

# ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

The Huntingdon County Agricultural Association reserves the right to adopt stricter livestock health regulations than those provided herein which all exhibitors must adhere to prior to and during the fair so as to provide a biosecure environment that protects the agricultural industry of Pennsylvania and conforms to any governmental regulations that may be issued subsequently to the publishing of this annual premium tabloid.

1. Animals, with the exception of swine and Pennsylvania rabbits/cavies, will not be admitted without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) that was issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian within the 30 days prior to the date of animal exhibition OR a completed Veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR) form with a veterinarian's signature. All animals must be individually identified on the CVI or VCPR. The CVI and/or VCPR must be available upon arrival and with the herdsman in charge at all times throughout the fair. Veterinarians and fair officials reserve the right to check exhibits daily.
2. A statement indicating all animals are free of infectious and contagious diseases is required on the CVI or VCPR. If this statement is preprinted, a veterinarian must sign the statement. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival will be sent home.
3. No animal showing evidence of contagious, infectious, or external parasitic disease will be allowed entrance into the fair. Fair officials reserve the right to disqualify any unthrifty, unhealthy, or undesirable projects.
4. Before importing animals from a state or area which is quarantined to prevent the spread of disease, owners must contact the Department of Agriculture to obtain current regulations regarding imports from that state or area.
5. Veterinarian bills accrued due to ill or injured animals on the fairgrounds will be paid for by the exhibitor, regardless if the exhibitor or fair personnel contact the veterinarian.
6. All show animals should be held in isolation for at least 30 days after return to the herd of origin.
7. Out of state animals must have a CVI issued within 30 days prior to the date of importation.
8. See the additional health rules that are specific to your species.

## HORSE HEALTH RULES

1. Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) - All horses must be official ELISA or AGID (Coggins) test negative within one year of admission to the show. The negative test report must accompany the horse. The negative test must have been conducted within 12 months of the opening date of the show. The negative test report must be issued to the current owner of all horses, including pulling teams and must include an accurate description of the horse including age, color and sex, plus any other reliable identification such as tattoos, distinctive marks, etc. Solid color animals must be identified by some method of unique identification such as a lip tattoo, brand or at least two (2) distinct markings.
2. Horses should be immunized to prevent contagious respiratory disease (e.g. Equine influenza, EHV and Triple E) not less than 15 days before the show.
3. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older. Rabies vaccinated equine animals must be accompanied by a completed rabies vaccination certificate or the information must be on the CVI.

## CATTLE HEALTH RULES

1. All cattle must have an official ear tag. Identification of animal by official state tag is required either by a USDA issued National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tag or a 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag starting with "840".
2. It is required that all cattle entering the show be currently immunized against IBR, PI3 and BVD. A statement that the animal(s) identified have been immunized against IBR, PI3 and BVD must be on the CVI/VCPR.
3. All dairy beef steers need to be vaccinated against Bovine Rhinotracheitis-Virus Diarrhea-Parainfluenza3, Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccine, with two doses given a minimum of six weeks apart with the final dose administered a minimum of 14 days prior to check in. Both vaccinations must be listed on the CVI/VCPR by the veterinarian.
4. **BVD VACCINATIONS:** All cattle that have never been vaccinated against BVD or have not been vaccinated against BVD during the previous 12 months, must receive one dose of modified live virus vaccine given at least 15 days and not more than 180 days before the show, or two doses of killed vaccine, two to four weeks apart, with the last dose given at least 15 days and not more than 180 days before the show. Cattle that have been vaccinated against BVD within the previous 12 months must receive at least a single injection of live virus or killed vaccine given not less than 15 days and not more than 180 days before the show. The date of the BVD vaccination(s) must be recorded on the CVI/VCPR.
5. No cattle showing clinical signs of active ringworm, warts, lice or mange will be admitted to any show.
6. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older. Rabies vaccinated animals must be accompanied by a legible, completed rabies vaccination certificate or the information must be on the CVI/VCPR. Market steers (both beef and dairy beef) are exempt from the rabies vaccination requirement.
7. Out of State Cattle - A CVI issued within the 30 days prior to the date of importation is required. Current HPAI testing and moving requirements must be followed when moving dairy cattle into Pennsylvania. All of the in state cattle specific requirements apply. For Brucellosis and TB testing requirements, call the Bureau of Animal Health's Regulations and Compliance Division at (717) 783-6851.

