

## THE MASON DIXON FAIR GENERAL LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

**The Mason Dixon Fair is a Pennsylvania sanctioned fair and follows the PDA Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services 2011 PA Fair Regulations for animal health requirements. These can be viewed at [www.agriculture.state.pa.us](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us)**

The following general Requirements apply to all species:

- A. All animals will be checked in by the superintendant or veterinarian upon arrival.
- B. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and a Vet-Client-Patient Relationship form must accompany animals at check in.
- C. All animals must be permanently identified.
- D. All animals must be free from clinical contagious, parasitic or infectious disease.

### HEALTH REGULATIONS 2011

#### **Pennsylvania Cattle:**

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2011 is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the PA CVI).
3. *An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
  - A USDA-issued metal eartag; or
  - A breed registration tattoo if the tattoo is legible and the animal is accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate; or
  - A breed registration eartag if the animal is accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate; or
  - An ISO-compliant 15-digit eartag (including RFID).
5. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older (*market cattle are exempt from this vaccination requirement*). All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated cattle must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. If a rabies vaccination certificate is provided, the certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

#### **Out of State Cattle:**

In addition to the requirements for PA cattle:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 60 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required. The CVI shall include a statement verifying that "all animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). During the past 90 days, these animals have neither been exposed to VS nor located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."
2. Testing: Brucellosis Requirements:
  - No test is required for exhibition animals which originate from a Brucellosis-free state or are members of a Certified Brucellosis-free Herd.

MD is a brucellosis free state. For cattle housed outside of MD, please contact the Livestock Superintendent, April Cooper 717-817-4961 for Brucellosis requirements.

3. Testing: Tuberculosis Requirements:
  - No test is required for animals originating from "Accredited Free"

states or zones.

MD is a tuberculosis accredited free state. For cattle housed outside of MD, please contact the Livestock Superintendent, April Cooper 717-817-4961 for Brucellosis requirements.

### **Pennsylvania Equine Animals:**

The following rules apply to all horse exhibitions:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2011 is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.
3. *An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. All equine animals must be test negative for EIA by an official test within the 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Laboratory test results must accompany each animal to its final destination (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable). Foals less than six months of age accompanied by a dam which meets the above requirements are exempt from EIA testing requirements. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal to its final destination.
5. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals three months of age and older. However, if a mare was currently vaccinated against rabies when she foaled, the foal is not required to be vaccinated until six months of age, with a second vaccination administered two-four weeks later. All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated equine animals must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. The certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the original rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

### **Out of State Equine Animals:**

In addition to the requirements for PA equine:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required. The CVI shall include a statement verifying that "all animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). During the past 90 days, these animals have neither been exposed to VS nor located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."
2. If an equine animal has resided in Texas or New Mexico for a cumulative total of 30 days or more within the six months preceding the date of entry into the Commonwealth, that animal must be test-negative for Piroplasmiasis on a competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (c-ELISA) test, or a Department-approved equivalent test, with the test occurring within the 30 days preceding entry into Pennsylvania. This requirement shall not be applicable to an equine animal that is being transported through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to another State, and that is not offloaded or commingled with other equine animals while within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The written laboratory test report, confirming compliance with the requirement described above, shall accompany the equine animal in transit to a destination within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and the date of test and the test results shall be written on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

### **Pennsylvania Goats:**

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2011 is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.
3. *An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.

4. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
- An official USDA scrapie eartag. Contact the USDA to obtain scrapie eartags at 1-866-873-2824, weekdays from 9 AM to 5 PM. Your order may take several weeks for processing, so order tags early; or
  - An ISO-compliant 15-digit eartag (including RFID); or
  - A USDA-approved custom scrapie eartag; or
  - A USDA-approved scrapie tattoo. Goats with an official scrapie tattoo must also have a unique individual animal ID (tattoo) to meet the scrapie ID requirement; or
  - Goats having a breed registration tattoo and accompanied by a registration certificate are exempt from the scrapie ID requirement if the tattoo is legible and a registration certificate (copy acceptable) or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which lists the tattoo and registry accompanies the animal at all times during transport from the premises of birth.

### **Out of State Goats:**

In addition to the requirements for PA goats:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 60 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required. The CVI shall include a statement verifying that "all animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). During the past 90 days, these animals have neither been exposed to VS nor located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed." All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is preprinted on the CVI).
2. Testing requirements: Tuberculosis:
  - No test is required for animals originating from "Accredited Free" states or zones.

MD is a tuberculosis accredited free state. For cattle housed outside of MD, please contact the Livestock Superintendent, April Cooper 717-817-4961 for Brucellosis requirements.

### **Pennsylvania Sheep:**

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2011 is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.
3. *An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is required. Official scrapie ID includes:
  - An official USDA scrapie eartag. Contact the USDA to obtain scrapie eartags at 1-866-873-2824, weekdays from 9 AM to 5 PM. Your order may take several weeks for processing, so order tags early; or
  - A USDA-approved custom scrapie eartag; or
  - A USDA-approved scrapie tattoo with individual animal ID (tattoo); or
  - An ISO-compliant 15-digit eartag (including RFID).
5. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older (market sheep are exempt from this vaccination requirement). All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated sheep must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. If a rabies vaccination certificate is provided, the certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

## **Out of State Sheep:**

In addition to the requirements for PA sheep:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 60 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required. The CVI shall include a statement verifying that "all animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). During the past 90 days, these animals have neither been exposed to VS nor located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."

## **Pennsylvania Swine:**

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2011 is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.
3. *An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual animal ID is required. ID options include the following:
  - A form of official ID, including:
    - A herd tattoo in combination with an ear notch; or
    - A USDA-issued metal ear tag; or
    - An ISO-compliant 15-digit ear tag (including RFID). or
  - A plastic stamped ear tag.

## **Out of State Swine:**

In addition to the requirements for PA swine:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required. The CVI shall include a statement verifying that the swine have not been fed raw garbage and that "all animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). During the past 90 days, these animals have neither been exposed to VS nor located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."
2. Brucellosis Testing Requirements:
  - No brucellosis test is required if the animal originates from a Validated Brucellosis-free Herd. If from a Validated Herd, the herd number and date of last test must be included on the CVI.
  - If not originating from a Validated Herd, out of state swine must be negative to a brucellosis test within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition, and the negative results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative laboratory test report (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable).
3. Pseudorabies Testing Requirements:
  - No pseudorabies test is required if the animal originates from a Qualified Pseudorabies-negative Herd. A Qualified Pseudorabies-negative Herd shall not be construed to mean every swine herd from a Stage V state, but only those herds in compliance with individual herd testing plans. If from a Qualified Herd, the herd number and date of last test must be included on the CVI.
  - If not originating from a Qualified Herd, out of state swine must be negative to a pseudorabies test within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition, and the negative results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative laboratory test report (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable).