



2026 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR AND AKSARBEN STOCK SHOW ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS



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The Nebraska State Fair and Aksarben Stock Show, in cooperation with the Nebraska State Veterinarian’s Office and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, recognizes and abides by the importation laws of the state of Nebraska. The requirements in this document reflect the import and livestock movements of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, as well as additional requirements from the Nebraska State Fair and Aksarben Stock Show. The respective events are allowed to impose health regulations that are more restrictive than those imposed by the Nebraska State Veterinarian’s Office. In accordance with the Nebraska State Veterinarian’s Office, **THESE REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.**

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.

Routine Inspection Procedures (What the Exhibitor Should Expect)

1. Representatives of the show will meet the incoming vehicle at the designated area in the staging area (Trailer Parking Lot or Luebbe Lot). This could be the official Nebraska State Fair Veterinarian or other veterinarians on staff during the show.
2. All documents are to be inspected and a visual inspection of the animal is to be made.
3. If all animals with that vehicle meet all entry requirements, then the vehicle will be allowed to proceed onto Fonner Park.
4. If all animals with that vehicle do not meet the requirements, the vehicle should move where directed to allow continual traffic flow. If an animal must be unloaded, they will be placed in the quarantine area away from other animals.
5. The Nebraska State Fair Veterinarian will have the final call on questions about health of an animal, and whether they are allowed to enter Fonner Park.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

All out of state animals entering the Nebraska State Fairgrounds must be accompanied by a current CVI and shall have official identification listed on the CVI. CVIs must list the Nebraska State Fair as consignee. Electronic CVIs will be accepted. They must be emailed to nevetcheck@gmail.com.

Each CVI must:

- a. Be issued by an accredited licensed veterinarian.
- b. Show name and address of owner or exhibitor.
- c. Show all required tests and/or vaccinations.

- d. Each Swine CVI must contain the following statement: “To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on this certificate have not been exposed to, infected with or originated from premises known to be infected by Swine Enteric Corona Disease (SECD) or Seneca Valley Virus (SVV) in the last thirty (30) days.”
- e. All hoofed animals originating from states or counties with Vesicular Stomatitis will require extra examination and CVI requirements performed by an accredited veterinarian. Exhibitors should contact the Nebraska State Veterinarian’s office for updates on requirements.

CVIs must be issued within thirty (30) days of the exhibition.

General Health Requirements for All Animals

1. Under no circumstances may animals under quarantine be exhibited.
2. Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases will be allowed to show.
3. Animals that have active sore mouth, ringworm, contagious lesions, visible warts, dermatitis, or abscesses will not be allowed entry into the Nebraska State Fair for exhibition. Animals that are brought to the Nebraska State Fair with these skin conditions, that are visible by a hands-on inspection, will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
4. The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair/wool has begun re-growth in the area and is so stated on the CVI.
5. All animals entering the Nebraska State Fairgrounds will be subject to examination by a veterinarian upon arrival or during the show. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases may be immediately withdrawn from the show and held in quarantine at owner’s risk and expense until properly treated and recovered or until properly released to return to owner’s premises following treatment.
6. Any animals not from Nebraska that are sold or staying in Nebraska after exhibition must meet Nebraska import requirements. All out of state bovine animals being used for athletic events (roping, team penning, stock dog trials) must be tested negative for TB within the previous six (6) months.
7. **List official identification (steel tags, individual animal breed registry tattoos, or 840 RFID tags) and accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) which are correlated to official identification, on the CVI and accompanying certification where necessary.**

If an emerging disease is detected in Nebraska or any other state, additional requirements may be put in place.

NEBRASKA ORIGIN

Animals of Nebraska Origin do NOT require a CVI.

BEEF CATTLE

- A. Individual animal breed registry tattoos **must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers.**
- B. **Tuberculosis** – no test required to exhibit. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.
- C. **Brucellosis** – no test required to exhibit. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.
- D. **Trichomoniasis** – There are no Trichomoniasis testing requirements for animals originating from within Nebraska.

