

## **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMALS EXHIBITED AT THE 2020 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR**

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The Nebraska State Fair, in cooperation with the Nebraska State Veterinarian’s Office and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, recognizes and abides by the importation laws of the state of Nebraska. The requirements in this document reflect the import and livestock movements of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, as well as additional requirements from the Nebraska State Fair.

Livestock disease control is vital for the livestock industry in Nebraska and the nation. Biosecurity is a key component of controlling diseases. Anytime animals are comingled, the chance of spreading disease is multiplied and so is the need for heightened biosecurity. To help prevent the spread of disease in the swine industry, it is the recommendation of the State Veterinarian that the non-terminal exhibition swine not be in contact with terminal exhibition swine. To that end, it is recommended non-terminal and terminal swine be exhibited on separate days.

### **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)**

All animals entering the Nebraska State Fairgrounds must be accompanied by a current CVI (except rabbits, pigeons and poultry originating in Nebraska) and shall have official identification listed on the CVI. CVIs must list the Nebraska State Fair as consignee.

Each CVI must:

- a. Be issued by an accredited licensed veterinarian.
- b. Show name and address of owner or exhibitor.
- c. Show all required tests and/or vaccinations.
- d. **Each Swine CVI must contain the following statement: “To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on this certificate have not been exposed to, infected with or originated from premises known to be infected by Swine Enteric Corona Disease (SECD) or Seneca Valley Virus (SVV) in the last thirty (30) days.”**

CVIs must be issued within thirty (30) days of the exhibition: **EXCEPTION – shorn sheep, meat goats and dairy goats and rabbits.**

All sheep and meat goats exhibited (except breeding sheep shown “in the wool”.) must be shorn prior to being examined by a veterinarian. **A CVI must be issued within fifteen (15) days of exhibition for all shorn sheep and meat goats. All dairy goats must have a CVI issued within fifteen (15) days of exhibition.**

### **General Health Requirements for All Animals**

1. Representatives of the State Veterinarian’s Office will be in attendance to verify CVIs.
2. Under no circumstances may animals under quarantine be exhibited.
3. Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases will be allowed to show.
4. Animals that have active sore mouth, ringworm, lesions, visible warts, dermatitis or abscesses will not be allowed entry into the Nebraska State Fair for exhibition.
5. The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair/wool has begun re-growth in the area and is so stated on the CVI.
6. All animals entering the Nebraska State Fair will be subject to examination by a State Fair veterinarian upon arrival or during the show. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases may be immediately withdrawn from the show and held in

quarantine at owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered or until properly released to return to owner's premises following treatment.

7. Animals with sore mouth, ringworm or warts that are visible by a hands-on inspection will not be allowed to remain on the premises.

8. Any animals not from Nebraska that are sold or staying in Nebraska after exhibition must meet Nebraska import requirements. All out of state bovine animals being used for athletic events (roping, team penning, stock dog trials) must be tested negative for TB within six (6) months.

**9. List official identification (steel tags, individual animal breed registry tattoos, or 840 RFID tags) and accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) which are correlated to official identification, on the CVI and accompanying certification where necessary.**

**If an emerging disease is detected in Nebraska or any other state, additional requirements may be put in place.**

### **NEBRASKA ORIGIN**

**BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE (CVI with official ID listed):** All cattle must be individually identified with official ID on the CVI. Accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) are more easily read, but need to be listed and correlated to official identification (steel tags, tattoos, or 840 tags) on the CVI. Individual animal breed registry tattoos **must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers.**

