U.S. Mycoplasma Gallisepticum Clean in accordance with the provisions of the National Poultry Improvement Plan or be negative to a test for Mycoplasma gallisepticum within 30 days prior to entry.
6. A permit is also required for out-of-state poultry. A permit may be obtained by calling (217)782-4944.

Special Note: These poultry exhibition requirements do not apply to 4-H / FFA1-day poultry shows where entries are taken to the show and returned home the same day.

PIGEONS*

There are no requirements governing the movements of pigeons within or into Illinois.

*** Special Note regarding Exotic Newcastle Disease - Illinois prohibits the importation of all members of the avian species or avian products that have originated from or been transported through any area where Exotic Newcastle Disease has been diagnosed and is under quarantine by any state, federal or tribal agency.**

RABBITS

There are no requirements governing the movement of rabbits within or into Illinois.

LLAMAS

There are no requirements governing the movement of llamas within Illinois. A permit and health certificate is required for out-of-state llamas. Entry permit numbers are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at 217/782-4944. Permits may also be obtained online at: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>

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