DAIRY CATTLE

- A. Individual animal breed registry tattoos must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers.
- B. **H5N1** – All lactating dairy cattle is not required but highly recommended to complete a milk test and receive a negative result for the H5N1 virus within 7 days of their arrival to the Fair. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.
- C. **Tuberculosis** – no test required to exhibit. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.

- D. **Brucellosis** – no test required to exhibit. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.
- E. **Trichomoniasis** – There are no Trichomoniasis testing requirements for animals originating from within Nebraska.

SHEEP AND GOATS

- A. All sheep being exhibited at the show will be examined for fungus prior to entering the Nebraska State Fairgrounds or at unloading time. All sheep will be examined by a licensed veterinarian. Blankets must be removed.
- B. **All market lambs and goats must be shorn sufficiently short to allow inspection for club lamb fungus at any time of the fair, including at inspection upon arrival.** If any active lesion is found, said animal will be removed from contacting other sheep and people, and not allowed to be shown.
- C. Identification: All sexually intact sheep and goats, wethers 18 months and older being exhibited, must have USDA Official Scrapie Identification; Individual animal breed registry tattoos **must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers.** 982 tags are NOT official USDA scrapie tags.
- D. Under no circumstances may sheep or goats be exhibited at the show which originate from scrapie-source flocks or scrapie-infected flocks.

SWINE

- A. The Nebraska State Fair is a non-terminal show for all 4-H and FFA Market hogs. The Aksarben Stock Show is a non-terminal show for all Market hogs. A terminal show is defined as animals leaving this show facility and being transported directly to a slaughter facility without unloading at any other point.
- B. After exhibition of non-terminal swine, the Nebraska State Fair **strongly recommends** that exhibited swine should be kept separate and apart from all other swine.

HORSES

- A. No EIA (Coggins) required for “In State” horses.
- B. The Nebraska State Fair strongly recommends that **ALL** horses also be vaccinated **PRIOR** to coming to the Fair for equine influenza and within 1 to 6 months prior to the Fair for EHV.
- C. **If an emerging disease is detected in Nebraska or any other state, additional requirements may be put in place.**

CAMELIDS (LLAMAS/ALPACAS)

- A. No additional testing requirements.

POULTRY

- A. No additional testing requirements.
- B. **Any birds showing signs of illness or parasites WILL NOT be allowed in the showroom and entry fees WILL NOT be refunded.**

COMPETING DOGS

- A. All competing dogs entering the show grounds must be accompanied by a vaccination record which states that the dog has been properly vaccinated for rabies.

RABBITS

- A. Rabbit exhibitors should be prepared to implement biosecurity practices to protect their rabbits from Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHDV-2).

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OUT-OF-STATE ORIGIN

ALL OUT-OF-STATE ORIGIN ANIMALS MUST HAVE A CURRENT CVI

BEEF CATTLE (CVI with official ID listed)

- A. **All cattle must be individually identified with official ID on the CVI.** Accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) are more easily read, but need to be listed and correlated to official identification (steel tags, tattoos, or 840 RFID tags) on the CVI. Individual animal breed registry tattoos must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers.
- B. **Tuberculosis** – no testing required except from Michigan.
- C. **Brucellosis** – Class-Free states: no test required. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.
- D. **Trichomoniasis** – Cattle entering Nebraska for exhibition purposes are exempt from the requirements for Trichomoniasis if returning to state of origin which must be noted on the CVI. Animals remaining in Nebraska for any reason, other than slaughter, after exhibition, shall meet the importation requirements. For questions, please contact the Nebraska Department of Agriculture – Animal and Plant Health Protection at 402-471-2351.

