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Fair & Festival Regulations & Recommendations

WEST VIRGINIA FAIRS, FESTIVALS, AND PUREBRED CONSIGNMENT SALES HEALTH REQUIREMENTS 2009

- (1) This is an official interpretation of regulations promulgated under the authority of Chapter 19, Article 9 of the State Code of West Virginia. This applies to fairs, festivals and shows.
- (2) All livestock imported into the State of West Virginia for fairs, festivals, and shows shall be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection approved by the livestock health official of the State of origin. A copy of the approved Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall be forwarded to the Director of the Animal Health Division, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Capitol Building, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, and should be in his possession (5) five days prior to the arrival of livestock.
- (3) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspections (CVI) are good for 30 Days.

FAIRS & FESTIVAL

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR CATTLE AND GOATS

All out-of-state cattle and goats must be accompanied by an Official CVI.

GOATS

USDA regulation states that you must have an official Scrapie ID and the ID# must be listed on the CVI.

TUBERCULOSIS IN CATTLE

Cattle to be exhibited at West Virginia fairs, festivals, and shows must meet one of the following requirements:

From West Virginia :

No test required, if herd is not under quarantine for tuberculosis

From Other States :

(1) From Bovine Tuberculosis Free State – No test required. Interstate CVI is required.

(2) From other than Bovine Tuberculosis Free State:

- a. If originating from an accredited TB free herd – No test required, or
- b. If herd of origin has had a complete negative herd test within 12 months – No test required, or
- c. All other bovine require a negative TB test within 60 days of show.
- d. Nursing calves may be shown on dam's negative CVI.

BRUCELLOSIS IN CATTLE

Cattle to be exhibited at West Virginia fairs, festivals, and shows must meet one of the following requirements:

From West Virginia:

No test required, if herd is not under quarantine for brucellosis.

From Other States:

(1) From Brucellosis Free State – No test required. Interstate CVI is required

(2) From other than a Brucellosis Free State:

- a. Official brucellosis vaccinates under 24 months (beef) and 20 months (dairy) of age from a herd not under brucellosis restrictions – No test required, or
- b. Originating from a Certified Brucellosis Free herd – No test required, or
- c. Complete herd test within one year before the show – No test required, or
- d. A negative brucellosis test within 30 days. Nursing calves may be shown on the dam's negative CVI.

TB & BRUCELLOSIS FOR GOATS

No test required.

Note: Cattle and goats from other states with disease outbreaks may be required to secure a special permit from the Director of Animal Health Division, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, phone number (304) 558-2214, before being admitted into West Virginia.

If the animal is to be sold other than for slaughter, purebred consignment rules apply.

LEPTOSPIROSIS - CATTLE

* Recommended: Vaccinations for L. canicola, L. icterhaemorrhagiae, L. hardjo, L. pomona and L. grippotyphosa, are to be seriously considered.

WARTS, PINKEYE, RINGWORM & GENERAL HEALTH

It is strongly recommended that livestock with warts, pinkeye, and ringworm not be entered or allowed to show.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SWINE

All out-of-state swine must be accompanied by an official CVI.

From West Virginia:

Any swine born in West Virginia, and have never left the state, will no longer require pseudorabies testing prior to being shown at any fair or festival in West Virginia.

From Other States:

All swine must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for entry into West Virginia. Swine from a pseudorabies-free state need no testing.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SHEEP

****This is for sheep- USDA regulation states that you must have an official Scrapie ID and the ID# must be listed on the CVI****

From West Virginia:

- (1) Must be accompanied by an official CVI, or
- (2) Have a current Honor Flock Certificate.
- (3) Market class of lambs to be inspected at fair by West Virginia Animal Health Officials.

