

Animal Health Requirements For Admission to New York State and County Fairs

(Part 351 of NYS Agriculture and Markets Regulations)

General Prohibitions and Requirements

- No person shall bring or have present an animal on the fairgrounds during a fair which is not qualified under NYS regulations.
- No person shall present an interstate or intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection that has been altered by anyone other than the issuing veterinarian or an authorized agent.
- Animals demonstrating clinical signs or other evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases shall not be allowed on the fairgrounds during a fair.
- Representatives of the Commissioner may deny admission to or require removal from the fair premises, or require the segregation of any animal showing signs of or exposed to any infectious, contagious or communicable disease. Note: The fair board of directors has the authority to reject unworthy or unsightly exhibits for reasons other than infectious, contagious or communicable disease (Part 350.10). The state veterinarian or animal health inspector will bring questionable exhibits to the attention of the fair board.
- All animals presented that originate from a location other than New York shall meet all New York State importation regulations appropriate to the species in addition to the fair animal health requirements.

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

- Cattle, sheep, goats, swine, llamas, deer, monkeys, misc. ruminants, camels and elephants require a valid CVI to enter the fairgrounds.
- The CVI must be issued by an accredited veterinarian.
- All animals must be uniquely identified. All manmade ID must be recorded. Refer to Animal Identification section below for more information.
- The type and duration of certificate required depends on the origin of the livestock.

New York Origin Livestock:

- A valid intrastate CVI (AI 61) is required.
- Each animal must be individually identified on the CVI.
- The CVI must be issued on or after May 1 of the current year.

Out of State Origin Livestock:

- All animals entering New York State must satisfy import health and test requirements for that species and be accompanied by a valid interstate CVI.
- The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. During the fair season (July 1 through Labor Day) valid CVI's can be used multiple times for entrance into fairs. The initial entrance into a fair must be within 30 days of issuance. In order for the CVI to be used for a later fair, it must be dated and initialed by a state official noting the location of the initial fair. A change in health status or eligibility of an animal necessitates the generation of a new CVI.

Questions regarding import requirements should be directed to the Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3971, or at the division's import/export homepage: http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/ai/import_export.html

Animal Identification

- Animals requiring a CVI must be uniquely identified. Acceptable forms of unique identification include official eartag, registration tattoo, electronic identification or a sketch or photograph signed and dated by an accredited veterinarian who has inspected the individual animal.
- An eartag with a handwritten or printed number that is not unique is not acceptable.
- If electronic ID is utilized as the sole form of identification, the exhibitor is responsible for supplying a working electronic reader. If electronic ID cannot be read entry will be denied.
- Acceptable identification allows positive matching of the animal to all accompanying documents including papers with laboratory test results and vaccination statements.
- Horse sketches and descriptions should reference color pattern, hair whorls, chestnuts, scars and other markers.
- Llama and alpaca drawings must positively identify the individual animal.
- A name or a statement of color without additional distinguishing features or manmade identification is not acceptable identification.
- USDA approved scrapie identification is required for all sheep and goats.

Rabies Vaccination (Must be administered by August 8)

- Current rabies vaccination is required for all species for which there is a USDA licensed vaccine available (cattle, horses, sheep, dog, cat, ferret) and that are 105 days or older on the date of admission to the fair.
- An animal is currently vaccinated beginning 14 days following primary (initial) vaccination continuing for the period stated in the manufacturer's instructions.
- Rabies vaccine label instructions allow vaccination as early as 84 days of age. This allows a one week window between 84 and 91 days of age (105 minus 14 days) where vaccine can be administered to meet the 105 day requirement.
- If an animal reaches the minimum age for rabies vaccination during the fair season, the vaccination requirement must be met even if the animal was previously admitted to a fair when too young to vaccinate.
- Note: Individual fairs can require animals for which there is no approved rabies vaccine to be currently vaccinated for rabies. The requirements outlined above would apply. The fair is responsible for notifying exhibitors.
- The New York State Fair requires rabies vaccination for all livestock species entering the grounds as well as all other mammalian species that have direct contact with the public.

