

For Health Requirement Information:

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2021 Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements

County Fairs

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules applicable to their exhibits.

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. All animals, except as noted, shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) which shows that the animal meets all health requirements for the State of Illinois. CVI's shall be made available to Bureau of Animal Health Personnel on request. CVI means a legible record made on an official form from the state of origin which has been issued, signed and dated by an accredited veterinarian and which shows the name and address of the animal's owner or exhibitor and the results of all required tests or vaccinations. A CVI shall list only one animal identification per line; shall be presented on the form on which it was initially issued; and shall not be corrected, changed or altered in any manner.
3. All animals shall be officially identified. The animal(s) official identification shall be recorded on the CVI.
4. 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.
5. CVI for out-of-state livestock shall be void thirty (30) days after issuance.
6. CVI for Illinois-origin livestock shall be void ninety (90) days after issuance.
7. All livestock shall be subject to examination upon entry to any Illinois fair or exhibition. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases shall be immediately withdrawn and held in quarantine at the owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until the animal is released to return to the owner's premise.
Any livestock infected with scabies, mange, active lesions of ringworm, soremouth, or multiple warts which are easily visible without close examination shall not be permitted to exhibit and are subject to quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds.
Sheep and goats with caseous lymphadenitis as evidenced by draining abscesses shall not be exhibited and are subject to immediate quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds.
8. Illinois Department of Agriculture personnel or designee may collect blood, tissue, milk or urine samples from any animal being exhibited and/or raced at any Illinois fair to test for the presence of illegal drugs or banned substances. New examination techniques, such as ultrasound, may also be used at any time while the animals are on the grounds of any Illinois fair or exhibit. The Illinois Department of Agriculture or designee may collect urine, blood, tissue or other test samples from exhibition animals at the time of slaughter.
9. All exhibitors of animals at any Illinois fair or exhibition 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 ordered removed from the grounds with all awards being forfeited.

Any practice or deviation from normal, accepted care, including physical, medical or mechanical application, shall constitute a violation of show rules and may result in the animal(s) disqualification and removal from the fairgrounds.
10. Any Illinois cattle, bison, cervidae 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.

CATTLE

Identification - Individual identification of each animal shall be either a fully healed and legible tattoo, approved official ear tag, registration number (can only be used if the tattoo is recorded on the registration certificate or for breeds where pictures are acceptable), or individual brands, if brand is recorded on the registration certificate.

ILLINOIS CATTLE

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

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

Please 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.

ILLINOIS SWINE

Identification - 1. 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.

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

Brucellosis - Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois swine.

Pseudorabies - *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 laboratory.

Pseudorabies - 1. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage IV or V state are exempt from the pseudorabies testing requirement.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Barrows and females in market classes must meet the same requirements as breeding swine.

SHEEP

Identification - Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader. Ear tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal. 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.

ILLINOIS SHEEP

1. Sheep originating from a flock that has previously been classified as either an infected or source flock can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved 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>

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GOATS

Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

Tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.

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

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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>

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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.