

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 This tag type is no longer valid for interstate movement if applied after Nov. 5, 2024.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.
 4. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is recommended for animals 3 months of age and older.
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 4. All equine animals must be tested negative for EIA by an official test within 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.
 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^{US}; 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.
2. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued on or after July 30, 2026.
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.

Out of State Goats:

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. Individual official animal identification is required for all goats. Official ID includes:
 - a. A USDA ear tag with a US shield^{US}; 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.
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.

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

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.

SHEEP:

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.

CAMELIDS:

Pennsylvania Camelids:

1. Pennsylvania camelids must have verification of a veterinary-client-patient relationship (see Chapter A.6). A current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (valid for 30 days after the date of issue) is preferred; alternatively, a VCPR Form can also be used, or at a minimum, a signed attestation on the entry form, to fulfill the Animal Exhibition Sanitation Act.
2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases.
3. Recommendations:
 - a. Individual official identification (ID) including any of the following:
 - i. A United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-issued National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) tag.
 - ii. A 15-digit Animal Identification Number ear tag starting with “840”.
 - iii. An ISO-compliant 15-digit microchip.
4. For animals without any of the ID options listed in number 1 above, the animal’s name and a description should be included on the CVI or VCPR Form. Description should include the animal’s color, sex, breed, and any distinguishing markings. A photo may accompany the CVI or VCPR Form.
5. Extra-label use of the rabies vaccine in this species should be discussed with the exhibitor’s veterinarian.
 - b. A 15-digit Animal Identification Number ear tag starting with “840”.
 - c. An ISO-compliant 15-digit microchip.
5. Tuberculosis Testing Requirements:
 - a. No test is required for animals originating from states or zones designated as accredited free by the USDA.
6. 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 dates of tests 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).
7. All animals originating from states or zones designated modified accredited by the USDA 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 (all ages) to be imported are also test 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).
8. No camelid shall be imported into this Commonwealth if it has been exposed to tuberculosis test-positive animals or animals that have clinical signs consistent with tuberculosis.

Out of State Camelids:

1. A CVI issued within the 30 days prior to the date of importation.
2. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) statement: See Chapter A.5
3. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.
4. Individual official identification (ID) include any of the following:
 - a. A United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-issued National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) tag.

POULTRY:

Market Birds, Non-Poultry, Unfertilized and Fertilized Eggs, Ornamental Feathers, and Feathers Used for Arts and Crafts:

1. General Information/Definitions:
 - a. *Direct Movement to Slaughter.* Transported to a facility for slaughter, without stops or unloading except for feeding and watering, during which the animals are not commingled with any other animals unless all are destined for slaughter.
 - b. *Exhibition.* A show or display of animals.

- c. *Hatchling*. Newly hatched poultry and non-poultry (chicks, poult, ducklings, goslings, keets, etc.).
 - d. *HPAI*. The term “HPAI” stands for and shall mean any strain of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.
 - e. *Market Birds*. Birds destined for slaughter and moved directly from the exhibition facility to a Department or USDA licensed slaughter establishment.
 - f. *Non-Poultry*. Birds that are kept in a single household, the products of which are used within the same household exclusively, are not considered poultry, provided that they have no direct or indirect contact with poultry or poultry facilities. Birds that are kept in captivity for other reasons, including those that are kept for shows, racing, exhibitions, zoological collections, and competitions, and for breeding or selling for these purposes, as well as pet birds, are not considered poultry, provided that they have no direct or indirect contact with poultry or poultry facilities.
 - g. *Poultry*. All birds reared or kept in captivity for the production of any commercial animal products or for breeding for this purpose, fighting cocks used for any purpose, and all birds used for restocking supplies of game or for breeding for this purpose, until they are released from captivity.
 - h. *Venue or Fair*. Any Fair, show, exhibition, or other such venue within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which is sponsored by or receives funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture or receives funding pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act (act of July 8, 1986, P.L. 437, No. 92)(3 P.S. §§ 1501- 1510).
 - i. Pennsylvania and Out of State Market Birds, Non-Poultry, Unfertilized and Fertilized Eggs, Ornamental Feathers, and Feathers Used for Arts and Crafts.
2. Exhibition of Market Birds. Market birds may be exhibited only if the following criteria are met:
- a. Identification of Market Birds. All market birds entering an exhibition shall bear an official Department-issued leg band, except for ratites, which shall be identified with a neckband or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor shall supply a reader).
 - b. Movement of Market Birds. The following requirements shall apply to all market birds after being exhibited at a Department sponsored or funded exhibition.
 - i. Market birds shall move directly to a Department or USDA licensed slaughter facility immediately following the judging at the animal exhibition.
 - ii. Market birds shall not be diverted to premises other than a licensed slaughter facility.
 - iii. Market birds shall not be returned to the premises of origin, to any other premises or establishment, held for any additional period of time at the Venue or Fair, or held over at any other premises or establishment.
 - iv. It shall be the responsibility of the Venue or Fair management to ensure market birds are moved directly to a slaughter facility.
 - c. Time Allowed at Venue or Fair for Market Birds. Arrival, exhibition, and departure of market birds moving to slaughter shall occur within a 72-hour window. The 72 hours begins when the first market birds arrive on the Venue or Fair grounds, whether unloaded or not, and ends when the last market birds physically leave the Venue or Fair in a vehicle or conveyance.
 - d. Health Certification. All market birds for exhibition or display shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of

biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided.

- e. Testing. All market birds for exhibition shall meet the testing requirements set forth in section 9 (relating to avian influenza testing and verification).
 - f. Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11 (relating to records). Additionally, Venue or Fair management shall maintain records of movement and the destination of market birds to a Department or USDA FSIS licensed slaughter facility for one year and shall make those records available to the Department upon request.
3. Exhibition of Non-poultry. Non-poultry shall be exhibited only if the following criteria are met:
- a. Identification of Non-poultry. All non-poultry entering an exhibition shall bear an official Department-issued leg band, except for ratites, which shall be identified with an official wing band or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor shall supply a reader).
 - b. Health Certification. All non-poultry for exhibition or display shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided.
 - c. Testing. All non-poultry for exhibition shall meet the testing requirements set forth in section 9 (relating to avian influenza testing and verification) and section 10. (relating to pullorum-typhoid testing and verification).
 - d. Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11. (relating to records).
4. Display of Hatchlings. Hatchlings shall be displayed only if the following criteria are met:

- a. Hatchlings must be for an educational display.
 - b. Hatchlings for an educational display at the Venue or Fair shall be from a single source and may be from either a poultry or non-poultry source.
 - c. Health Certification. All hatchlings for an educational display shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided.
 - d. Testing. All hatchlings for an educational display shall meet the testing requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification) and section 10. (relating to pullorum-typhoid testing and verification).
 - e. Following display, Venue or Fair management and owner or person displaying the hatchlings shall ensure hatchlings are moved only to a premises which does not contain poultry. After these birds reach 21 days of age, they may be moved directly to slaughter or to a premises with poultry after the flock meets the testing requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification).
 - f. Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11. (relating to records). Additionally, Venue or Fair management shall maintain records of movement and the destination of hatchlings after display for one year and shall make those records available to the Department upon request.
5. Exhibition of Unfertilized and Fertilized Eggs Sourced from Poultry and Non-poultry Flocks. Unfertilized and fertilized eggs sourced from poultry and non-poultry flocks shall be exhibited only if the following criteria are met:

- a. All unfertilized and fertilized eggs sourced from poultry and non-poultry flocks shall be washed and sanitized in a 100-200 ppm chlorine solution, or other disinfectant approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for use on poultry eggs, which is effective in destroying influenza virus. The eggs shall then be dried before being placed in a carton or other container as required under section (b) below.
 - b. Unfertilized and fertilized eggs sourced from poultry and non-poultry flocks shall be packaged in a new single-use cardboard or foam carton, or in a plastic carton which has been cleaned, disinfected, and dried prior to shipment to the Venue or Fair.
 - c. Once the eggs have been washed and sanitized as required in section (a) above, the eggs shall not come into contact with any other unwashed and unsanitized avian eggs, other avian products, poultry, or non-poultry.
 - d. Unfertilized and fertilized eggs sourced from poultry and non-poultry flocks for exhibition shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided.
 - e. Unfertilized and fertilized eggs shall originate from a poultry or non-poultry flock which has had a negative or not-detected avian influenza test meeting the requirements set forth in section 9 (relating to avian influenza testing and verification) within the 14 days prior to entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.
 - f. Fertilized eggs shall originate from a poultry or non-poultry flock which meets the salmonella pullorum-typhoid test requirements set forth in section 10. (relating to pullorum-typhoid testing and verification). (Unfertilized eggs are exempt from this requirement).
 - g. Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11. (relating to records).
6. Exhibition of Ornamental Feathers.
Ornamental feathers shall be exhibited only if the following criteria are met:
 - a. Ornamental feathers shall be sourced from poultry or non-poultry flocks located in the United States.
 - b. Ornamental feathers shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided.
 - c. Ornamental feathers that will be displayed, exhibited, entered into a competition, or that are or will be used to produce jewelry or other items that will be exhibited, or sold, or both, shall be free of visible manure, litter, or other debris.
 - d. Transport containers shall have been cleaned and disinfected prior to being used to transport ornamental feathers to the Venue or Fair.
 - e. Ornamental feathers which will be displayed, exhibited, entered into a competition, or that are or will be used to produce jewelry or other items that will be exhibited, or sold, or both, shall originate from a poultry or non-poultry flock that is not known to be infected with avian influenza. This requirement shall be met by using one of the following methods in (5)(i) or (5)(ii):
 - i. The ornamental feathers shall originate from a poultry or non-poultry flock which has had a negative or not-detected Avian Influenza test meeting the requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification) within the 14 days prior to entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds to be displayed, exhibited, entered into a competition, sold, or

- made into jewelry for exhibit or sale at a Venue or Fair, or
 - ii. The ornamental feathers shall be clean and held in a clean area separate from birds and other avian products for at least 120 days, at a minimum of 68 degrees Fahrenheit before entry onto the grounds of the Venue or Fair.
 - iii. Records of the avian influenza testing required by subsection (5)(i); or where the ornamental feathers are cleaned and held in a clean area as allowed under subsection (5)(ii), that include the date the ornamental feathers were moved to a holding area, along with the holding temperature, shall be kept by the person seeking to display, exhibit, sell, or enter the ornamental feathers into a competition, or to make jewelry from the ornamental feathers for display, exhibition, competition, or sale. Those records shall be included with the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement for entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.
 - f. Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11. (relating to records).
7. Transportation of Market Birds, Non-Poultry, Hatchlings, Unfertilized and Fertilized Eggs, and Ornamental Feathers. Transportation of market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, unfertilized and fertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers to the Venue or Fair and to the Department or USDA licensed slaughter plant, farm, or other destination, as allowed and required under the 2025 Avian Exhibition General Quarantine Order, shall be done in a biosecure manner. All vehicles, conveyances, crates, equipment, or other materials used in transport shall be visibly clean and shall be cleaned and disinfected as necessary to maintain them in a sanitary manner and assure compliance with regulatory standards at 7 Pa.Code § 15.46 (related to shipping containers) and the standards established in the Department's "Interstate and General Quarantine Order; Virus Control for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Vehicle, Container and Material Standards" (45 Pa.B. 4930, Saturday, August 22, 2015) or subsequent order.
8. Health Monitoring. All market birds, non-poultry, and hatchlings on the Venue or Fair grounds shall be monitored for signs dangerous transmissible diseases and any signs of dangerous transmissible diseases shall be reported to the Department immediately (717-772-2852).
9. Public Access Restrictions. All market birds, non-poultry, and hatchlings on the Venue or Fair grounds shall be displayed behind barriers such as ropes to prevent public access, with signage to prevent the public from crossing the barrier.
10. Avian Influenza Testing and Verification.
- a. All samples for avian influenza testing shall be collected by a certified poultry technician, a category II accredited veterinarian, or a state or federal official and shall be tested in a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory.
 - b. Market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, unfertilized and fertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers meeting the avian influenza testing requirements set forth in this section shall originate from a flock in which a random, representative sample of a minimum of 30 birds, three (3) weeks of age or older, were tested for avian influenza within the 14 days prior to the date of entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.
 - c. If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, all birds of age in that flock shall be tested.
 - d. Untested birds or birds with a non-negative test result for avian influenza shall not be comingled with or added to the tested flock after negative or not-detected samples have been collected and may not be comingled with or added to the birds that are shipped to the Venue or Fair.
 - e. For waterfowl, cloacal swab samples shall be collected for virus detection

testing. Swabs from geese and ducks shall not be combined in the same tube for testing.

