



Market Cattle – Cattle must weigh between 1,000 and 1450 pounds **AND** be less than 2 years of age to be eligible for the sale. All Cattle must be entered with the Monroe County 4H office and tagged with the appropriate RFID tag by November 15th of current year.

Dairy Beef Feeder Steers – Dairy beef animals must be born on or after December 1st of the current project year. Minimum weight at fair to be eligible for weight classes and sale is 300 pounds. There is no maximum weight for dairy beef animals. Calves must be of one dairy breed. Crossbreeds of dairy and meat breeds are not allowed. All animals must be identified with an approved ear tag and registered with the Extension office by March 1st.

Market Lambs – Lambs must weigh between 65 and 120 pounds to be eligible for the sale. All Market Lambs must be entered with the Monroe County 4H office and tagged with the appropriate USDA Scrapie tag by May 1st.

Market Goats – Goats must weigh between 65 and 120 pounds to be eligible for the sale. All Market Goats must be entered with the Monroe County 4H Office and tagged with the appropriate USDA Scrapie tag by May 1st.

Market Swine – Pigs must weigh between 240 and 290 pounds to be eligible for the sale. All Market Hogs must be entered with the Monroe County 4H Office and tagged with the appropriate RFID tag by April 1st.

Market Poultry – Poultry will be sold as a pair to be eligible for the sale. Birds must be a minimum of 6 weeks but not more than 10 weeks of age. Market Turkeys shall be no more than 4 months of age. All poultry must be entered with the Monroe County 4H Office and tagged appropriately with metal leg bands by August 1st.

Market Meat Rabbits – Rabbits will be sold as a pen of 3 consisting of the same breed and variety (color). They must be under 10 weeks of age and weigh a minimum of 3 pounds and a maximum of 5 pounds. All meat rabbits must be entered with the Monroe County 4H Office and tattooed appropriately by June 15th.



2026 PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



**PENNSYLVANIA FAIR
ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This document includes requirements and recommendations for the Department-sponsored exhibits

Department 1: Equine
Requirements:

1. A certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) valid for 30 days after date of issue. Must be valid for entire fair week. Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test results and the date of the test must be included in the CVI.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
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.

Department 2 & 3: Dairy & Beef Cattle
Requirements:

1. A certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) valid for 30 days after date of issue. Must be valid for entire fair week.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI).
3. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
4. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older (market cattle are exempt).
5. Individual official animal identification. Official ID will have a US shield and includes:
 - A USDA-issued National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) eartag having a US shield ; or
 - A 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) eartag starting with “840” and having a US shield ; or
 - Other official identification approved by USDA. (Brands and breed registrations with tattoos)







are not acceptable).

- 6. Prohibition of dairy cattle from influenza positive, suspect, or high-risk farms:
 - Dairy cattle from a farm showing signs of H5N1 influenza may not be exhibited.
 - Dairy cattle from a farm that has tested positive for H5N1 influenza (in dairy cattle or domestic birds) may not be exhibited.
 - Dairy cattle from a farm located within 3 km of a positive farm may not be exhibited.


Department 4: Sheep

Requirements:

- 1. A certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) valid for 30 days after date of issue. Must be valid for entire fair week.
- 2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
- 3. Individual official animal identification is required for all sheep and goats. Identification used for sheep and goats must be permanently affixed to the individual animal. Official ID includes:
 - A USDA ear tag with a US shield ; which includes scrapie program tags (animals bearing identification with blue colored scrapie program tags labeled “meat” with a US shield  are not permitted to be exhibited in Pennsylvania). Please call the Department at 717-772-2852 if such a tag is encountered.
 - A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database (Scrapie tattoo - flock ID in the right ear, state postal code and letters/numbers/ and individual animal ID in the left ear)
 - A breed registration tattoo if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible.
- 4. Market sheep are exempt from rabies vaccine.



Department 5: Swine

Requirements:

- 1. A certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 14 days of Fair of the current exhibition year, to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
- 2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
- 3. Individual animal ID. ID options include the following:
 - A form of official ID, including:
 - A registration certificate in combination with an ear notch; or
 - A USDA-issued metal ear tag with a US shield ; or
 - An ISO-compliant 15-digit ear tag starting with “840” (including RFID); or
 - A plastic stamped ear tag (market hogs only).