From Other States:

- (1) SAME
- (2) N/A
- (3) SAME

SCRAPIE REQUIREMENTS FOR SHEEP AND GOATS

The following animals will need ID (ear tags or tattoos):

- All sheep and goats for exhibition require scrapie tags or tattoos.
- All animal must be tagged prior to leaving the farm.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES

From West Virginia:

- (1) Must be uniquely identified, and
- (2) Have a negative Coggins' Test (from a USDA official approved laboratory) within the last 12 months.

From Other States:

- (1) Must be uniquely identified.
- (2) Accompanied by an approved CVI from the state of origin prior to show or fair, and
- (3) A negative Coggins' Test (from a USDA official approved laboratory) within the last twelve months, if State has a comparable program.
 - a. Negative Coggins' Test from states with no program; tests must be within six months.

RECOMMENDED EQUINE VACCINATION

Vaccination Programs should include at least:

- Flu
- Tetanus
- Eastern & Western Encephalitis
- West Nile Virus
- Rabies

NOTE: No animals from any herd or herds under restrictions will be permitted to show or sell. Animal Health Officials of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture reserve the right to examine any animal consigned and exclude animals from the show or sale that exhibit signs of disease.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR BIRDS TO BE IMPORTED OR EXHIBITED AT FAIRS, FESTIVALS, OR SHOWS

- Out of state birds must have a negative Avian Influenza test within 10 days of import/exhibition.
- Birds to be exhibited at fairs, festivals or shows shall be apparently healthy and shall not originate from a flock known to be infected with pullorum/typhoid.
- All birds to be exhibited at West Virginia fairs, festivals and shows shall be accompanied by: 1) A statement by the owner signed on the day of the show stating that the birds have been free of disease for the past 30 days and did not originate from a flock known to be infected with pullorum/typhoid; and 2) A Form 9-2 indicating that the birds have been tested within 90 days of the show, or; 3) A Form 9-3 indicating that they have originated from a pullorum/typhoid clean flock.
- Qualified individuals approved by the Commissioner may perform the pullorum/typhoid test at fairs, festivals and shows.
- The individual who performs the pullorum/typhoid test shall report to the Commissioner on forms provided by the Commissioner the results of these tests within seven (7) days of the testing.
- If any bird submitted by an owner tests positive for pullorum/typhoid, all birds of that owner shall be denied entry into the show.
- The fair management shall keep a record of all birds exhibited at their event. These records shall include the name and address of the exhibitor and the number of birds exhibited.
- No bird will be allowed for exhibit from an area under quarantine.

PUREBRED CONSIGNMENT SALES

- (1) All cattle, except those from accredited herds or herds that have been tested within the last 12 months, shall have a negative tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to sale. A nursing calf may move on dam's test or status.
- (2) For cattle from West Virginia, except those from certified herds or herds that have been tested within the last 12 months, shall have a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to sale unless officially brucellosis vaccinated. If vaccinated, they shall be subject to above rule after reaching 24 months (beef) and 20 months (dairy) of age.
- (3) Cattle from Free States, except those from certified herds, shall have a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to sale unless officially brucellosis vaccinated. If vaccinated, they shall be subject to above rule after reaching 24 months (beef) and 20 months (dairy) of age. Nursing calves may move on dam's test or status. All cattle must be verified progeny of herd.
- (4) Cattle from Class A states except those from certified herds must come from a herd of origin that has had a complete herd test within 12 months, but not less than 90 days prior to entry, or shall originate from a herd that has had a negative milk test conducted within six months, but not less than 90 days prior to entry and animals entering shall be negative to brucellosis test within 30 days of entry. Official vaccinates of beef breeds less than 24 months of age and official vaccinates of dairy breeds less than 20 months of age - no test required -but herd or origin must comply with this section (4) and all cattle must be verifiable progeny of the herd.

ALL LIVESTOCK MUST MEET THE STATE OF DESTINATION HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AS TO MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS. SOME VARIATION IS FOUND IN HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AMONG THE SEVERAL STATES.

The final disposition of all entries shall be made by a WVDA Animal Health Inspector or in their absence, a local fair official.

Commissioner of Agriculture