

ERIE COUNTY FAIR ANIMAL HEALTH RULES

CATTLE:

Pennsylvania Cattle:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued on or after July 30, 2026.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a handwritten statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. All animals being shown in market classes must have a handwritten statement on the CVI that states market animals inspected and found to be properly castrated. Official identification is required for all cattle. Official identification includes any of the following:
 - a. A USDA issued National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) tag if applied prior to Nov. 5, 2024. This tag type is no longer valid for interstate movement if applied after Nov. 5, 2024.
 - b. A 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag starting with "840" and bearing the US shield.
 - c. Brands registered with a recognized brand inspection authority and accompanied by an official brand inspection certificate, when agreed to by the shipping and receiving State or Tribal animal health authorities; or
 - d. Tattoos and other identification methods acceptable to a breed association for registration purposes, accompanied by a breed registration certificate, when agreed to by the shipping and receiving State or/Tribal animal health authorities.
 - e. See Chapter B.2 for additional ID requirements specific to the Farm Show Complex.
4. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is recommended for animals 3 months of age and older (*market cattle are exempt*).

Out of State Cattle:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued on or after July 30, 2026.
2. 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."

3. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a handwritten statement of this must be written on the CVI.
4. All animals being shown in market classes must have a handwritten statement on the CVI that states market animals inspected and found to be properly castrated.
5. Federal regulation (USDA) requires individual official animal identification for all cattle of any age for exhibition.
 - a. A USDA issued National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) tag if applied prior to Nov. 5, 2024. This tag type is no longer valid for interstate movement if applied after Nov. 5, 2024.
 - b. A 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) ISO-compliant RFID ear tag starting with "840" and bearing the US shield
 - c. Brands registered with a recognized brand inspection authority and accompanied by an official brand inspection certificate, when agreed to by the shipping and receiving State or Tribal animal health authorities; or
 - d. Tattoos and other identification methods acceptable to a breed association for registration purposes, accompanied by a breed registration certificate, when agreed to by the shipping and receiving State or/Tribal animal health authorities.
6. Testing: Tuberculosis Requirements:
 - a. No test is required for animals originating from "Accredited Free" states or zones.
 - b. All exhibition animals originating from states or zones designated "Modified Accredited Advanced" must be test negative within the 60 days prior to the date of importation. The negative test results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original report is acceptable).

- c. All animals originating from states or zones designated “Modified Accredited” must originate from herds in which all animals 12 months of age and older are test negative within the 12 months prior to the date of importation; and the individual animals to be imported (all ages) are test negative within the 60 days prior to the date of importation and at least 60 days after the negative whole herd test. The negative test results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original test report is acceptable).
7. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is recommended for animals 3 months of age and older (*market cattle are exempt*).
8. Negative test for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) must be obtained for all Milking Dairy Cattle within 7 days of arrival at the fair.

HORSES:

Pennsylvania Equine Animals:


1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued on or after July 30, 2026.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a handwritten statement of this must be written on the CVI.
3. All equine animals must be tested negative for EIA by an official test within 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.
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5. If an equine animal has resided in Texas or New Mexico 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 Babesia caballi and Theileria equi 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.
6. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is recommended for animals 3 months of age and older.


GOATS:

Pennsylvania Goats:

Out of State Equine Animals:

1. Individual official animal identification is required for all goats. Official ID includes:
 - a. A USDA ear tag with a US shield ; or
 - b. A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database a.k.a. scrapie tattoo (only for herds enrolled in the USDA Voluntary Scrapie Herd Certification Program) or
 - c. A breed registration tattoo if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible.
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4. All animals being shown in market classes must have a handwritten statement on the CVI that states market animals inspected and found to be properly castrated.

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USDA Voluntary Scrapie Herd Certification Program) or

- c. A breed registration tattoo if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible.
6. Testing requirements: Tuberculosis:
 - a. No test is required for animals originating from states or zones designated as accredited-free by the USDA.
 - b. All animals originating from states or zones designated modified accredited advanced by the USDA must be test negative within 60 days prior to the date of importation. The negative test results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original report is acceptable).
 - c. All animals originating from states or zones designated modified accredited must originate from herds in which all animals 12 months of age and older have tested negative within the 12 months prior to the date of importation; and the individual animals (all ages) to be imported have also tested negative within the 60 days prior to the date of importation and at least 60 days after the negative whole herd test was completed. The negative test results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original test report is acceptable).

RABBITS:

Pennsylvania Rabbits:

1. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.