Acceptable Proof of Rabies Vaccination

- Acceptable proof of rabies vaccination must include a signed written statement from the attending veterinarian or a valid certificate of veterinary inspection that has the vaccination listed and is signed by the attending veterinarian.
- Acceptable proof of vaccination must include the name of the product used, the date of administration and the duration of immunity if longer than one year.
- If the statement of rabies vaccination is included on an EIA test record, it must be signed separately in addition to the required EIA test record signature.
- NOTE: Rabies titers are not acceptable proof of rabies protection and cannot be used to meet entry requirements.
- Acceptable proof of vaccination for dogs is a valid vaccination certificate or a copy of the dog license that contains the rabies vaccination information.

BVD-PI Testing

- All cattle and new world camelids (llamas, alpacas, guanacos and vicunas) exhibited at NY county fairs or the State Fair must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). This is a once in a lifetime test that must be reported on the required certificate of veterinary inspection. The issuing veterinarian is responsible for verifying the validity of the test, the identification of the animal and recording the test date on the CVI. If a previous test is not verifiable the test must be repeated.

Cattle Testing:

- Currently acceptable BVD tests for cattle less than 61 days old:
 - Skin notch Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
 - whole blood virus isolation
 - whole blood PCR
- Currently acceptable BVD tests for cattle 61 days of age and older:
 - Skin notch Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
 - Serum or milk Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE)
 - Whole blood virus isolation
 - Whole blood, serum or plasma PCR

Note: The Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell University can conduct PCR testing on pools of up to 10 cattle. Llama, Alpaca, Guanaco, Vicuna Testing

- Currently Acceptable BVD tests:
 - PCR
 - Whole blood virus isolation

Note: The Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell University can pool llama, etc. samples for PCR testing as follows: Animals less than 61 days of age can be tested in pools of 2 animals, whole blood only. Animals 61 days of age and older can be tested in pools of 5 animals using whole blood, serum or plasma.

Cleaning and Disinfection

- All buildings on the fairgrounds housing animals must be cleaned and disinfected prior to the opening of the fair and between groups of animals when housing is rotated (Section 50.2 of Agriculture and Market regulations).

Kidding and Lambing

- Due to the concern about the spread of scrapie, any sheep or goats that are exhibited at a county fair that have recently given birth or have a vaginal discharge, will be ordered removed along with their offspring.
- The causative agent for scrapie may be present in high concentration in fluids associated with birth and the risk of transmission is considered highest at that time.

Commingleing of Sheep and Cattle

- Due to the potential spread of malignant catarrhal fever from sheep to cattle, it is recommended that cattle be kept separate from sheep.

Commingleing of Swine and Poultry

- Due to the potential spread of influenza viruses it is recommended that swine and poultry be housed in separate locations.

Isolation on Returning Home

- The owner or custodian shall keep show animals biologically separate from the herd or flock for a period of at least two weeks after returning to the premises of origin.

Individual Species Requirements

Horses

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is not required for New York origin horses. CVI is required for imported horses.
- Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test is required for all horses 6 months of age or older. The horse must be accompanied by a valid negative EIA test record. The test must have been conducted during the current or previous calendar years for New York origin horses. For imported horses, the test must be conducted within 12 months of entry.
- The EIA test certificate must include a complete description of the horse.
- Current rabies vaccination is required for all horses 105 days of age or older (see above).

Cattle

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.
- Current rabies vaccination is required for all cattle 105 days of age or older (see above).
- All cattle must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). (See current acceptable tests above.) The date and results of the testing must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- All cattle must be currently vaccinated against bovine respiratory disease complex including bovine respiratory syncytial virus, bovine virus diarrhea, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis and parainfluenza with a product administered in a manner and time frame adequate to confer protective immunity for these diseases for the duration of the fair.