A. **Tuberculosis** - no test required to exhibit. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.

B. **Brucellosis** - no test required to exhibit. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.

C. **Bovine Virus Diarrhea (BVD-pi)** – The Nebraska State Fair, as a responsible leader in the livestock industry, is requiring that ALL cattle entering the Nebraska State Fair must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status prior to arrival at the Fair. Acceptable tests include (a) immunohistochemistry (IHC) skin, (b) antigen-capture ELISA serum, (c) antigen-capture ELISA skin, (d) polymerase chain reaction (PCR) skin, whole blood or serum, or (e) virus isolation, whole blood or serum. Pooled sample testing methodology will be accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and can be documented to assure State Fair regulation compliance. The Nebraska State Fair will accept results of the IDEXX SNAP test. Testing will not be allowed or performed on any animal after arrival. Documentation of said testing with negative results must accompany, attached to or be listed on the required CVI. Once an animal tests negative, they are negative for life. Animals that were previously tested negative must bring documentation of said test, along with the required CVI, to present to the examining veterinarians at the Check-In Trailer.

D. **Trichomoniasis** – There are no Trichomoniasis testing requirements for animals originating from within Nebraska.

### **SHEEP AND GOATS (CVI with official ID listed)**

A. All sheep being exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair will be examined for fungus prior to entering the Nebraska State Fairgrounds or at unloading time. All sheep will be examined by a licensed State Fair veterinarian. Blankets must be removed. **Market lambs may be examined at check in/weigh in and again prior to entering the show ring! All market lambs must be completely slick shorn, including belly, within ¼ inch PRIOR to arrival at the show. Wool may be left on the legs ONLY below the knees and hocks.** If any live fungus is found, said animal will be removed from contacting other sheep and people, and not allowed to be shown.

B. All sheep and meat goats exhibited (except breeding sheep shown "in the wool") must be shorn prior to being examined by a veterinarian. **A CVI must be issued within fifteen (15) days of exhibition for all shorn sheep, carcass contest lambs and meat goats. Also, all dairy goats must be issued a CVI within fifteen (15) days of exhibition.**

C. Identification: All sexually intact sheep and goats, wethers 18 months and older being exhibited, must have USDA Official Scrapie Identification and this must be listed on the CVI;

Individual animal breed registry tattoos **must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers**. 982 tags are NOT official USDA scrapie tags.

D. Under no circumstances may sheep or goats be exhibited at the Fair which originate from scrapie-source flocks or scrapie-infected flocks.

### **SWINE (CVI with official ID listed) (4-H / FFA ID acceptable for terminal show)**

- A. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) will be required for all exhibited swine. All swine must be individually identified with official ID on the CVI. **Each Swine CVI must contain the following statement: "To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on this certificate have not been exposed to, infected with or originated from premises known to be infected by Swine Enteric Corona Disease (SECD) or Seneca Valley Virus (SVV) in the last thirty (30) days."**
- B. The Nebraska State Fair is a non-terminal show for all 4H and FFA Market hogs. A terminal show is defined as animals leaving this show facility and being transported directly to a slaughter facility without unloading at any other point.
- C. After exhibition of non-terminal swine, the Nebraska State Fair strongly recommends that exhibited swine should be kept separate and apart from all other swine and tested negative for PRV and Brucellosis in not less than thirty (30) days following last exhibition, or shipped directly to slaughter.

### **HORSES**

- A. CVI required. The date of vaccinations needs to be written on the CVI. A copy of invoice showing proof of vaccinations should be attached to the CVI.
- B. No EIA (Coggins) required for "In State" horses.
- C. ALL horses must be vaccinated for EHV **no more than FOUR months (120 days)** prior to the start of the Fair.
- D. The Nebraska State Fair strongly recommends that ALL horses also be vaccinated PRIOR to coming to the Fair for equine influenza.
- E. **In Accordance to USEF REQUIREMENTS, ANY HORSE COMPETING IN A USEF SANCTIONED EVENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE EQUINE INFLUENZA AND RHINO VACCINATIONS!**
- F. If an emerging disease is detected in Nebraska or any other state, additional requirements may be put in place.

### **CAMELIDS (LLAMAS/ALPACAS)**

- A. CVI required.
- B. No additional testing requirements.