Department 6: Goats

Requirements:

- 1. A certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) valid for 30 days after date of issue. Must be valid for entire fair week.
- 2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
- 3. Individual official animal identification is required for all sheep and goats. Identification used for sheep and goats must be permanently affixed to the individual animal. Official ID includes:
 - A USDA ear tag with a US shield ; which includes scrapie program tags (animals bearing identification with blue colored scrapie program tags labeled “meat” with a US shield  are not permitted to be exhibited in Pennsylvania). Please call the Department at 717-772-2852 if such a tag is encountered.
 - A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database (Scrapie tattoo - flock ID in the right ear, state postal code and letters/numbers/ and individual animal ID in the left ear)
 - A breed registration tattoo if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible.

Department 8: Poultry

Pennsylvania and Out of State Market Birds, Non-Poultry, Unfertilized and Fertilized Eggs, Ornamental Feathers, and Feathers Used for Arts and Crafts

I. Requirements:

- 1. Exhibition of Market Birds. Market birds may be exhibited only if the following criteria are met. (a) Identification of Market Birds. All market birds entering an exhibition shall bear an official Department-issued leg band, except for ratites, which shall be identified with a neck band or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor shall supply a reader). (b) Movement of Market Birds. The following requirements shall apply to all market birds after being exhibited at a Department sponsored or funded exhibition.
 - (i) Market birds shall move directly to a Department or USDA licensed slaughter facility immediately following the judging at the animal exhibition.
 - (ii) Market birds shall not be diverted to premises other than a licensed slaughter facility.
 - (iii) Market birds shall not be returned to the premises of origin, to any other premises or establishment, held for any additional period of time at the Venue or Fair, or held over at any other premises or establishment.
 - (iv) It shall be the responsibility of the Venue or Fair management to ensure market birds are moved directly to a





- slaughter facility.
- (c) Time Allowed at Venue or Fair for Market Birds. Arrival, exhibition, and departure of market birds moving to slaughter shall occur within a 72-hour window. The 72 hours begins when the first market birds arrive on the Venue or Fair grounds, whether unloaded or not, and ends when the last market birds physically leave the Venue or Fair in a vehicle or conveyance.
 - (d) Health Certification. All market birds for exhibition or display shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided. (e) Testing. All market birds for exhibition shall meet the testing requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification).
 - (f) Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11 (relating to records). Additionally, Venue or Fair management shall maintain records of movement and the destination of market birds to a Department or USDA FSIS licensed slaughter facility for one year and shall make those records available to the Department upon request.
2. Exhibition of Non-poultry. Non-poultry shall be exhibited only if the following criteria are met.
 - (a) Identification of Non-poultry. All non-poultry entering an exhibition shall bear an official Department-issued leg band, except for ratites, which shall be identified with an official wing band or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor shall supply a reader).
 - (b) Health Certification. All non-poultry for exhibition or display shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided. (c) Testing. All non-poultry for exhibition shall meet the testing requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification) and section 10. (relating to pullorum typhoid testing and verification).
 - (d) Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11. (relating to records).
 3. Display of Hatchlings. Hatchlings shall be displayed only if the following criteria are met.
 - (a) Hatchlings must be for an educational display.
 - (b) Hatchlings for an educational display at the Venue or Fair shall be from a single source and may be from either a poultry or non-poultry source.
 - (c) Health Certification. All hatchlings for an educational display shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided.
 - (d) Testing. All hatchlings for an educational display shall meet the testing requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification) and section 10. (relating to pullorum-typhoid testing and verification).
 - (e) Following display, Venue or Fair management and owner or person displaying the hatchlings shall ensure hatchlings are moved only to a premises which does not contain poultry. After these birds reach 21 days of age, they may be moved directly to slaughter or to a premises with poultry after the flock meets the testing requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification).
 - (f) Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11. (relating to records). Additionally, Venue or Fair management shall maintain records of movement and the destination of hatchlings after display for one year and shall make those records available to the Department upon request.
 4. Exhibition of Unfertilized and Fertilized Eggs Sourced from Poultry and Non-poultry Flocks. Unfertilized and fertilized eggs sourced from poultry and non-poultry flocks shall be exhibited only if the following criteria are met.
 - (a) All unfertilized and fertilized eggs sourced from poultry and non-poultry flocks shall be washed and sanitized in a 100-200 ppm chlorine solution, or other disinfectant approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for use on poultry eggs, which is effective in destroying influenza virus. The eggs shall then be dried before being placed in a carton or other container as required under section (b) below.
 - (b) Unfertilized and fertilized eggs sourced from poultry and non-poultry flocks shall be packaged in a new single-use cardboard or foam carton, or in a plastic carton which has been cleaned, disinfected, and dried prior to shipment to the Venue or Fair.
 - (c) Once the eggs have been washed and sanitized as required in section (a) above, the eggs shall not come into contact with any other unwashed and unsanitized avian eggs, other avian products, poultry, or non-poultry.
 - (d) Unfertilized and fertilized eggs sourced from poultry and non-poultry flocks for exhibition shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided.
 - (e) Unfertilized and fertilized eggs shall originate from a poultry or non-poultry flock which has had a negative or not-detected avian influenza test meeting the requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification) within the 14 days prior to entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.
 - (f) Fertilized eggs shall originate from a poultry or non-poultry flock which meets the salmonella pullorum-typhoid test requirements set forth in section 10. (relating to pullorum-typhoid testing and verification). (Unfertilized eggs are exempt from this requirement).
 - (g) Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11. (relating to records).
 5. Exhibition of Ornamental Feathers. Ornamental feathers shall be exhibited only if the following criteria are met.
 - (a) Ornamental feathers shall be sourced from poultry or non-poultry flocks located in the United States.
 - (b) Ornamental feathers shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided.
 - (c) Ornamental feathers that will be displayed, exhibited, entered into a competition, or that are or will be used to produce jewelry or other items that will be exhibited, or sold, or both, shall be free of visible manure, litter, or other debris.
 - (d) Transport containers shall have been cleaned and disinfected prior to being used to transport ornamental feathers to the Venue or Fair.





