

PENNSYLVANIA FAIRS
ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANIMALS FOR
EXHIBITION, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION

Pennsylvania Camelids:

Required for Fair Animal Health Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2024.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. Individual animal identification. ID options include:
 1. Official ID, including:
 - ✓ An ISO-compliant 15-digit eartag starting with "840" (including RFID); or
 - ✓ A state-approved tattoo; or
 - ✓ An electronic implant device (the exhibitor must supply a reader); or
 - ✓ A USDA-issued metal ear tag. or
 2. On the AA1-13 (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection form obtained from the Department of Agriculture) accredited veterinarians simply need to:
 - ✓ mark "Camelid" in box number 4;
 - ✓ write the animal's color in box number 8;
 - ✓ record date of birth in box number 10;
 - ✓ record gender in box number 11; and
 - ✓ record either "llama" or "alpaca" in box number 12.

*In addition, veterinarians are encouraged to write down any distinguishing markings that are present on the animal or include a photo. Questions regarding proper identification for camelids on Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for Pennsylvania fairs can be directed to the Department at 717-783-6851.

Pennsylvania Cattle:

Required for Fair Animal Health Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2024
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. Individual official animal identification. Official ID will have a US shield and includes:
 - A USDA-issued National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tag; or
 - A 15-digit Animal Identification Number eartag starting with "840" or
 - Other official identification approved by USDA. (Brands and breed registrations with tattoos are not acceptable).
4. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is recommended for animals 3 months of age and older (market cattle are exempt).

Pennsylvania Cervids:

Requirements for PA Cervids:

1. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
 - A legible and unique tattoo approved by the Department and USDA;
 - A USDA-issued ear tag, bearing a unique number provided by USDA that utilizes one of the following numbering systems:
 - The National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES);
 - The Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag bearing 15 digits starting with '840';
 - The premises-based numbering system using a Premises Identification Number (PIN) in conjunction with a livestock production numbering system; or
 - An electronic implant device, such as a microchip that utilizes a nationally unique 15 digit animal identification number starting with '840' provided an appropriate reader is immediately available wherever the animal is located.
2. All cervids: Fair management is responsible for providing contact information of owners of all cervids which are exhibited to the Department (717-783-5309).

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2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.

Pennsylvania Equine Animals:

Required for Fair Animal Health Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2024.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. All equine animals must be test negative for EIA by an official test within the 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Laboratory test results must accompany each animal to its final destination (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable). The CVI shall specify the date of sample collection, date of results, and results of the EIA test, along with the accession number and the name of the testing laboratory. Foals less than six months of age accompanied by a test-negative dam are exempt from EIA testing requirements. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal to its final destination.
4. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is recommended for animals 3 months of age and older.

Out of State Equine Animals:

Requirements:

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the date of importation is required.

1. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS): (applies to states that experienced a Vesicular Stomatitis outbreak in the last 12 months). An accredited veterinarian shall determine whether the animals are free from VS, and animals shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited veterinarian: "All animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from VS. During the past 90 days, these animals were not located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.
3. All equine animals must be test negative for EIA by an official test within the 12 months prior to the date of importation. Laboratory test results must accompany each animal to its final destination (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable). The CVI shall specify the date of sample collection, date of results, and results of the EIA test, along with the accession number and the name of the testing laboratory. Foals less than six months of age accompanied by a test negative dam are exempt from EIA testing requirements. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal to its final destination.
4. If an equine animal has resided in a state in which Piroplasmiasis has been identified within the past six months for a cumulative total of 30 days or more within the six months preceding the date of entry into the Commonwealth, that animal must be test-negative for Piroplasmiasis on a competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (c-ELISA) test, or a Department-approved equivalent test, with the test occurring within the 30 days preceding entry into Pennsylvania. The date of test and the test results shall be written on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

Required:

A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is recommended for animals 3 months of age and older.

Pennsylvania Goats:

Requirements for PA goats:

Individual official animal identification is required for all goats. Official ID includes:

- A USDA ear tag with a US shield ; or
- A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database; 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.

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2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.