## **SHEEP HEALTH RULES**

1. Individual official animal identification is required for all sheep. Identification used for sheep must be permanently affixed to the individual animal. Official ID includes a USDA ear tag with a US shield, scrapie program tags, or a legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database a.k.a. scrapie tattoo (flock ID in the right ear—state postal code and letters/numbers—and individual animal ID in the left ear).
2. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older. Rabies vaccinated animals must be accompanied by a completed rabies vaccination certificate or the information must be on the CVI/VCPR. Market lambs showing in the HCF market lamb show are exempt from the rabies vaccination requirement.

## **GOAT HEALTH RULES**

1. Goats must bear an official USDA scrapie identification tag available from USDA at 1-866-873-2824. Goats having a registration tattoo with a registration certificate are exempt from this requirement.
2. No goat showing clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease including caseous lymphadenitis, sore mouth, active ring worm, foot rot, warts, lice, or mange will be admitted to the show.
3. All goats shall comply with the Department's regulations regarding the intrastate transportation of goats found at 7 Pa.Code § 3.151.
4. All goats shall comply with the Department's "General Quarantine Order; Scrapie" [50 Pa.B. 4751, September 19, 2020].

## **SWINE HEALTH RULES**

1. Swine must have a CVI issued within the 30 days prior to the date of exhibition.
2. A veterinarian MUST check swine on trailer prior to unloading animals at the fair.
3. Swine must bear an official USDA 840 radio frequency identification (RFID) and the number recorded on the CVI.
4. All swine exhibited must be moved to a PDA or USDA licenced slaughter facility upon completion of the sale.
5. Pseudorabies and Brucellosis tests are not required.

## **RABBIT AND CAVY HEALTH RULES**

1. An animal owner or caretaker's verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) statement for the animals being exhibited must be included on the fair registration form.
2. Rabbits showing signs of contagious or infectious disease will not be admitted to the fair. Superintendents have the final judgment in resolving any health dispute.
3. The owner of the animal and the place of exhibition or destination shall meet the standards established at sections 2323 and 2327 of the Domestic Animal Law (3 Pa.C.S. §§ 2323 and 2327) and set forth in Subchapter A, paragraphs 9 and 10 of this document.
4. The owner of the animal shall meet all general requirements for importation and intrastate movement as set forth in sections 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 of the Department's regulations (7 Pa.Code §§ 3.3-3.7).
5. While on exhibit or at any time following exhibition, it is an obligation to report all mass mortality events and all rabbits who are ill and bleeding from eyes, nose, mouth, or have bloody stools to the Department's emergency line 717-772-2852, option 1. It is vital to quickly identify and prevent dangerous transmissible diseases such as Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD) from spreading.
6. Out of State Rabbits: A CVI issued within the 14 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required. The Certificate of Veterinary inspection shall be written by an accredited Veterinarian and contain the following statements: "All Rabbits in the shipment have been examined for and found free of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases including RHDV-2 and there have not been multiple mortality events or rabbits exhibiting hemorrhages within the last 90 days. The rabbits in this shipment have not been housed or exhibited with any rabbits associated with known mass mortality or hemorrhage events" or "In the last 90 days, the rabbits in this shipment, have not been exhibited in, housed in, or traveled to, any state or territory in which RHDV-2 has been diagnosed within the last 12 months. In addition, during the last 90 days, they have had no contact with any captive or wild rabbit originating from or travelled to one of those affected states or territories."
7. The Department of Agriculture has no specific requirements for Pennsylvania rabbits at fairs. However, fair management has the authority to impose requirements designed to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. While on exhibit, report all mass mortality events and all rabbits who are ill and bleeding from eyes, nose, mouth, or have bloody stools to the department emergency line 717-772-2852 option 1. We need your help to quickly identify and stop dangerous transmissible diseases such as RHDV-2.