Out of State Rabbits:

1. No rabbits or their products, such as, meat, pelts, hides, carcasses or other items, and no equipment, exposed feed, forages, or conveyances or other items or associated materials may enter the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from a Commonwealth, State, Territory, or Country where Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD) has been diagnosed in the prior twelve (12) months or

there is a reasonable suspicion it exists unless they meet the following requirements:


2. All live rabbits must be accompanied by an ICVI and must be examined by an accredited veterinarian within the seventy-two (72) hours prior to the date of shipment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The ICVI must include statements by an accredited veterinarian certifying that:
 - a. All rabbits in the shipment have been examined for and found free of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases;
 - b. All rabbits have originated from a single premises that have no signs of infectious, contagious or communicable disease in rabbits;
 - c. There have been no movements of rabbits onto the premises of origin within the 90 days prior to the date of shipment; and
 - d. The rabbits have had no contact with wild or captive rabbits other than their cohorts in the 90 days prior to the date of shipment.
3. No rabbits or their products, such as, meat, pelts, hides, carcasses or other items, and no equipment, exposed feed or conveyances or other items or associated materials may enter the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from a premises exposed to, contaminated with or known to be affected with RHD, or where there is a reasonable suspicion the disease exists or the rabbits have been exposed to or infected with RHD. Fair management has the authority to impose additional requirements designed to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.
4. **Recommendations:**

For Rabbits that originate from a Commonwealth, State, Territory, or Country where RHD has NOT been diagnosed in the prior twelve (12) months or there is NO reasonable suspicion it exists:

 - a. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 72 hours prior to the date of importation.
 - b. A statement on the CVI attesting that all rabbits listed on the CVI are free of signs of infectious and contagious disease.


SHEEP:

Pennsylvania Sheep:

1. Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is required for all sheep. Official scrapie ID includes:
 - a. A USDA ear tag with a US shield  ; or
 - b. A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database a.k.a. a scrapie tattoo (only for flocks enrolled in the USDA Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program) or
 - c. A breed registration tattoo if the animals are accompanied by a registration certificate (copy acceptable) and the tattoo is legible.
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3. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a handwritten statement of this must be written on the CVI.
4. All animals being shown in market classes must have a handwritten statement on the CVI that states market animals inspected and found to be properly castrated.
5. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is recommended for animals 3 months of age and older.

Out of State Sheep:

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3. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a handwritten statement of this must be written on the CVI.
4. All animals being shown in market classes must have a handwritten statement on the CVI that states market animals inspected and found to be properly castrated.

5. Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is required. Official scrapie ID includes:
 - a. A USDA ear tag with a US shield  ;
or
 - b. A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database; a.k.a. A scrapie tattoo (only for flocks enrolled in USDA Voluntary Scrapie Flock Program or
 - c. A breed registration tattoo if the animals are accompanied by a registration certificate. (copy acceptable) and the tattoo is legible.
6. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is recommended for animals 3 months of age and older.

SWINE:

Pennsylvania Swine:

1. No swine species shall be exhibited in Pennsylvania unless each animal:
 - a. Accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued on or after July 30, 2026.
 - b. Is permanently identified by an official 840 series radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tag and the ear tag number is recorded on the CVI:
 - i. 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.
2. All Market swine exhibited in Department sponsored Market shows shall move 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 establishment or a slaughter market in which the sales are designated slaughter only sales.

Out of State Swine:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued on or after July 30, 2026. The CVI shall include a statement verifying that the swine has not been fed raw garbage.
2. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) Statement: This applies to states that experienced a VS outbreak in the last 12 months. In these cases, 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 CVI 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.”
3. All animals must be free of evidence of Infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.
4. 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.
5. Individual animal ID – must be permanently identified by an official 840 series radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tag and the ear tag number is recorded on the CVI.
6. Brucellosis Testing Requirements:
 - a. No test required if the animal originates from a validated brucellosis-free state or brucellosis-free herd. All others must be tested negative within the 30 days prior to the date of importation.
7. Pseudorabies Testing Requirements:
 - a. Sexually intact swine over 6 months of age shall originate qualified PRV negative herd or be test negative to an official pseudorabies test within 30 days prior to importation.
 - b. No pseudorabies testing required for all other swine.
8. All Market swine exhibited in Department sponsored Market shows shall move 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 establishment or a slaughter market in which the sales are designated slaughter only sales.

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who complete in structured classes of competition. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibitions in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or responsible person shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or person responsible for show management to obtain any specimens of saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animals entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulation and rules affect the performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prime facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is send is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was take, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, use electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representative, or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be

treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether he or she was instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner exhibitor, fitter, trainer, responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published in any publication of the IAFE, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to member.
11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understand the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also a violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.
12. Veterinarian Consultation Relationship:
 - a. A relationship in which the owner or caretaker of the animal has assumed responsibility to consult a veterinarian and has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian in relation to zoonotic diseases and implementing best management practices intended to reduce and prevent diseases. Your signature on the entry form confirms your compliance.
13. 840 tags are now accepted for ID for all species. No blue kill tags on any species.

14. An animal can only be shown in any particular class one time by one exhibitor.