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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).


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 USDA scrapie animal identification is required for all sheep. Official scrapie ID includes:
 - A USDA ear tag with a US shield ; or
 - A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database; or
 - Sheep 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.
4. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older.

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 goats. Official ID includes:
 - A USDA ear tag with a US shield **US**; or
 - A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database; or
 - 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.

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.