### **POULTRY**

- A. CVI not required for poultry. No additional testing requirements.
- B. Any birds showing signs of illness or parasites **WILL NOT** be allowed in the showroom and entry fees **WILL NOT** be refunded.

### **COMPETING DOGS**

All competing dogs entering the show grounds must be accompanied by a CVI issued within thirty (30) days by a licensed veterinarian, which states that the dog has been properly vaccinated for rabies.

**If an emerging disease is detected in Nebraska or any other state, additional requirements may be put in place.**

## OUT-OF-STATE ORIGIN

### ALL OUT-OF-STATE ORIGIN ANIMALS MUST HAVE A CURRENT CVI!

**BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE (CVI with official ID listed)** All cattle must be individually identified with official ID on the CVI. Accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) are more easily read, but need to be listed and correlated to official identification (steel tags, tattoos, or 840 RFID tags) on the CVI. Individual animal breed registry tattoos **must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers.**

#### A. Tuberculosis:

1. Accredited Free or Modified Accredited Advanced States or Zones:
  - a. Beef cattle – no testing required.
  - b. Dairy cattle – all sexually intact dairy cattle two (2) months of age or older shall:
    - (1) Have obtained a permit for entry; and
    - (2) Be tested and found negative to an official tuberculosis test within sixty (60) days prior to entry; or
    - (3) Originate from a TB accredited free herd.
2. Modified Accredited State or Zone: Beef and dairy cattle which originate from a herd not under quarantine for tuberculosis shall:
  - a. Originate from a TB accredited herd, with the accredited herd number listed on the CVI; and
    - (1) Have obtained a permit for entry; and
    - (2) Be individually identified with the identification listed on the CVI; and
    - (3) Have tested negative to an official tuberculin test within sixty (60) days prior to entry, or
  - b. Originate from a herd which has tested negative to an official whole herd tuberculin test within three hundred sixty-five (365) days prior to entry, and shall:
    - (1) Have obtained a permit for entry; and
    - (2) Be individually identified with the identification listed on the CVI; and
    - (3) Have tested negative to an official tuberculin test within sixty (60) days prior to entry.

B. **Brucellosis:** Class-Free states: no test required. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.

C. **Bovine Virus Diarrhea (BVD-pi)** – The Nebraska State Fair, as a responsible leader in the livestock industry, is requiring that ALL cattle entering the Nebraska State Fair must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status prior to arrival at the Fair. Acceptable tests include (a) immunohistochemistry (IHC) skin, (b) antigen-capture ELISA serum, (c) antigen-capture ELISA skin, (d) polymerase chain reaction (PCR) skin, whole blood or serum, or (e) virus isolation, whole blood or serum. Pooled sample testing methodology will be accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and can be documented to assure State Fair regulation compliance. The Nebraska State Fair will accept results of the IDEXX SNAP test. Testing will not be allowed or performed on any animal after arrival. Documentation of said testing with negative results must accompany, be attached to or listed on the required CVI. Once an animal tests negative, they are negative for life. Animals that were previously tested negative must bring documentation of said test, along with the required CVI, to present to the examining veterinarians at the Check-In Trailer.

D. **Trichomoniasis** – Cattle entering Nebraska for exhibition purposes are exempt for the requirements for Trichomoniasis. Animals remaining in Nebraska for any reason, other than slaughter, after exhibition, shall meet the importation requirements. For questions please contact the Nebraska Department of Agriculture – Animal and Plant Health Protection at 402-471-2351.

