



**2008 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND BIRDS  
AT STATE FAIR AND DISTRICT SHOWS**

**SECTION 1 - GENERAL**

- A. All animals, poultry and birds intended for exhibition within the State of Iowa will be considered under quarantine and not eligible for showing until the owner or agent presents a CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION, stating the animals, poultry or birds are apparently free from symptoms of infectious or communicable diseases as determined on clinical inspection by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days (14 days for sheep) prior to date of entry to exhibition grounds.
- B. INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES OF VETERINARY INSPECTION WILL NOT BE REQUIRED in certain classes, if the division superintendent has made prior arrangements with the official fair veterinarian to have all animals and/or birds inspected on arrival and prior to exhibition.

ANY EVIDENCE OF WARTS, RINGWORM, FOOT ROT, PINK EYE, DRAINING ABSCESSSES, OR ANY OTHER CONTAGIOUS DISEASE WILL ELIMINATE THE ANIMAL FROM THE SHOW.

**CONSULT YOUR STATE AND/OR COUNTY FAIR BOOK FOR ADDITIONAL OR  
SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS.**

**SECTION 2 – BREEDING CATTLE**

**TUBERCULOSIS (Iowa is Class Free):**

Cattle originating from an accredited-free state or zone may be exhibited without other testing requirements when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that lists official individual identification. Cattle from a herd or area under quarantine for tuberculosis may not be exhibited. Cattle from a state or zone which is not an accredited-free state or zone must meet the following requirements:

1. An individual animal test conducted within 30 days of the exhibition, or
2. Originate from a tuberculosis accredited-free herd, with the accredited herd number and date of last test listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

**BRUCELLOSIS (Iowa is Class Free):**

- A. Native Iowa cattle originating from a herd not under quarantine can be exhibited without other testing requirements when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing individual identity.
- B. Cattle originating outside the state must meet one of the following requirements:
1. Originate from Brucellosis Class "Free" states, when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and showing individual official identification, or
  2. Official vaccinates under 24 months (beef), 20 months (dairy), when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing official calfhood vaccination and individual official identification, or
  3. Animals of any age originating from a herd not under quarantine when accompanied by a Certificate of

Veterinary Inspection, showing a report of a negative brucellosis test conducted within 30 days prior to opening date of exhibition and individual official identification, or

4. Originate from a certified brucellosis free herd, accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing individual official identity, herd number, and date of last test, or
5. Calves under 6 months of age when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing individual official identification.

**NOTES:**

1. All brucellosis tests must have been confirmed by a State-Federal Laboratory.
2. All nurse cows which accompany calves to be exhibited must meet above health requirements.
3. All cattle and bison originating from states not officially classified as brucellosis or tuberculosis free must obtain a pre-entry permit from the Iowa State Veterinarian's Office. (515.281.5547)

**SECTION 3 - MARKET BEEF CATTLE**

Steers and beef- type heifers exhibited in market classes must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing individual identification for each animal and originate from a herd not under quarantine.

**SECTION 4 - SWINE**

**GENERAL:**

1. All swine must be individually identified on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and originate from herds or areas not under quarantine. Plastic tags issued by 4-H officials can be substituted for an official metal test tag, when an additional identification (ear notch) is also recorded on the test chart and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. All identification is to be recorded on the pseudorabies test chart and the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

**BRUCELLOSIS (Iowa is Class Free):**

1. Native Iowa Swine--No brucellosis test required for exhibition purposes.
2. Swine from Out of State--All breeding swine six months of age and older must either:
  - A. Originate from a Brucellosis Class "Free" state; or
  - B. Originate from a brucellosis validated herd with herd certification number and date of last test listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection; or
  - C. Have a negative brucellosis test conducted within 60 days prior to show and confirmed by a state-federal laboratory.

**1) AUJESZKY'S DISEASE (PSEUDORABIES) - ALL SWINE (Iowa is Stage V)**

1. Native Iowa swine. Native Iowa swine originating from a Stage 4 or lower status county must present a test record and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that indicate that each swine has had a negative test for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to the show (individual show regulations may have more restrictive time restrictions), regardless of the status of the herd, and that lists the individual official identification. Native Iowa swine originating from a Stage 5 status county must present a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection listing individual official identification. No pseudorabies testing requirements will be necessary for native Iowa swine originating from Stage 5 counties. Electronic identification will not be considered official identification for exhibition purposes.
2. Swine originating outside Iowa. All exhibitors must present a test record and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection

that indicate that each swine has had a negative test for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to the show (individual show regulations may have more restrictive time restrictions), regardless of the status of the herd, and that lists the individual official identification. Electronic identification will not be considered official identification for exhibition purposes.