- (e) Ornamental feathers which will be displayed, exhibited, entered into a competition, or that are or will be used to produce jewelry or other items that will be exhibited, or sold, or both, shall originate from a poultry or non-poultry flock that is not known to be infected with avian influenza. This requirement shall be met by using one of the following methods in (5)(i) or (5)(ii):
 - (i) The ornamental feathers shall originate from a poultry or non-poultry flock which has had a negative or not-detected Avian Influenza test meeting the requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification) within the 14 days prior to entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds to be displayed, exhibited, entered into a competition, sold, or made into jewelry for exhibit or sale at a Venue or Fair, or
 - (ii) The ornamental feathers shall be clean, and held in a clean area separate from birds and other avian products for at least 120 days, at a minimum of 68 degrees Fahrenheit before entry onto the grounds of the Venue or Fair.
 - (iii) Records of the avian influenza testing required by subsection (5)(I); or where the ornamental feathers are cleaned and held in a clean area as allowed under subsection (5)(ii), that include the date the ornamental feathers were moved to a holding area, along with the holding temperature, shall be kept by the person seeking to display, exhibit, sell, or enter the ornamental feathers into a competition, or to make jewelry from the ornamental feathers for display, exhibition, competition, or sale. Those records shall be included with the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement for entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.
- (f) Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11. (relating to records).
- 6. Transportation of Market Birds, Non-Poultry, Hatchlings, Unfertilized and Fertilized Eggs, and Ornamental Feathers. Transportation of market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, unfertilized and fertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers to the Venue or Fair and to the Department or USDA licensed slaughter plant, farm, or other destination, as allowed and required under the 2025 Avian Exhibition General Quarantine Order, shall be done in a biosecure manner. All vehicles, conveyances, crates, equipment, or other materials used in transport shall be visibly clean and shall be cleaned and disinfected as necessary to maintain them in a sanitary manner and assure compliance with regulatory standards at 7 Pa.Code § 15.46 (related to shipping containers) and the standards established in the Department's "Interstate and General Quarantine Order; Virus Control for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Vehicle, Container and Material Standards" (45 Pa.B. 4930, Saturday, August 22, 2015) or subsequent order.
- 7. Health Monitoring. All market birds, non-poultry, and hatchlings on the Venue or Fair grounds shall be monitored for signs dangerous transmissible diseases and any signs of dangerous transmissible diseases shall be reported to the Department immediately (717-772-2852).
- 8. Public Access Restrictions. All market birds, non-poultry, and hatchlings on the Venue or Fair grounds shall be displayed behind barriers such as ropes to prevent public access, with signage to prevent the public from crossing the barrier.
- 9. Avian Influenza Testing and Verification.
 - (a) All samples for avian influenza testing shall be collected by a certified poultry technician, a category II accredited veterinarian, or a state or federal official and shall be tested in a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory.
 - (b) Market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, unfertilized and fertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers meeting the avian influenza testing requirements set forth in this section shall originate from a flock in which a random, representative sample of a minimum of 30 birds, three (3) weeks of age or older, were tested for avian influenza within the 14 days prior to the date of entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.
 - (c) If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, all birds of age in that flock shall be tested.
 - (d) Untested birds or birds with a non-negative test result for avian influenza shall not be comingled with or added to the tested flock after negative or not-detected samples have been collected and may not be comingled with or added to the birds that are shipped to the Venue or Fair.
 - (e) For waterfowl, cloacal swab samples shall be collected for virus detection testing. Swabs from geese and ducks shall not be combined in the same tube for testing.
 - (f) For chickens, turkeys, game birds, and ratites, blood samples for Agar Gel Immunodiffusion (AGID) testing or tracheal or oropharyngeal swab samples for virus detection testing are acceptable samples. Samples from more than one species shall not be combined in the same tube for testing.
 - (g) Market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, unfertilized and fertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers shall be accompanied by a copy of the most recent test report in addition to the required health certification documentation. Test results shall be negative or not detected.
- 10. Pullorum-Typhoid Testing and Verification.
 - (a) All samples for pullorum-typhoid testing shall be collected by a certified poultry technician, a category II accredited veterinarian, or a state or federal official.
 - (b) Non-poultry, hatchlings, and fertilized eggs shall meet the salmonella pullorum-typhoid testing requirements set forth under one of the following options. Waterfowl and fertilized waterfowl eggs from Pennsylvania are exempt from the pullorum-typhoid testing requirements. Waterfowl and waterfowl eggs originating outside of Pennsylvania must meet the requirements below.
 - (i) Originate from a flock in good standing on the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Pullorum-typhoid Clean Program, with no break in the chain of ownership by NPIP participants. The NPIP number of the flock shall be noted on the laboratory test report, or official NPIP 9-2 form if the rapid whole blood plate test was performed, or
 - (ii) Originate from a flock in good standing on the Pennsylvania Pullorum Equivalent Program and be accompanied by proof of participation from the Department, or (iii) Individual birds for exhibition (maximum of 300 from the flock) were tested negative for salmonella pullorum-typhoid within the 90 days prior to entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.
 - (iv) Individual birds for exhibition not meeting the age restrictions, set forth in subsection 10.(d) below at the time of exhibition shall originate from a flock which meets the testing requirements set forth in 10.(a)(i) and (b)(ii) above, or shall originate from a flock in which 300 birds of age (or the entire flock if less than 300 birds in the flock) were tested