## **SHEEP AND GOATS (CVI with official ID listed)**

**\*\* Breeding Sheep and Goats need to have an import permit! \*\***

- A. All sheep being exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair will be examined for fungus prior to entering the Nebraska State Fairgrounds or at unloading time. All sheep will be examined by a licensed State Fair veterinarian. Blankets must be removed at the request of the examining veterinarian. If any live fungus is found, said animal will not be allowed onto the grounds.
- B. All sheep and meat goats exhibited (except breeding sheep shown "in the wool" and Commercial Market Pen of Three Carcass contest lambs) must be shorn prior to being examined by a veterinarian. **A CVI must be issued within fifteen (15) days of exhibition for all shorn sheep, carcass contest lambs and meat goats. Also, all dairy goats must be issued a CVI within fifteen (15) days of exhibition.**
- C. Identification: All sexually intact sheep and goats, wethers 18 months and older being exhibited, **must have USDA Official Scrapie Identification and this must be listed on the CVI; Individual animal breed registry tattoos must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers. 982 tags are NOT official USDA scrapie tags.**
- D. Under no circumstances may sheep or goats be exhibited at the Fair which originate from scrapie-source flocks or scrapie-infected flocks.
- E. **Dairy Goats: All Dairy Goats must be issued a CVI within fifteen (15) days of exhibition.** All dairy goats two (2) months of age and older shall be tested and found negative to an official tuberculin test after reaching two (2) months of age and within sixty (60) days prior to entry into Nebraska. **Nebraska recognizes TB Accredited Herd Status by meeting the accredited herd requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture. Individuals from out-of-state goat herds with verifiable Tuberculosis Accredited Herd Status can be imported into Nebraska without further testing. The CVI will require a statement of Tuberculosis Herd Accreditation by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.**

## **SWINE (CVI with official ID listed)**

- A. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) will be required for all exhibited swine. All swine must be individually identified with official ID on the CVI. **Each Swine CVI must contain the following statement: "To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on this certificate have not been exposed to, infected with or originated from premises known to be infected by Swine Enteric Corona Disease (SECD) or Seneca Valley Virus (SVV) in the last thirty (30) days."**
- B. The Nebraska State Fair requires evidence of a negative Brucellosis and PRV test for ALL out of state swine exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair.
- C. The following steps are required to exhibit out of state swine:
1. Have a negative Pseudorabies and Brucellosis test conducted within thirty (30) days prior to exhibition; or
  2. Originate from a Validated Brucellosis/Qualified Pseudorabies free herd; and
  3. Be individually identified with USDA official identification.
  4. Proof of negative PRV and Brucellosis test must be entered on the CVI.
  5. After exhibition of non-terminal swine, the Nebraska State Fair strongly recommends that exhibited swine should be kept separate and apart from all other swine and tested negative for PRV and Brucellosis in not less than thirty (30) days following last exhibition, or shipped directly to slaughter.

## **HORSES**

- A. CVI required. The date of vaccinations or a copy of invoice showing proof of vaccinations needs to be written on the CVI.
- B. ALL Out-of-State horses must be tested and found negative for EIA (Coggins) within three hundred sixty-five (365) days of the Fair.
- C. ALL horses must be vaccinated for EHV **no more than FOUR months (120 days)** prior to the start of the Fair.
- D. The Nebraska State Fair strongly recommends that ALL horses also be vaccinated PRIOR to coming to the Fair for equine influenza.

- E. **ACCORDING TO NEW USEF REQUIREMENTS, ANY HORSE COMPETING IN A USEF SANCTIONED EVENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE EQUINE INFLUENZA AND RHINO VACCINATIONS!**
- F. **If an emerging disease is detected in Nebraska or any other state, additional requirements may be put in place.**

**CAMELIDS (LLAMAS/ALPACAS) (CVI with official ID listed)**

- A. CVI required.
- B. Have obtained a permit for entry; and
- C. Camelids including but not limited to camels, llamas and alpacas, over six (6) months of age shall be tested and found negative for brucellosis and tuberculosis with sixty (60) days prior to entry into Nebraska. Neutered camelids are not required to test for brucellosis.

**POULTRY**

All poultry imported for exhibition shall come on a CVI and be from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within ninety (90) days of going to the exhibition.

**COMPETING DOGS**

All competing dogs entering the show grounds must be accompanied by a CVI issued within thirty (30) days by a licensed veterinarian, which states that the dog has been properly vaccinated for rabies.

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