LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION

No. 1 - Livestock From Other States

Before unloading livestock, a state veterinarian must check all livestock to insure health and well-being of all animals exhibiting at the ND State Fair. Any animal with evidence of contagious, infectious disease will be dismissed from the Fairgrounds immediately. This includes animals showing signs of localized disorders such as club lamb fungus, ringworm, or other dermatophytosis (infectious skin conditions) and warts, as well as systemic disease of the respiratory or GI system. Additionally, any animal with an obvious physical defect or deformity, including, but not limited to, prolapses, open sores, eye lesions, lameness or other physical injuries, shall be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately. Animals exhibiting any condition affecting their health or comfort in the professional opinion of the inspecting veterinarian will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds.

Animals who are recovering from localized skin disorders will be permitted if (1) there are no open sores, and (2) hair is beginning to grow back (as determined by inspecting veterinarian).

Out-of-state cattle must all be officially identified, regardless of age or sex, and will need a certificate of veterinary inspection and permit number from the ND State Board of Animal Health. To obtain, please call 701-328-2655 during regular hours or 701-220-5194 after hours.

For any livestock being imported from Canada please contact the North Dakota State Board of Animal Health at 701-328-2655 and the USDA - APHIS, Veterinary Services at 701-328-1200.

Certificate of veterinary inspection and an importation permit number are required on all livestock as follows:

Cattle: No early releases. Certificate of veterinary inspection. A permit number is required on all females 12 months of age and older, bulls, and on all cattle originating from Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Michigan, Texas, California, the former TB management zone in Minnesota, and all states not free of brucellosis and tuberculosis. (Issued to the veterinarian signing the certificate of veterinary inspection.) Cattle originating from CO, NM, and TX states must be treated with an approved avermectin product, administered by a licensed veterinarian.

Official Calfhood Vaccination (OCV) for brucellosis required for all females 12 months of age and older except from IL, MN, MO, NC, NE, SD, and WI. No test required unless from Texas, Idaho, or from certain counties in MT or WY.

A negative tuberculosis test within 30 days prior to importation is required for all cattle from Michigan, Texas, California, and the former TB Management zone in Minnesota. Calves accompanying a negative dam do not require testing.

Board order #2007-03 state that “All bulls over 24 months of age and all non-virgin bulls over 12 months of age must have three consecutive, weekly, negative Trichomoniasis foetus culture tests or one negative PCR test prior to importation. No breeding is to occur between tests and the time the bull(s) is imported. “Trichomonas foetus has not been diagnosed in the herd of origin” and “There has been no potential breeding contact since the first qualifying test” need to be stated on the certificate of veterinary inspection.”

Exceptions to this include: Virgin bulls 24 months of age or less, with a signed statement by the owner that the bull(s) have had no potential breeding contact with females must be stated on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. OR Bulls imported into North Dakota temporarily and held in confinement (including exhibition and/or rodeo purposes) as determined by the state veterinarian with a valid waiver request submitted to the ND State Board of Animal Health.

Board Order #2004-01 state that “All dairy breed cattle sixty days of age or older, other than steers and spayed heifers, must be negative to an official test for tuberculosis within 60 days prior to entering North Dakota.”

Board order #2007-01 states that TB testing of imported cattle from Mexico and Rodeo/timed event cattle effective 3/27/07. All M-branded cattle entering North Dakota are required to be accompanied with proof of two negative TB tests by USDA accredited veterinarians with the last test within 60 days prior to import into ND. All cattle used for rodeo or timed events must have a negative bovine TB test within the last 12 months prior to import into ND.

Identification Requirements: All out of state cattle for exhibition, regardless of age or sex, must be identified with an official tag prior to entry to North Dakota.

Sheep: Certificate of veterinary inspection. Permit required on all sheep. Rams 6 months of age and over must be negative to an approved brucella ovine test, or the flock of origin must have a negative brucella ovine status. A negative brucella ovine status is non-transferable from one flock to another for those animals which are sold. Sheep showing evidence of infectious skin/eye lesions will be dismissed at any time during the Fair. Unless sheep are a QR or RR genotype at codon 171 as verified by two blood tests drawn under the supervision of an accredited veterinarian or state or federal veterinarian, the certificate of veterinary inspection must include the following statement signed by the owner of the flock of origin: “The flock of origin had not been diagnosed as a scrapie infected source, trace, or exposed flock in the last five years”. All sheep except wethers must have scrapie identification tags.

Swine: A certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) is required with a permit number and all swine must be identified with an official ear tag.

• All swine must be inspected and the CVI issued within 30 days of the movement.

• The following Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv) statement is required on all CVIs and must be signed by the owner as well as the veterinarian.