- f. For chickens, turkeys, game birds, and ratites, blood samples for Agar Gel Immunodiffusion (AGID) testing or tracheal or oropharyngeal swab samples for virus detection testing are acceptable samples. Samples from more than one species shall not be combined in the same tube for testing.
- g. Market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, unfertilized and fertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers shall be accompanied by a copy of the most recent test report in addition to the required health certification documentation. Test results shall be negative or not detected.

11. Pullorum-Typhoid Testing and Verification.

- a. All samples for pullorum-typhoid testing shall be collected by a certified poultry technician, a category II accredited veterinarian, or a state or federal official.
- b. Non-poultry, hatchlings, and fertilized eggs shall meet the salmonella pullorum-typhoid testing requirements set forth under one of the following options. Waterfowl and fertilized waterfowl eggs from Pennsylvania are exempt from the pullorum-typhoid testing requirements. Waterfowl and waterfowl eggs originating outside of Pennsylvania must meet the requirements below:
 - i. Originate from a flock in good standing on the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Pullorum-typhoid Clean Program, with no break in the chain of ownership by NPIP participants. The NPIP number of the flock shall be noted on the laboratory test report, or official NPIP 9-2 form if the rapid whole blood plate test was performed, or
 - ii. Originate from a flock in good standing on the Pennsylvania Pullorum Equivalent Program and be accompanied by proof

of participation from the Department, or

- iii. Individual birds for exhibition (maximum of 300 from the flock) were tested negative for salmonella pullorum-typhoid within the 90 days prior to entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.
 - iv. Individual birds for exhibition not meeting the age restrictions, set forth in subsection 10.(d) below at the time of exhibition shall originate from a flock which meets the testing requirements set forth in 10.(a)(i) and (b)(ii) above, or shall originate from a flock in which 300 birds of age (or the entire flock if less than 300 birds in the flock) were tested negative for salmonella pullorum-typhoid within 90 days of the date of entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.
- c. Non-poultry, hatchlings, and fertilized eggs shall be accompanied by a copy of the most recent test report. If the rapid whole blood plate test was performed for birds not participating in NPIP, a copy of the state equivalent testing form Flock Testing Report for Rapid Whole Blood Agglutination Plate Test shall accompany the birds. Test results shall be negative. The rapid whole blood test is not approved for use in turkeys.
 - d. The following age restrictions apply for salmonella pullorum-typhoid testing:
 - i. Chickens shall be tested at 4 months of age or older.
 - ii. Turkeys shall be tested at 12 weeks of age or older.
 - iii. Game birds shall be tested at 4 months of age or older, or upon sexual maturity, whichever comes first.
 - iv. Ratites shall be tested at 12 months of age or older.
 - e. National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) protocols for sample collection and testing shall be

followed. All samples, excluding those tested with the rapid plate test for salmonella pullorum-typhoid, shall be tested at a NAHLN laboratory.

12. Records. Sample collectors and testers shall maintain records of animal identification, testing records, and any other records required by the Domestic Animal Law and any Order issued by the Department for a minimum of two years and shall make such records available to the Department upon request. Venue or show managers shall maintain records for one year, to include name and address of the exhibitor and health certification of the animals or source flocks and shall make such records available to the Department upon request. This records requirement applies to all market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, unfertilized and fertilized eggs, ornamental feathers, and any other educational display of poultry, non-poultry, or product thereof.

13. Exhibition of Feathers Used for Arts and Crafts. The following standards and requirements apply to the exhibition of feathers used for arts and crafts at a Venue or Fair:

- a. Feathers, shafts, and down from poultry and non-poultry source flocks shall be sourced and packaged in the United States or meet USDA import requirements.
- b. Feathers, shafts, and down from poultry and non-poultry source flocks shall be washed or steam-treated and dried before packaging.
- c. Records or packaging evidencing the feathers, shaft and down from poultry and non-poultry source flocks shall meet the criteria established in sections 12.(a) and 12.(b) above shall be made available to the Department and the Venue or Fair organizers upon request.

CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

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 sent 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 taken, 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.

