

2024 PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Pennsylvania Fairs Animal Health Requirements for Exhibition, Including Commercial Exhibition

This document provided the requirements for the Pennsylvania County and Community Fairs receiving funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The management of individual fairs may adopt requirements which are more stringent than those of the Department, and all exhibitors are encouraged to check with the management of each fair in advance to ensure compliance with all requirements.

These requirements are not required for local, county and district 4-H and FFA exhibitions which are not held in conjunction with a Pennsylvania County and Community Fair receiving funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but it is recommended that these requirements be adopted by show management.

These requirements are designed to protect animal health while minimizing the financial impact on youth exhibitors associated with the individual certificates of veterinary inspection (CVI) requirement. Please note that exhibitors are not required to send the CVI to the Department for approval prior to the fair – the CVI may be checked at the fair.

For specified events at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, including the Pennsylvania Farm Show, the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show, the Pennsylvania State Junior Dairy Show, the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, the Pennsylvania Fall Holstein Show and the Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show, exhibitors will need to consult the current requirements in place for those particular events.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture recommends that animals returning home from fairs be isolated from other members of the herd or flock for 2-4 weeks to help prevent the spread of disease. In addition to these animal health requirements, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture recommends that exhibitors of all animals, including those for commercial exhibit, discuss the health of their animals, including vaccine recommendations, with a veterinarian on a regular basis.

Premium List Livestock Department

All animals (except swine) must be entered Friday, August 30th between 5-9 PM.
Swine will be entered from 8-10 PM.

Animals will be released at or before 8 PM on Monday, September 2, 2024.

Exhibitors who remove animals prior to excusal will forfeit their premiums.

All premium checks will be mailed to exhibitors.

All Stock must be shown for judging by owners or his representative.

Please use official entry form found in this premium book. Additional forms may be obtained from the Superintendents of Stock Departments, on the Fair website at www.juniatacountyfair.com or at the Fair Office.

While the Juniata County Fair will do everything in their power to protect animals while on exhibition, they will not be responsible for any injuries incurred.

All beef, dairy, goat, swine, sheep, rabbit and poultry entries must be owned by exhibitor for 30 days or longer.

Livestock entries in Department 10 must meet eligibility requirements outlined in first paragraph of Department 10. Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering his animals. Hay and straw for bedding will not be provided.

Please note specie limits on each entry page. Exhibitors are expected to accept the stall assignments without controversy. Regarding livestock exhibitor parking: After unloading animals for exhibit, when taking your trailer home, please use the back entrance to avoid incoming fair traffic. Please park only one vehicle per exhibitor next to the barn. No dogs are permitted in the livestock barn except service dogs.



Health Rules for Cattle

We will follow the most updated recommendations of the PA Department of Agriculture. If you have questions, please contact the specie superintendent

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued no more than 7 days prior to arrival at the fair is required. Fair arrival date is August 30, 2024.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the grounds.
3. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes one of the following:
 - USDA issued metal ear tag
 - A breed registration tattoo if the tattoo is legible and the animal is accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate
 - A breed registration ear tag if the animal is accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate
 - An ISO compliant 15-digit ear tag (including RFID)
5. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is recommended for animals 3 months of age or older (market cattle are exempt from this vaccination requirement). All vaccine label directions must be followed and all rabies vaccinated cattle must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. If a rabies vaccination certificate is provided, the certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

Health Rules for Goats

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after July 1st of the current year is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the grounds.
3. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes one of the following:
 - An official USDA scrapie ear tag. Contact the USDA to obtain scrapie ear tags at 1-866-873-2824, weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm. Your order may take several weeks for processing, so order tags early
 - An ISO complaint 15-digit ear tag (including RFID)
 - A USDA approved custom scrapie ear tag
 - A USDA approved scrapie tattoo
4. Goats with an official scrapie tattoo must also have a unique individual animal ID (tattoo) to meet the scrapie ID requirement; or goats having a breed registration tattoo and accompanied by a registration certificate are exempt from the scrapie ID requirement if the tattoo is legible and a registration certificate (copy acceptable) or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which lists the tattoo and registry accompanies animal at all times during transport from the premises of birth.