“The premises the swine are originating from has not had signs or a diagnosis of Transmissible Gastroenteritis (TGE) or Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv) in the last 60 days.” Additional information regarding swine importation requirements can be found at: www.nd.gov/ndda/program-info/animal-importation-requirements/swine. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, permit number, and official ID required for all swine. All swine require negative pseudorabies test within 30 days or be from a Qualified Pseudorabies Free herd or state. A Qualified Pseudorabies Free herd status is non-transferable from one herd to another for those animals which are sold.

Poultry: As of April 28, 2015, the State Board of Animal Health has indefinitely suspended public bird events such as poultry shows, exhibitions, and public sales due to concerns regarding highly pathogenic avian influenza. See the Board’s website at: http://www.nd.gov/ndda/disease/avian-influenza.

Rabbits: No health certificate required.

Goats: Certificate of veterinary inspection, permit, and Brucellosis and Tuberculosis test results within 30 days for all dairy breeds. All goats that come to the Fair, with the exception of market wether goats, must have their scrapie identification tags. Call the Federal Veterinarian’s office in your state to obtain your Scrapie Eradication Program tags or obtain them from your local veterinarian. A ‘breed registration tattoo’ will be accepted in lieu of a scrapie tag for dairy breed goats. Goats from the former TB management zone in Minnesota must test negative for tuberculosis within 60 days prior to importation.

Horses: Certificate of veterinary inspection. Negative Coggins test within the last 12 months for all states except South Dakota. If from a state affected by Vesicular Stomatitis (VS), must have an importation permit number and a statement that the animal has not been exposed and is not showing signs of VS.

No. 2 - North Dakota Livestock

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Animals who are recovering from localized skin disorders will be permitted if (1) there are no open sores, and (2) hair is beginning to grow back (as determined by inspecting veterinarian).

Cattle: Cattle will be checked by the State Fairs Veterinarian as they enter the barns. No early releases.

Goats: All goats that come to the Fair, with the exception of market wether goats must have their scrapie identification tags. Call the Federal Veterinarian’s office in ND (701-250-4210 or 866-873-2824) to obtain your Scrapie Eradication Program tags or obtain them from your local veterinarian. A ‘breed registration tattoo’ will be accepted in lieu of a scrapie tag for dairy breed goats.

Sheep: Sheep will be checked by the veterinarian as they enter the barns. No early releases. All sheep that come to the Fair, with the exception of market wether lambs must have their scrapie identification tags. Call the Federal Veterinarian’s office in ND (701-250-4210 or 866-873-2824) to obtain your Scrapie Eradication Program tags or obtain them from your local veterinarian. A ‘breed registration tattoo’ will be accepted in lieu of a scrapie tag. Sheep showing evidence of infectious skin/eye/ foot lesions will be dismissed at any time during the Fair. No health certificate required.
Swine: Swine will be checked by the veterinarian as they enter the barns. No early releases.

Poultry: As of April 28, 2015, the State Board of Animal Health has indefinitely suspended public bird events such as poultry shows, exhibitions, and public sales due to concerns regarding highly pathogenic avian influenza. See the Board’s website at: http://www.nd.gov/ndda/disease/avian-influenza

Rabbits: No certificate required.

No. 3 - Brand Inspection
Brand inspection is required on all cattle, horses, or mules leaving the state. A brand inspector will be available to issue brand inspection certificates as per ND Century Code 36-09-23.

Instructions to Superintendents
1. Superintendents of the various departments will be designated by suitable badges.
2. Each superintendent will have full charge of his or her department with authority to select all assistants and helpers, unless otherwise provided, subject to approval of the management or directors.
3. All claims and payrolls must be certified by the superintendent and filed with the Fair office.
4. Each superintendent must take charge of the books and return same promptly to the secretary’s office as soon as each class is judged. No changes will be allowed in the judges’ books unless on order of the board. All orders for premiums must be made out and signed by the superintendent and countersigned by secretary before they will be honored.
5. It shall be the duty of the superintendent at the close of the Fair to furnish a report in detail giving full information on exhibitors and entries entitled to special premiums, also give the number of exhibitors and entries in each class.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)
NATIONAL 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 compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics,” Fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

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 exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective Fairs and live-stock 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 and Canada.

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 related thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons 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 be fed the food chain free of violating drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal 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, regulations and rules affect the animal’s performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the 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 and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from 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 time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal 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, counter-irritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal’s performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or 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, using 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 representatives, 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 absolutely 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 person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code or ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual 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 or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show without recourse against the Fair or livestock show.
10. The act of entering of an animal in a Fair or livestock show is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the Fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
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 absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands 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 in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

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