2010 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMALS EXHIBITED AT THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

The Nebraska State Veterinarian has been assigned as the official veterinarian for the Nebraska State Fair. Headquarters are established on the grounds.

Livestock disease control is vital for the livestock industry in Nebraska and the nation. Biosecurity is a key component of controlling diseases. Anytime animals are comingled, the chance of spreading disease is multiplied and so is the need for heightened biosecurity. To help prevent the spread of disease in the swine industry, it is the recommendation of the State Veterinarian that the non-terminal exhibition swine not be in contact with terminal exhibition swine. To that end, it is recommended non-terminal and terminal swine be exhibited on separate days.

General Health Requirements for all Animals:

Under no circumstances may animals under quarantine be exhibited.

Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases will be allowed to show.

Policy on Ringworm, Warts, and Abscesses:

- Animals that have active ringworm, visible warts, or abscesses, will not be allowed entry into the Nebraska State Fair for exhibition.
- The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun regrowth in the area and is so stated on the CVI.
- Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-off inspection will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- Animals that have visible abscesses will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

All animals exhibited must be accompanied by a CVI (except dogs, cats, rabbits, pigeons, and poultry originating in Nebraska) and shall be individually identified on the CVI. CVIs must list the Nebraska State Fair as consignee.

CVIs must be issued within 30 days of the exhibition **EXCEPT 4-H and FFA sheep and goats.**

> **All sheep and meat goats exhibited in the 4-H and FFA classes (except breeding sheep shown "in the wool") must be shorn prior to being examined by a veterinarian. A CVI must be issued within 10 days of exhibition.**

Representatives of the State Veterinarian's Office will be in attendance to verify the CVIs.

If Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV) is detected in Nebraska or any other state, additional requirements may be put in place.

Nebraska Origin

BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE

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B. Brucellosis - no test required to exhibit.

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B. Identification

All sheep and goats being exhibited, except wethers, need to be individually identified with USDA official ID. Official ID includes:

1. Electronic identification devices; or
2. Official scrapie identification eartags; or
3. Legible official registry tattoos.

C. Under no circumstances may sheep and goats be exhibited which originate from scrapie-source flocks or scrapie-infected flocks.

SWINE - All swine must be individually identified on the CVI.

HORSES - No Coggins test required.

LLAMAS - No additional testing requirements.

POULTRY - CVI not required for poultry. No additional testing requirements.

Out-of-State

Animals for sale or change of ownership must meet Nebraska import requirements. For information, call the Bureau of Animal Industry at (402) 471-2351.

BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE

A. Tuberculosis:

1. Accredited Free States or Zones:
   a. Beef cattle – no testing required.
   b. Dairy cattle – all sexually intact dairy cattle two months of age or older shall:
      (1) Be tested and found negative to an official tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to entry; or
      (2) Originate from a TB accredited free herd.

2. Modified Accredited Advanced State or Zone: Beef and dairy cattle shall:

   a. Beef cattle – no testing required.
   b. Dairy cattle – all sexually intact dairy cattle two months of age or older shall:
      (1) Be tested and found negative to an official tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to entry; or
      (2) Originate from a TB accredited free herd.

3. Modified Accredited State or Zone: Beef and dairy cattle which originate from a herd not under quarantine for tuberculosis shall:
   a. Originate from a TB accredited herd, with the accredited herd number listed on the CVI; and
      (1) Have obtained a permit for entry; and
      (2) Be individually identified with the identification listed on the CVI; and
      (3) Have tested negative to an official tuberculin test within sixty (60) days prior to entry; or

   b. Originate from a herd which has tested negative to an official whole herd tuberculin test within three hundred sixty-five (365) days prior to entry, and shall:
      (1) Have obtained a permit for entry; and
      (2) Be individually identified with the identification listed on the CVI; and
      (3) Have tested negative to an official tuberculin test within sixty (60) days prior to entry.

B. Brucellosis:

1. Class-Free states: no test required.

2. Class A states:
   a. Steers and market-class heifers - no testing required.
   b. Bulls and breeding females less than 18 months of age - no testing required.
   c. Bulls and breeding females, over 18 months of age, must conform to one of the following:
      (1) Originate directly from a certified brucellosis-free herd and the certification number recorded on the CVI; or
      (2) Tested and classified negative for brucellosis not more than 30 days prior to entry.

SHEEP AND GOATS

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B. All sheep and goats being exhibited, except wethers, must be individually identified with USDA Official ID. Official ID includes:

   1. Electronic identification devices; or

   2. Official scrapie identification eartags; or

   3. Legible official registry tattoos.

SWINE - All swine must be individually identified on the CVI.

HORSES - Horses originating from states other than South Dakota, must be tested and found negative for EIA (Coggins) within 365 days.

LLAMAS - No additional testing requirements.

POULTRY - All poultry imported for exhibition shall come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of going to the exhibition.