

~ Health Requirements ~

Cattle:

No cattle shall be exhibited unless they are accompanied by an approved health certificate signed within 45 days of the Fair by a licensed veterinarian showing that they are free from contagious or infectious diseases. Special attention should be given to ringworm, pinkeye, warts, and the following:

Brucellosis

Virginia Cattle: no test is required. All consignments must be accompanied by a health certificate.

Out of State Cattle: cattle originating outside of Virginia must meet the brucellosis requirements that are in effect at the particular time of the proposed interstate shipment.

1.) FREE STATES: no testing required for properly identified animals.

2.) CLASS A STATES:

a. One negative test before moving or

b. From certified-free herd or

c. Officially vaccinated

i. Beef Cattle under 24 months

ii. Dairy Cattle under 20 months

3.) CLASS B & C STATES

a. Not allowed at fairs with the exception of certified herds.

Respiratory Infections

Animals must be immunized against I.B.R., P.I.-3, and B.V.D. during the current show year and not less than 15 days prior to the Fair. Type of vaccination and date of administration must be noted on health certificate.

Swine:

All swine must be accompanied by a health certificate approved at state of origin and signed by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days. In addition, breeding hogs are required to meet the following requirements:

Brucellosis

Virginia Swine: Virginia is validated free, therefore, no test is required.

Out of State Swine:

1.) Must originate from a validated herd or

2.) Must originate from a herd that has tested negative within 12 months of show or

3.) Individual animal must have tested negative within 30 days of show.

Pseudorabies

1.) Originate from a Pseudorabies Qualified herd or

2.) Must have tested negative within 30 days of show

3.) No pseudorabies vaccinated animals will be accepted.

Dairy and Meat Goats:

All Dairy and Meat Goats must have an approved health certification signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian.

Identification of goats (ear tag, tattoo, microchip with accompanying reader, etc.) must match the identification indicated on the accompanying health certificate or the animal will be rejected and not allowed to exhibit. In compliance with Federal Scrapie Regulations, tattoos must be legible and the registration certification must accompany the animal. Virginia Dairy Goats: Virginia is considered to be a free area of tuberculosis and Brucellosis. Therefore, goats that originate from Virginia farms may be exhibited without additional testing.

Out of State Dairy Goats :

I. Tuberculosis

a) Originate from a herd tested and negative within 12 months or

b) Individual tested and negative within 30 days

II. Brucellosis

a) Originate from a herd tested and negative within 12 months or

b) Individual tested and negative within 30 days

All Goats must be free of clinical symptoms of caseous lymphadenitis. Animals showing clinical symptoms of this disease will be moved from the exhibition grounds. With reference to caseous lymphadenitis, "clinical symptoms" is used to define abscesses of the lymph nodes, whether draining or not.

All Goats must be free of symptoms of all other contagious and infectious diseases, whether or not such diseases are herein specifically named.

Sheep:

All sheep must be accompanied by a health certificate issued within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian.

Sheep must be free of clinical symptoms* of:

a) club lamb fungus (ringworm)

b) caseous lymphadenitis

* Clinical symptoms is used to define abscesses of the lymph nodes, whether draining or not – and all other infectious diseases, whether named herein or not.

All Sheep must comply with Federal Scrapie Regulations as follows:

1. All sexually intact sheep (rams and ewes) must carry an official scrapie identification tag. Scrapie identification tags

must be listed on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

2. Breeders with Virginia Health Certified flocks need only present certification documentation. Identification of sheep (scrapie ID, flock tag, tattoo) must match identification listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or the animal will be rejected and not allowed to exhibit. Tattoos must be legible and be accompanied by the animal's registration certificate.

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**Poultry:**

All poultry shown in public exhibitions in the state of Virginia shall have originated from US Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative pollorum-typhoid test within 90 days of the movement to public exhibition.