Sheep

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified with USDA approved individual scrapie program identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a USDA approved flock tattoo and individual animal ID number or 3) electronic ID if the sheep is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program (owner must supply a working electronic reader).
- For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 518-218-7540.
- Current rabies vaccination is required for all sheep 105 days of age or older (see above).
- The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing accredited veterinarian that the flock of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious or communicable diseases was found.
- If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any sheep, the entire exhibit including the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

Goats

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified with USDA approved individual scrapie program identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a legible registration tattoo or 3) a USDA approved herd tattoo and individual animal ID number or 4) electronic ID if the goat is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program and/or the electronic ID is recorded on the goats registration paper (owner must supply a working electronic reader).
- For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 518-218-7540.

- The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing accredited veterinarian that the herd of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious or communicable diseases was found.
- If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any goat, the entire exhibit including the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.
- **FAIR RULE: The Washington County Fair requires a Rabies Vaccination**

Swine

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.
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Llamas, Alpacas, Guanacos and Vicunas (New world camelids)

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.
- All llamas, etc. must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). (See current acceptable tests above.) The date and results of the testing must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
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Poultry

- Poultry (with the exception of doves, pigeons and waterfowl) must be accompanied by 1) results of a negative pullorum typhoid test conducted within 90 days prior to exhibition OR 2) proof that the birds originated directly from a US pullorum-typhoid clean flock or equivalent flock.

Deer (Cervidae)

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.
- Originate from a herd classified as accredited or qualified under USDA tuberculosis regulations.
- A movement permit obtained from the Division of Animal Industry is required for all deer movements. All CWD and TB program requirements must be met before a permit will be issued. Questions regarding movement permits should be directed to the Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3971.
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Miscellaneous Ruminants / Camels

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.
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Elephants

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.
- All elephants presented for admission to a fair must be exhibited pursuant to a current USDA license.
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Non-human Primates

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.
- Proof of a negative tuberculosis test performed within 12 months of admission.
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PREPARATION FOR THE FAIR

- **Contagious Diseases:** All animals must be free from contagious disease. *Examples* of contagious diseases for which animals have been denied entry or rejected from fairs include the following: ringworm, warts, mange, sore mouth, respiratory infection and contagious hoof infections. ANY animal becoming ill during the fair shall be treated at the owner's expense by a private veterinary practitioner. Said owner is required to notify both the barn superintendent and the overall superintendent (4-H Agriculture Educator) for youth. For open class situations the barn superintendent and the fair office is to be notified. A situation report will then be filled out detailing the situation. Those details should include what measures were taken by the owner, the fair and the State Veterinarians in regard to the animal. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

- **Animal Identification:** Animals must be uniquely identified. Acceptable identification allows positive matching of the animals to all accompanying documents including papers with laboratory test results and vaccination statements. **If a sketch or photograph is to be used for official identification of an animal, the sketch or photograph must contain the signature of the attending veterinarian and date.** Horse sketches and descriptions should reference color pattern, hair whorls, chestnuts, scars and other markings. Llama drawings, as for horses, must positively identify the individual animal. A name or a statement of color without additional distinguishing features or manmade identification is not acceptable identification.
- **Follow Drug and Vaccine Withholding Times:** In order to prevent the contamination of food products, labeled withholding times should be strictly adhered to in food producing animals that have been treated with any chemical (drug) or have had vaccine administered.
- **Isolation:** In addition to the possibility that the stress of moving can result in a healthy animal becoming ill, assembling groups of animals increases the chance of exposure to contagious disease. *All animals returning from a fair or show should be isolated from the herd or flock (no direct or indirect contact) for at least two weeks after returning to the premise of origin.*
- **Proof of Vaccination:** A signed, written statement from the attending veterinarian is required as proof of vaccination. A valid animal health certificate, which has the vaccination(s) listed and is signed by the issuing veterinarian, is acceptable proof of vaccination. The date of vaccination and the name of the products used must be listed on all certificates.