3. Swine that return from an exhibition to the home herd or that are moved to a purchaser's herd following an exhibition or consignment sale must be isolated and retested negative for pseudorabies not less than 30 and not more than 60 days after reaching their destination. (Code of Iowa 166D.13(2).)

### **SECTION 5 - SHEEP AND GOATS**

1. All animals must be individually officially identified on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and originate from herds or areas not under quarantine. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for sheep will require clinical inspection by an accredited veterinarian within 14 days (30 days for goats) prior to date of entry to exhibition grounds.

2. A. All sexually intact sheep must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag and this number must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

B. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG), and the complete ear tag number or complete ear tattoo number must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must also include a statement certifying the herd's participation in the Scrapie program.

*If you use tattoos instead of scrapie tags:*

- *Complete numbers from both ears (or complete tail or flank numbers) must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.*
- *Herd tattoo prefix must be registered with USDA by calling 1-866-USDA-TAG.*
- *A statement must be included on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection indicating that the herd participates in the scrapie program, and listing the official tattoo registered to the herd.*

3. **Any evidence of club lamb fungus, ringworm, draining abscesses, foot rot, sore mouth, or any other contagious disease will eliminate the animal from the show.**

4. Goats originating from outside of the state exhibiting at a state or district show at the exhibition - must originate from a state certified brucellosis free herd, or the animal(s) exhibited must have a negative brucellosis test performed within 90 days of the exhibition. In addition, they must originate from a herd having a whole-herd negative Tuberculosis test within the last twelve months, or the animal(s) exhibited must have a record of a negative tuberculosis test performed within 90 days of exhibition. Brucellosis and tuberculosis class "free" state status for bovines is not recognized for goats moving into Iowa.

Goats originating from outside of the state exhibiting at a state or district show and returning to the premise of origin are exempt from testing requirements if the certificate of veterinary inspection meets all general requirements, identification requirements and has the following statement written by the licensed accredited veterinarian on the certificate of veterinarian: **"The goat(s) listed are for exhibition only and not for resale."**

**NOTE:** If dairy and breeding goats exhibited are intended for sale, the animals must meet Iowa animal admission requirements, which are as follows:

**Brucellosis:** All goats over six months of age, except those for immediate slaughter, must either originate from a certified free herd, showing date of last test and herd identification number, or prove negative to a brucellosis test conducted within thirty days prior to entry. All sexually intact goats less than six months of age must originate from a herd which has been whole-herd tested negative for brucellosis within the last 12 months or must originate from a certified brucellosis-free herd (the date of the last test and certified herd number must be listed on the certificate of Veterinary inspection).

**Tuberculosis:** All goats must either originate from a tuberculosis-free herd, showing date of last test and herd accreditation number; or originate from a negative herd, tested within twelve months prior to entry, showing date of herd test; or have a negative tuberculosis test applied within thirty days prior to entry. Goats less than six

months of age must originate from a herd which has been whole-herd tested negative for tuberculosis within the past 12 months or must originate from and accredited tuberculosis-free herd (the date of the last test and accredited herd number must be listed on the certificate of veterinary inspection). All goats native to or originating from a county or region under quarantine for tuberculosis are not eligible for entry into Iowa.

#### **SECTION 6 - HORSES AND MULES**

All horses shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with individual identification, or a description of the individual animal. These requirements apply to all horses entering the fairgrounds.

Native Iowa horses and mules can be exhibited when accompanied by an individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection listing a description of the individual animals.

All equine originating from outside the state shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection listing a description of the individual animals; and indicating that each animal six months of age and older in the shipment has had a negative official equine infectious anemia test within twelve months of importation. The testing laboratory, accession number, and date of test must appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, or a copy of the Coggins (EIA) test paper must be presented.

#### **SECTION 7 - POULTRY AND BIRDS**

All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must have been performed by an authorized tester. (SEE GENERAL SECTION 1.B)

#### **SECTION 8 - DOGS AND CATS**

All dogs and cats exhibited must have a current rabies vaccination certificate (SEE GENERAL SECTION 1.B)

#### **SECTION 10 – RABBITS AND OTHER SPECIES**

(SEE GENERAL SECTION 1.B)

**THE VETERINARY INSPECTOR IN CHARGE SHALL ORDER ANY ANIMALS, POULTRY OR BIRDS, WHEN FOUND TO BE INFECTED WITH ANY CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES, TO BE REMOVED FROM THE FAIR OR EXHIBITION.**



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