Health Rules for Sheep

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after July 1st of the current year is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the grounds.
3. Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is required. Official scrapie ID includes:
 - An official USDA scrapie ear tag. Contact the USDA to obtain scrapie ear tags at 1-866-873-2824, weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm. You order may take several weeks for processing, so order tags early
 - A USDA approved custom scrapie ear tag
 - A USDA approved scrapie tattoo with individual animal ID (tattoo)
 - An ISO compliant 15-digit ear tag (including RFID)
4. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is recommended for animals three months of age and older. All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated animals must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate, or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. The certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the original rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

Health Rules for Swine

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after August 1st of the current year is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the grounds.
3. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes one of the follow:
 - An ISO-compliant 15-digit eartag starting with “840” (including RFID)
4. No swine species shall be exhibited in Pennsylvania unless each animal:
 - Is accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 30 days of the exhibition;
 - Is permanently identified by an official 840 series radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tag and the ear tag number is recorded on the CVI;
 - Has been visually inspected and found to be free of signs of contagious disease immediately prior to unloading at the exhibition by an accredited veterinarian or swine health monitor appointed by the fair board or livestock show committee.
 - Swine health monitors appointed by fairs or show/event organizers must undergo annual online training which can be found at the following link: [Pennsylvania Show and Fair Swine Health Monitor Training \(psu.edu\)](https://psu.edu) or the following site [Extension.psu.edu/Pennsylvania-show-and-fair-swine-health-monitor-training](https://extension.psu.edu/Pennsylvania-show-and-fair-swine-health-monitor-training). Swine health monitors must provide a current completion certificate to the fair or show staff they will be performing monitoring services for, prior to the start of the event.
5. All breeding swine exhibitions are to occur prior to the arrival of any market swine:
 - a. Breeding swine must be removed from the animal exhibition premises prior to any market swine arriving.
 - b. Breeding swine animals for exhibitions shall arrive, exhibit, and depart in a period no greater than 72 hours. Time begins when the first swine arrives physically on the fairgrounds whether unloaded from a trailer or not and ends when the last hog physically leaves the premises on a trailer.
 - c. Swine birthing exhibitions and educational displays in which swine are not competing may occur concurrently with market swine animal exhibition, as long as, reasonable precaution is made to ensure the biosecurity of the swine birthing exhibition or educational display.
6. All market swine exhibited in Department-sponsored market shows shall move as all-in and all-out directly to a PDA or USDA licensed slaughter facility following the animal exhibition and may not be diverted to premises other than a recognized slaughter 1/10/23 establishment or a slaughter market in which the sales are designated slaughter-only sales.
7. Non- PDA sponsored shows including jackpot shows and 4-H round-ups, not occurring during a PDA sponsored fair or show are exempt from the terminal slaughter requirement only if the following conditions are adhered to:
 - a. As is stated above, the swine shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within 14 days of the exhibition and shall be permanently identified by an 840 series radio frequency (RFID) identification ear tag.
 - b. Arrival, exhibition and departure of the swine occur within a 72-hour window. Time begins when the first swine arrives physically on the exhibition grounds, whether unloaded from a trailer or not, and ends when the last hog physically leaves the premises on a trailer.
 - c. There is no public access to the animals other than observation during competitions.
 - d. An Accredited Veterinarian or trained swine health monitor visually inspects the animals prior to unloading, and they are found to be free of signs of contagious disease.
 - e. An accredited Veterinarian or trained swine health monitor shall monitor and record the health of the pigs daily for signs of contagious disease and the accredited Veterinarian shall immediately report all suspicious disease to the State Animal Health Official.
 - f. A Veterinary-client-patient-relationship is established between the show committee/management staff and an accredited Veterinarian, and that Veterinarian is readily available for health monitoring, emergency coverage, treatment, follow up evaluation, and prompt reporting of suspicious disease to the State Animal Health Official.

Health Rules for Rabbit

1. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the grounds.
2. All rabbits must have an ear tattoo.