Pennsylvania Poultry, including Chickens, Turkeys, Waterfowl, Upland Game Birds, and Ratites; and pigeons/ doves; and hatching eggs:

Requirements:

1. All Pennsylvania poultry, including chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, and upland game birds entering an exhibition must bear an official PDA-issued leg band. Ratites must be identified with a neck band or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor must supply a reader). Pigeons and doves must bear a unique individual identification leg band but do not have to be identified with an official PDA leg band.
2. An owner-endorsed Poultry Health Certificate or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) must accompany all Pennsylvania poultry, including chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, upland game birds, and ratites; and pigeons/ doves; and hatching eggs. The certificate must include the following:
 - Name and location of exhibition; and
 - Name, address, and telephone number of the owner; and
 - A statement that the entries and the flock of origin are free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases; and
 - Owner signature and date of that signature.
3. The following Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinary Consultation Relationship statement for the animals being exhibited must be included with a signature line for the owner or caretaker on the fair registration form: "I attest and affirm that a "veterinarian consultation relationship" - as that phrase is defined in the Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law found at 3 Pa.C.S.A. §2501 et seq. and any amendments thereto - "exists with regard to any animals I will be exhibiting." The name and phone number of the consulting veterinarian must be included on the form. This statement is not needed if a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection accompanies the birds.
4. Avian Influenza Clean Testing and Verification (all samples must be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or an Accredited Veterinarian).
 - All poultry, including chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, upland game birds, and ratites, (pigeons/doves excluded) and their hatching eggs for exhibition must originate from a flock in which a random, representative sample of a minimum of 30 birds, 3 weeks of age or older, were tested for avian influenza within the 30 days prior to opening date of the exhibition. The birds or hatching eggs must be accompanied by the most recent test report (copy acceptable). Test results must be negative. If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, test all birds. For waterfowl, cloacal swab samples must be collected for testing, and the swabs may be tested using PCR techniques. Swabs from geese and ducks may not be combined in a tube for testing. Birds shall not be comingled with untested or AI-positive birds after negative samples have been collected and before the show.
5. Pullorum-typhoid Clean Testing and Verification (pigeons/doves and waterfowl excluded for exhibition). (All samples must be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or a Category II Accredited Veterinarian):
 - Poultry, including chickens, turkeys, upland game birds and ratites (waterfowl excluded) and their hatching eggs must originate

from a flock in good standing on the NPIP Pullorum-typhoid Clean Program (and there was no break in the chain of ownership by NPIP participants) or from a flock in good standing on the PA Pullorum Equivalent Program. The birds or hatching eggs must be accompanied by the most recent test report (copy acceptable). Test results must be negative. If birds are less than one year of age and originate from an NPIP Clean hatchery, they do not have to be tested for pullorum-typhoid if they are accompanied by an NPIP 9-3 form from that hatchery and any additions to the flock were also from NPIP Clean sources. The NPIP number must be noted on the report for NPIP Pullorum-typhoid Clean flocks;

- OR
 - All individual birds (pigeons/doves and waterfowl excluded) for exhibition (maximum of 300) must have had a pullorum-typhoid test within the 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. The birds must be accompanied by the most recent test report, or state equivalent form for the rapid test (copies acceptable). Test results must be negative. The following age restrictions apply to comply with NPIP standards:
6. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Testing and Verification (pigeons/doves and waterfowl excluded). (All samples must be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or an Accredited Veterinarian).
- Chickens shall be tested at 4 months of age or older.
 - Turkeys shall be tested at 12 weeks of age or older.
 - Game birds shall be tested at 4 months of age or older, or upon sexual maturity, whichever comes first.
 - Ratites shall be tested at 12 months of age or older.
 - All birds not meeting these age restrictions at the time of sampling are exempt from pullorum testing requirements.

Pennsylvania Rabbits:

Required for Fair Animal Health Requirements:

1. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.
2. The following Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinary Consultation Relationship statement for the animals being exhibited must be included with a signature line for the owner or caretaker on the fair registration form; "I attest and affirm that a "veterinarian consultation relationship" - as that phrase is defined in the Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law found at 3 Pa.C.S.A. §2501 et seq. and any amendments thereto - "exists with regard to any animals I will be exhibiting." The name and phone number of the consulting veterinarian must be included on the entry form.

Pennsylvania Sheep:

Requirements for PA Sheep:

Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is required for all sheep. Official scrapie ID includes:

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- A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2024.
- All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
- A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is recommended for animals 3 months of age and older.

Pennsylvania Swine:

Required for Fair Animal Health Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 14 days of the exhibition
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. Individual animal ID. ID options include the following:
 - A form of official ID, including:
 - A registration certificate in combination with an ear notch; or
 - A USDA-issued metal ear tag with a US shield ; or
 - An ISO-compliant 15-digit eartag starting with "840".
 - or
 - A plastic stamped ear tag (market hogs only).