

**For Health Requirement Information:  
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**2009 Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements\*  
County Fairs**

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules applicable to their exhibits.
2. All out-of-state animals shall require an entry permit. Permits are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling (217) 782-4944.
3. All animals, except as noted, shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) which shows that the animal meets all health requirements for the State of Illinois. CVI's shall be made available to Bureau of Animal Health Personnel on request.  
*CVI means a legible record made on an official form from the state of origin which has been issued, signed and dated by an accredited veterinarian and which shows the name and address of the animal's owner or exhibitor and the results of all required tests or vaccinations. A CVI shall list only one animal identification per line; shall be presented on the form on which it was initially issued; and shall not be corrected, changed or altered in any manner.*
4. All animals shall be officially identified. The animal(s) official identification shall be recorded on the CVI.
5. If animals are from tuberculosis accredited, brucellosis certified, pseudorabies qualified, or brucellosis validated herds, the identifying herd number(s) along with the date of the last herd test(s) shall appear on the CVI.
6. CVI for out-of-state livestock shall be void thirty (30) days after issuance.
7. CVI for Illinois-origin livestock shall be void ninety (90) days after issuance.
8. All livestock shall be subject to examination upon entry to any Illinois fair or exhibition. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases shall be immediately withdrawn and held in quarantine at the owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until the animal is released to return to the owner's premise.  
*Any livestock infected with scabies, mange, active lesions of ringworm, soremouth, or multiple warts which are easily visible without close examination shall not be permitted to exhibit and are subject to quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds.  
Sheep and goats with caseous lymphadenitis as evidenced by draining abscesses shall not be exhibited and are subject to immediate quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds.*

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\* **Please Note:** Only those rules applying to the McLean County Fair, due to ownership requirements and classes offered, are listed here. The entire list of requirements are available from the Illinois Department of Agriculture or <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/CountyFairRules.pdf> on-line.

9. Illinois Department of Agriculture personnel or designee may collect blood, tissue, milk or urine samples from any animal being exhibited and/or raced at any Illinois fair to test for the presence of illegal drugs. New examination techniques, such as ultrasound, may also be used at anytime while the animals are on the grounds of any Illinois fair or exhibit.

*The Illinois Department of Agriculture or designee may collect urine, blood, tissue or other test samples from exhibition animals at the time of slaughter.*

10. All exhibitors of animals at any Illinois fair or exhibition shall comply with the provisions of the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act. If violations are observed, the animal(s) will be excused from exhibition and ordered removed from the grounds with all awards being forfeited.

*Any practice or deviation from normal, accepted care, including physical, medical or mechanical application, shall constitute a violation of show rules and may result in the animal(s) disqualification and removal from the fairgrounds.*

11. Any Illinois cattle, bison, cervidae or goats being exhibited in non-accredited free states must be isolated from the remainder of the herd/flock upon return to Illinois and retested for tuberculosis 60-120 days post-entry.

## **CATTLE**

### **Identification**

Individual identification of each animal shall be either a fully healed and legible tattoo, official metal ear tag, registration number (can only be used if the tattoo is recorded on the registration certificate or for breeds where pictures are acceptable), or individual brands, if brand is recorded on the registration certificate.

### **Illinois Cattle**

#### Brucellosis

Illinois is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois cattle.

#### Tuberculosis

Illinois is an Accredited Tuberculosis- Free State. Tuberculin testing is not required for Illinois cattle.

**Please note: Illinois steers and calves under 6 months of age are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**

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## SWINE

### Illinois Swine Identification

Swine shall be identified by an official ear tag, tattoo or recognized breed ear notch.

Ear notch identification is acceptable for barrows, crossbred gilts and breeding swine.

(Note: Ear notch identification of crossbred swine does not satisfy USDA identification requirements for brucellosis and pseudorabies testing.)

### Brucellosis

Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois swine.

### Pseudorabies

All exhibition swine are required to be tested for pseudorabies as described below.

1. Swine of all ages shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within 90 days prior to exhibition; or swine shall originate immediately and directly from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd.
2. Barrows and females in market classes must meet the same requirements as breeding swine.

### Additional Requirements

1. Swine consigned to terminal market classes must meet the same test requirements as exhibition swine if these classes are held in conjunction with “exhibits not intended for slaughter”.
2. When terminal classes are held on a day when no other livestock are present, these animals are exempt from all test requirements and do not need a CVI. All swine terminal classes must be identified by a site tattoo prior to movement to slaughter.
3. Swine from pseudorabies-quarantined herds are not allowed to exhibit regardless of whether or not the show is terminal or non-terminal.
4. The Illinois and DuQuoin State Fairs are not classified as terminal shows.

## HORSES, PONIES, MULES AND OTHER EQUIDAE

### Illinois Equine

1. All horses and other equidae, twelve (12) months of age and older attending an advertised equine event, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) conducted within the last twelve (12) months. A copy of this test shall accompany the animal.
2. AGID (Coggins) or ELISA tests are accepted.
3. An advertised equine event means a show, rodeo, sale, auction, exhibition, trail ride, or horse fair that is posted or media promoted.
4. A CVI is not required for Illinois equine.

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## **SHEEP**

### **Identification**

Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

Ear tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.

When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.

### **Market Lambs**

All wethers must be slick shorn (show ring ready) before weigh-in so that show lamb fungus can be identified.

### **Illinois Sheep**

1. Sheep originating from a flock that has previously been classified as either an infected or source flock can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of approved flock plan.
2. For any animal born after 1/1/2002, the CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

## **GOATS**

### **Identification**

Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

Ear tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.

When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.

Ears should be used for tattooing when possible. If there is no space in the ear, the flank or tail fold may be used.

### **Illinois Goats**

1. Goats originating from a herd that has previously been classified as either an infected or source herd can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved herd plan.
2. For any animal born after 1/1/2002, the CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

**POULTRY**

1. All entries (except waterfowl, i.e. domesticated fowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese) in a show or exhibition shall have originated from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent hatchery or flock OR have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. Exhibitor shall show proper information as to name and address of owner or exhibitor, name and address of the authorized testing agent, date of the testing and the number, breed, and species of those tested.
2. Prior to being used to transport poultry to a show, all crates, boxes, containers and vehicles shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
3. Any poultry vaccinations must be performed at least 4 weeks prior to delivery to the show.
4. Upon admission to a show, all entries shall be examined by the official county fair veterinarian or qualified state personnel who shall also receive and examine all certificates necessary for admission of birds to a show. Birds not in show condition will be excused from exhibition and removed from the premises. Any fowl showing signs of illness during the fair will be removed from the exhibition grounds.

**PIGEONS**

There are no requirements governing the movements of pigeons within or into Illinois.

**RABBITS**

There are no requirements governing the movements of rabbits within or into Illinois.

**LLAMAS**

There are no requirements governing the movement of llamas within Illinois. A permit and health certificate is required for out-of-state llamas. A permit may be obtained by calling (217) 782-4944.