DAIRY CATTLE (CVI with official ID listed)

- A. **All cattle must be individually identified with official ID on the CVI.** Accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) are more easily read, but need to be listed and correlated to official identification (steel tags, tattoos, or 840 RFID tags) on the CVI. Individual animal breed registry tattoos must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers.
- B. **H5N1** – All lactating dairy cattle is required to complete a milk test and receive a negative result for the H5N1 virus within 7 days of their arrival to the Fair. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.
- C. **Tuberculosis** – all sexually intact dairy cattle two (2) months of age or older shall:
 - 1. Have obtained a permit for entry; and
 - 2. Be tested and found negative to an official tuberculosis test within sixty (60) days prior to entry; or
 - 3. Originate from a TB accredited free herd.
- D. **Brucellosis** – Class-Free states: no test required. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.
- E. **Trichomoniasis** – Cattle entering Nebraska for exhibition purposes are exempt for the requirements for Trichomoniasis if returning to state of origin which must be noted on the CVI. Animals remaining in Nebraska for any reason, other than slaughter, after exhibition, shall meet the importation requirements. For questions, please contact the Nebraska Department of Agriculture – Animal and Plant Health Protection at 402-471-2351.

SHEEP AND GOATS (CVI with official ID listed)

- A. All sheep being exhibited at the show will be examined for fungus prior to entering the Nebraska State Fairgrounds or at unloading time. All sheep will be examined by a licensed veterinarian. Blankets must be removed.
- B. **All market lambs and goats must be shorn sufficiently short to allow inspection for club lamb fungus at any time of the fair, including at inspection upon arrival.** If any active lesion is found, said animal will be removed from contacting other sheep and people, and not allowed to be shown.
- C. Identification: All sexually intact sheep and goats, wethers 18 months and older being exhibited, **must have USDA Official Scrapie Identification and this must be listed on the CVI;** Individual animal breed registry tattoos must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers. **982 tags are NOT official USDA scrapie tags.**
- D. Under no circumstances may sheep or goats be exhibited at the show which originate from scrapie-source flocks or scrapie-infected flocks.

SWINE (CVI with official ID listed)

- A. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) will be required for all exhibited swine. All swine must be individually identified with official ID on the CVI. **Each Swine CVI must contain the following statement: “To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on this certificate have not been exposed to, infected with or originated from premises known to be infected by Swine Enteric Corona Disease (SECD) or Seneca Valley Virus (SVV) in the last thirty (30) days.”**
- B. After exhibition of non-terminal swine, the Nebraska State Fair strongly recommends that exhibited swine should be kept separate and apart from all other swine.

HORSES (CVI required)

- A. ALL out-of-state horses must be tested and found negative for EIA (Coggins) within 365 days of the Fair.
- B. The Nebraska State Fair strongly recommends that **ALL** horses also be vaccinated **PRIOR** to coming to the Fair for equine influenza and within 1 to 6 months prior to the Fair for EHV.
- C. If an emerging disease is detected in Nebraska or any other state, additional requirements may be put in place.

CAMELIDS (LLAMAS/ALPACAS) (CVI with official ID listed)

- A. CVI required; and
- B. Have obtained a permit for entry.

POULTRY

- A. All poultry imported for exhibition from a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) participant must have a VS Form 9-3, a pre-assigned out-of-state poultry permit and originate from a NPIP flock or hatchery.
- B. Poultry for exhibition from non-NPIP must have a CVI, pre-entry import permit number, and a negative pullorum and typhoid test for each bird within 90 days prior to entry.

COMPETING DOGS

- A. All competing dogs entering the show grounds must be accompanied by a CVI issued within thirty (30) days by a licensed veterinarian, which states that the dog has been properly vaccinated for rabies.

RABBITS

- A. No rabbits allowed from states where Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHDV-2) has been detected in wild or domestic rabbits. **A CVI must be issued within 7 days for all rabbits.**
- B. Rabbit exhibitors should be prepared to implement biosecurity practices to protect their rabbits from Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHDV-2).