

**WISCONSIN COUNTY, DISTRICT,  
& STATE FAIRS  
ANIMAL HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**SUMMARY**

If a fair or livestock exhibition lasts more than 24 hours the sponsors shall appoint a licensed Veterinarian to conduct a daily inspection of all livestock at the fair or exhibition. The Veterinarian shall review all records and test results required under ATCP 10.87. If a fair or exhibition lasts less than 24 hours, all records or test results required by ATCP 10.87 shall be reviewed by a licensed Veterinarian or by the show chairperson. Records shall include exhibitors name and address, identification of animals exhibited including number, type and description, documentation to show compliance with disease testing and other health requirements, and the livestock premises code, if any, of the premises from which the animals originate.

This is a summary of DATCP animal health requirements for exhibition only. These requirements may change due to animal disease emergence in Wisconsin or other states, for example vesicular stomatitis in the western states. It is always advisable to check with the Division of Animal Health (608-224-4872) for the most recent health requirements when planning to exhibit animals. Animals meeting exhibition requirements may not meet all import or movement requirements for other purposes.

The fair and WDATCP have the right to make such tests and examinations as may be necessary to determine the disease status of any animal exhibited and to exclude or remove any animal afflicted with or suspected of being afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease. If at any time any animal shows evidence of a contagious or infectious disease, it shall be immediately removed from the exhibit and slaughtered or quarantined as directed by the Department.

**CATTLE AND BISON**

Cattle affected with ringworm, warts, mange or scab may not be exhibited, unless the Veterinarian in charge determines the ringworm lesions or warts are inactive and incapable of transmitting the disease. Any cattle found with ringworm, warts, mange or scab that are active shall be removed from the premises of the fair.

**Cattle originating from within Wisconsin**

There are no test or health document requirements for Wisconsin cattle. However, fair management is responsible for maintaining records of persons who have exhibited at the fair, the livestock premises code, if any, and the identification of animals shown for 5 years. Acceptable forms of animal identification for breeding animals are (1) an official metal eartag, (2) a breed registration number, (3) a breed registration tattoo or (4) other identification approved by the department. For steers, either an official identification as listed for breeding animals or the eartag applied at weigh-in may be used. Entry blanks submitted and signed by exhibitors, including one of the forms of identification listed above will fulfill the exhibitor requirements.

**Cattle originating from outside Wisconsin**

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall accompany all cattle documenting animal identification (see above) and all tests or certifications required. Animals must meet normal Wisconsin requirements for interstate movement.

Steers are exempt from any brucellosis test requirement.

Cattle from Brucellosis Certified Free herds in Class A states may enter Wisconsin without a prior brucellosis test if the certified herd number and the last test date appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

All cattle originating from Modified Accredited Advanced states shall have a negative tuberculosis test within 60 days of import, these states are Minnesota and New Mexico. Call the Division of Animal Health for a current listing of these states.

Dairy cattle imported from states not recognizing Wisconsin's Tuberculosis Free status shall be required to have a negative Tuberculosis test for any dairy cattle 6 months of age and older and within 60 days of import. These states currently include: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut (beef also), Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska (beef also), Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania (beef also), South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, West Virginia (beef also), Wyoming. Call the Division of Animal Health for any changes to the list of these states.

Cattle originating from Tuberculosis Accredited Free herds (except MI) may enter without a prior tuberculosis test if the accredited herd number appears on the certificate.

Cattle originating from **Michigan** must have a permit number and require special Tuberculosis testing. Exhibitors should contact the Division of Animal Health at 608-224-4872, well in advance of the fair or exhibition, to determine their testing requirements.

Cattle from Canada may be exhibited in Wisconsin if they meet current federal requirements to cross the international border.

## **SWINE**

### **Swine originating from within Wisconsin**

All swine shall be accompanied by a Wisconsin Intrastate Movement Certificate stating that the herd of origin has been inspected on the farm within 30 days prior to the exhibition and no apparent disease has been present in the herd for the past 30 days. The certificate must also include all required test documentation.

### **Swine originating from outside Wisconsin**

All swine shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection stating that no pseudorabies vaccine has been administered to the swine, and contain all required test documentation.

All swine shall have a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of arrival at the fair or originate from a qualified Pseudorabies negative herd that is qualified by testing 7% of the herd each month, or originate from a commercial swine herd in a state classified as Stage IV or V. The date of the last monthly test must be included on the certificate.

Swine entering directly from a Stage II state are not eligible for show or exhibition.

## **SHEEP**

### **Sheep originating from within Wisconsin**

Sexually-intact sheep of any age, and all other sheep 12 months of age and older must be identified with official scrapie ear tags or other official individual identification. Sexually intact sheep exposed to scrapie will not be allowed to exhibit.

### **Sheep originating from outside Wisconsin**

All sheep shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. All sheep must be identified with official scrapie ear tags or other official individual identification. Sheep exposed to scrapie will not be allowed to enter Wisconsin.

## **GOATS**

### **Goats originating from within Wisconsin**

Sexually-intact goats of any age, and all other goats 12 months of age and older must be identified with official scrapie ear tags or other official individual identification. Sexually intact goats exposed to scrapie will not be allowed to exhibit.

### **Goats originating from outside Wisconsin**

All goats shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. All goats must be identified with official scrapie ear tags or other official individual identification. Goats exposed to scrapie will not be allowed to enter Wisconsin.