Reasons for Fair Entrance Denial in Past Years

- Testing requirements not fulfilled
- No CVI presented or animals not listed on CVI. (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection)
- Test time constraints not met
- Forged documents
- Mange, Ringworm, Warts, Respiratory Disease or other contagious disease
- Required vaccination(s) not administered
- Vaccination time constraints not met
- Inadequate proof of vaccination
- Lack of or incomplete identification
- Identification between documents varies for the same animal
- Invalid Interstate Charts

Disease status can change. Stay informed about developing animal health issues. Fair entrance requirements may need to be modified.

Don't wait until the last moment to prepare your animal(s) for the fair. If you have any questions or comments about entrance requirements, you can contact your regional state veterinarian/veterinary technician or the NYS Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry, Albany, NY at **518-457-3502**

INTERSTATE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR FAIR ANIMALS

This document is a supplement to the Animal Health Requirements published for animals exhibited at New York State county fairs and the State Fair. Its purpose is to summarize the import requirements that must be met for livestock entering New York destined for fairs. Note that individual county fairs may require rabies vaccination in species not required by the state. Contact the specific fair for their requirements. Further assistance can be obtained by contacting the Division of Animal Industry (DAI) at 518-457-3502 or your State Veterinarian's office.

CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI)

A CVI is required for all animals moving interstate. Note that interstate CVI's must be issued by an accredited veterinarian and countersigned by the State Veterinarian in the state of origin. The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. During the fair season, July 1 thru Labor Day, Interstate CVI's can be used multiple times as long as the initial entrance to a fair in NY is within 30 days of issuance and the CVI is initialed by a state official. All documentation must accompany the animals. Animals not meeting the interstate and/or fair requirements will not be allowed on the grounds. Individual ID is required on all animals. Animals with incomplete or illegible ID will be rejected. Where rabies vaccination is required, the information can be included on the health certificate.

HORSES

Horses 6 months of age or older must test negative for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins). The test must be conducted within 12 months of the day of entry. The horse must be clearly and completely identified. Rabies vaccination is required for all horses over 105 days of age.

CATTLE

Cattle from the neighboring states of New England, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania can enter with CVI only. No tests are required. For information on other states, please contact DAI at 518-457-3971. Vaccination for rabies and the bovine respiratory disease complex is required. Cattle from all states must test negative for BVD-PI with results noted on the CVI.

SHEEP

Sheep can enter with CVI only. No tests are required. All sheep must be identified by a USDA approved tag, a USDA approved flock tattoo with individual ID, or electronic ID if the sheep is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program. The veterinary statement concerning the flock inspection is required. Rabies vaccination is required for all sheep over 105 days of age.

GOATS

Goats can enter with CVI only. No tests are required. The veterinary statement concerning the flock inspection is required. All goats must be identified by a USDA approved tag, legible registration tattoo, a USDA approved herd tattoo, or electronic ID if enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program.

SWINE

Swine can enter with CVI only. No tests are required with the exception of swine from Texas which must have a negative brucellosis test.

LLAMAS/ALPACAS/GUANACOS/VICUNAS (NEW WORLD CAMELIDS)

New world camelids attending a New York county or state fair must be accompanied by a CVI with animals individually identified. They must test negative for BVD-PI with results noted on the CVI.

DEER (CERVIDAE)

Deer must meet the Federal Interstate requirements of tuberculosis testing (be from an accredited or qualified herd). Brucellosis testing is required for deer greater than six months of age. A written permit issued by the Division of Animal Industry is required in advance. For complete information, please contact the Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3971.

BIRDS

Out of state poultry must be accompanied by the NPIP flock certificate if the flock is NPIP certified. Otherwise a CVI is required. Poultry, with the exception of doves, pigeons and waterfowl, must test negative for Pullorum within 30 days of importation if not from an NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Flock. Other birds must be accompanied by a CVI. For more information, contact DAI at 518-457-3971.

MONKEYS

CVI plus negative TB test within 12 months of exhibition is required.

ELEPHANTS

CVI plus evidence of current USDA Exhibitor's License.

MISC. RUMINANTS AND CAMELS

CVI