- negative for salmonella pullorum-typhoid within 90 days of the date of entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.
- (c) Non-poultry, hatchlings, and fertilized eggs shall be accompanied by a copy of the most recent test report. If the rapid whole blood plate test was performed for birds not participating in NPIP, a copy of the state equivalent testing form Flock Testing Report for Rapid Whole Blood Agglutination Plate Test shall accompany the birds. Test results shall be negative. The rapid whole blood test is not approved for use in turkeys.
 - (d) The following age restrictions apply for salmonella pullorum-typhoid testing:
 - (i) Chickens shall be tested at 4 months of age or older.
 - (ii) Turkeys shall be tested at 12 weeks of age or older.
 - (iii) Game birds shall be tested at 4 months of age or older, or upon sexual maturity, whichever comes first.
 - (iv) Ratites shall be tested at 12 months of age or older.
 - (e) National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) protocols for sample collection and testing shall be followed. All samples, excluding those tested with the rapid plate test for salmonella pullorum-typhoid, shall be tested at a NAHLN laboratory.
11. Records. Sample collectors and testers shall maintain records of animal identification, testing records, and any other records required by the Domestic Animal Law and any Order issued by the Department for a minimum of two years and shall make such records available to the Department upon request. Venue or show managers shall maintain records for one year, to include name and address of the exhibitor and health certification of the animals or source flocks and shall make such records available to the Department upon request. This records requirement applies to all market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, unfertilized and fertilized eggs, ornamental feathers, and any other educational display of poultry, non-poultry, or product thereof.
12. Exhibition of Feathers Used for Arts and Crafts. The following standards and requirements apply to the exhibition of feathers used for arts and crafts at a Venue or Fair:
- (a) Feathers, shafts, and down from poultry and non-poultry source flocks shall be sourced and packaged in the United States or meet USDA import requirements.
 - (b) Feathers, shafts, and down from poultry and non-poultry source flocks shall be washed or steam-treated and dried before packaging.
 - (c) Records or packaging evidencing the feathers, shaft and down from poultry and non-poultry source flocks shall meet the criteria established in sections 12.(a) and 12.(b) above shall be made available to the Department and the Venue or Fair organizers upon request.

Department 9: Rabbits
Requirements:

- 1. Permanent Ear Tattoo
- 2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
- 3. An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinary Consultation Relationship statement for the animals being exhibited must be included on the fair registration form.