Goats originating from **Michigan** must have a permit number and require special Tuberculosis testing. Exhibitors should contact the Division of Animal Health at 608-224-4872, well in advance of the fair or exhibition, to determine their testing requirements.

## **EQUINE**

### **Equine animals originating from within Wisconsin**

All equine animals shall be accompanied by documentation (original laboratory report VS 10-11 or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test conducted within the current calendar year and which clearly identifies the equine by a registration number, lip tattoo or freeze brand, or a complete description of the equine.

### **Equine animals originating from outside Wisconsin**

All equine animals shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and have been tested negative for equine infectious anemia (EIA) test conducted within the current calendar year. The Certificate must clearly identify the equine by a registration number, lip tattoo or freeze brand, or a complete description of the equine animal.

## LLAMAS AND EXOTIC RUMINANTS

### Llamas, Alpacas, and Exotic Ruminants originating from within Wisconsin

There are no requirements.

### Llamas and Alpacas originating from outside Wisconsin

All llamas and Alpacas must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and have official animal identification.

### Exotic Ruminants originating from within Wisconsin

There are no requirements.

### Exotic Ruminants originating from outside Wisconsin

Exotic Ruminants are required to have a written import permit, must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, and have official animal identification. A negative Tuberculosis, within 60 days prior to import, and a negative Brucellosis test, within 30 days prior to import, shall be recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which is faxed to the Division of Animal Health (608-224-4871) prior to the import permit being issued.

## POULTRY

All poultry and waterfowl must originate from flocks designated as U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or NPIP Affiliate flock and accompanied by a NPIP certificate or originate from a Wisconsin Tested Flock or Wisconsin Associate Flock and be accompanied by an enrollment certificate provided by the department certifying that they are a Wisconsin Tested Flock or Wisconsin Associate Flock. Sexually mature birds that do not meet these requirements may qualify with documentation of a negative test for Pullorum-typhoid (and *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* for turkeys) conducted within 90 days prior to arrival at the exhibition, and be individually identified with a wing band or leg band. Turkeys that are not going directly to slaughter may not be commingled with other poultry. This may be accomplished by separate housing or controlling the air flow or placement and spacing to prevent movement of *M. gallisepticum* from other poultry to the turkeys. The fair veterinarian should make this decision.

## CERVIDAE

### Cervidae originating from within Wisconsin

All cervidae must be officially identified, be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, be enrolled in a CWD monitoring program meeting the requirements of ATCP 10.56 and originate from an accredited TB-free herd, qualified TB-free herd, monitored herd-tested within 90 days of movement, or the farm-raised deer is tested negative on two single cervical tuberculin tests conducted 90 to 270 days apart, isolated and the second test within 90 days of the date of movement.

### Cervidae originating from outside Wisconsin

All cervidae must have a pre-entry permit number from the department and approved by the State Veterinarian (phone: 608-224-4872), official identification, a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, and meet Wisconsin requirements for interstate movement (ATCP 10.55).

Cervidae originating from **Michigan** must have a permit and require special Tuberculosis testing. Exhibitors should contact the Division of Animal Health at 608-224-4872 well in advance of the fair or exhibition to determine their testing requirements.

## DOGS AND DOMESTIC CATS

### Dogs and cats originating from within Wisconsin

Dogs over 5 months of age must have proof of current rabies vaccination.

### Dogs and cats originating from outside Wisconsin

All dogs and domestic cats shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and have proof of a current rabies vaccination if the dog or cat is five months old. See ATCP 10.80 for specific vaccination information.

## CIRCUS, RODEO, RACING AND MENAGERIE ANIMALS

All shall have a permit from the Department, and shall be isolated from all non-circus, non-rodeo, and non-menagerie animals at the exhibition. They must meet current import requirements. Phone 608-224-4872 for a permit application. Fair managers:

Please note that this requirement applies to all animals belonging to midway attractions and rodeos.

**ADVISORY FOR HOUSING NON-TRADITIONAL LIVESTOCK AND FOR MANAGEMENT OF OTHER ANIMALS WHILE THE FAIR IS UNDERWAY:**

The Department makes the following recommendations, but these are not required by statute or administrative rule:

1. Exotic camelids (llamas, vicuñas, alpacas, and guanacos), other exotic ruminants and cervidae are not housed with domestic cattle.
2. Ratites (ostriches, emus, rheas, and cassowaries) should not be housed with domestic poultry.
3. Swine should not be housed with other mammalian species.
4. Bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) is an infectious disease of cattle that can spread rapidly under the conditions of a livestock show. The Department strongly recommends that all breeding cattle exhibited at Wisconsin fairs be properly vaccinated against BVD at least 30 days prior to the show. Exhibitors should consult with their veterinarians regarding the proper choice of vaccine and the correct schedule for its administration.
5. Recommend that cattle be test negative for BVD-PI by immunoperoxidase test and negative for Johnes disease by the ELISA test.
6. Prohibit the use of common watering and feeding troughs.
7. Recommend all vehicles used to transport animals to and from the exhibition, or used at the exhibition, be cleaned and disinfected prior to and after use for this purpose.
8. Require all animals found to be afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease to be promptly removed from the premises.
9. Provide hand wash stations near all livestock facilities.
10. Recommend that all fairs add a space on livestock entry forms for the Premises Registration Code.

**THE ULTIMATE DECISION ON ANY FAIR HEALTH OR DISEASE CONCERN IS VESTED IN THE ATTENDING VETERINARIAN.**