



LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

NO ANIMAL WILL BE ALLOWED ON GROUNDS WITHOUT HEALTH PAPERS THAT MEET THE STANDARDS OUTLINED BY THE ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY COMMISSION.

TEST RECORD NOT ACCEPTED

EXHIBITION HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FROM ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY COMMISSION

Effective: April 1, 2004

1. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection and Entry permits – “Certificate of Veterinary Inspection” refers to legible record (made on an official form issued from the state or origin by an accredited veterinarian, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of destination. It must bear the identification of each animal and separate certificates must be made for each species of animal entered. Entry permits are required on all swine, and on cattle (steers exempt) from Class B and C states only. Permit numbers can be obtained from the State Veterinarian’s office (501.225.5138) from 8:-4:30pm, Monday through Friday. A certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition must accompany all out-of-state animals; and
 - a. Must be available on request by animal health officials.
 - b. Individually identify all animals, showing positive identification of each animal by tattoo, ear tag, registration number or each notch. Steers should be identified by description.
 - c. Show required tests and/or vaccination,
 - d. Show name and address of owner or exhibitor – this shall be the same name as under which animals are exhibited.
2. Any animal or poultry showing any evidence of infections or contagious disease, or of external parasitism, and animals with active ringworm lesions (with the resulting loss of hair), multiple warts easily visible without close examination or atrophic rhinitis, will not be permitted to exhibit.
3. All animals entering the grounds, including those shown in pet zoos, children’s barnyard animals, Old McDonald Farms, etc. must meet requirements of their particular species.
4. All animals originating out of areas quarantined because of other diseases (vesicular stomatitis, scabies, etc.) shall not be permitted to enter the State.

ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK

COUNTY, JR. DISTRICT, DISTRICT, AND STATE FAIR LEVEL, AND OTHER SHOWS

1. All animals entering the grounds, including those showing in pet zoo’s, children’s barnyard animals, Old McDonald Farms, etc. must meet the requirements of their particular species.
2. Arkansas livestock (except for Arkansas sheep, goats, horses, steers, and rabbits) must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 90 days prior to exhibition, showing the following:

CATTLE

1. Negative brucellosis test within 90 days prior to exhibition, for females and bulls 18 months of age and over. All heifers that have calved or are bred must be tested. Animals originating from a Certified Brucellosis Free Herd and Certified Free herd number is shown on certificate are exempt. If Arkansas is a Class Free State, Arkansas cattle are exempt from testing.
2. All heifers that are 4-12 months of age shall be vaccinated before entering show.
3. Heifers that were born on or after January 1, 1985 that are over 12 months of age and not official calfhood vaccinates will not be allowed to show (unless from certified free herd).

SWINE

1. As of July 1, 2001, all swine must have an official premise identification.
2. Animals 6 months old or older to be tested negative for brucellosis within 90 days of exhibition or originating out of Validated herd, with validation number and date of last herd test shown on certificate (barrows exempt from brucellosis testing, but must be pseudorabies tested).
3. Animals to be tested negative for pseudorabies regardless of age within 90 days of the exhibition on a test approved by the state veterinarian or originate directly out of a Qualified pseudorabies Free Herd, with Qualified herd number and date of last test shown of certificate.
4. Free of other contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases (erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, etc.); otherwise they will not be allowed to show and will be released from fairgrounds.

SHEEP & GOATS

Any sheep or goat showing clinical symptoms of scrapie shall be immediately quarantined in isolation and required to undergo any approved diagnostic tests and shall be consigned to slaughter or destruction with submission of tissues to an approved diagnostic laboratory at the exhibitor's expense. Commingling (as defined by Arkansas Scrapie Regulation) of sheep or goats of different flock status as defined by Voluntary Flock Certification Program (VFCP) is prohibited and must be reported to the VFCP state official and State Veterinarian. No sheep or goats showing symptoms of disease, particularly foot rot, sore mouth, sheep pox, evidence of fungal infection, evidence of abscesses or with draining abscesses will not be allowed to show and may be release by fair officials, veterinarians, or state-federal personnel.

SHEEP

All sheep must be tagged with Scrapie Identification Tag upon arrival on the fairgrounds. If your sheep are from a Certified Scrapie Free Herd advise Superintendent to be penned accordingly. Sheep will be inspected on grounds. No sheep showing symptoms of foot-rot or wool fungus will be allowed to be penned or shown.

DAIRY GOATS

All registered goats entering fairgrounds must be accompanied by a registration certificate (in exhibitors name) with matching permanent identification. All unregistered goats must be tagged with Scrapie Identification Tag upon arrival on the fairgrounds. If your goats are from a Certified Scrapie Free herd advise Superintendent to be penned accordingly. Health certificates will not be required, but goats may be examined on the grounds by fair personnel, veterinarians or state-federal personnel. Goats showing evidence of disease may be released.

RABBITS

Health certificates will not be required on rabbits, but they must be disease free with no ear mites or sore hocks.

POULTRY

An official representing the exhibition shall notify the state veterinarian no later than thirty (30) days prior to the exhibition giving names, place, inclusive dates and time of the event. The requirements are as follows:

1. All in-state poultry, which includes domesticated game birds, quail pheasants, peafowl, guineas, and turkeys, present an exhibition in Arkansas have originated from U.S. pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent flocks or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test with-in ninety (90) days of the movement to the exhibition (pullorum-typhoid testing on fairgrounds during the fair is prohibited). This information will be documented on a NPIP Form VS 9-3, 90 Day Certificate, NPIP Flock Certification Form or similar certificate which will accompany the poultry during exhibition.
2. All non-certified birds must be banded (leg or wing band), with a sealed band. Wrap-around plastic bands are not acceptable. In-state waterfowl are exempt from pullorum-typhoid requirements.
3. Any poultry showing evidence of infectious or contagious disease or insect infestation will not be permitted to exhibit.
4. Record keeping – The sponsor of the exhibition shall compile a list of all poultry present at the exhibition. This list shall contain the name and address of each owner, the number, the species, breed, variety, type, sex and pullorum-typhoid status of all poultry present. A copy of this shall be retained by the sponsor of the exhibition for at least (12) months.

HORSES

Negative EIA test required within past twelve months for all animals over 6 months of age. Nursing foals under 6 months of age are exempt from testing if accompanied by negative tested dams. Photocopies of the test papers will not be accepted; carbon copies are acceptable. A person who is certified must check papers.