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Intrastate HPAI Testing Requirements for Lactating Dairy Cattle for NC Mountain State Fair and NC State Fair

This requirement is specific for lactating dairy cattle moving intrastate (from a NC premise) to the NC Mountain State Fair and NC State Fair.

HPAI testing requirements for cattle originating within NC

1. Negative Influenza A test results within 7 days of sample collection from a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) lab must be presented to NCDA&CS staff prior to entry of any lactating dairy cattle at the NC Mountain State Fair and the NC State Fair.
 - a. Rollins Animal Disease Diagnostic lab is a NAHLN lab.
2. The milk samples must be collected by a USDA accredited veterinarian, and the veterinarian's information must be included on the test results paperwork from the NAHLN lab.
3. Each individual animal must be sampled, tested and have negative results for Influenza A. Each sample must be a composite milk sample representing all four quarters.
4. Individual official animal identification must match the identification on the test results paperwork.
5. The date of sample collection must be no more than 7 days prior to arrival at the fair.
6. In lieu of NAHLN test results in hand, a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), including official individual official identification for each animal from a USDA accredited veterinarian including official animal identification and negative Influenza A results from samples collected from all lactating dairy cows within 7 days of arrival at the event, will also be acceptable for intrastate animals.

For interstate movements of lactating dairy cattle, that is animals arriving from premises outside of NC, the requirements of the USDA Federal Order Requiring Testing for and Reporting of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Livestock will apply. The Federal Order requires all lactating dairy cattle moving across state lines for exhibition to have a negative test for Influenza A virus from an approved NAHLN lab **and** an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI). Samples for these animals must also be collected within 7 days of arrival. Per the Federal Order, interstate animals can return to their herd of origin as long as the exhibition, show, or sale does not exceed 10 days of length. More information on the Federal Order can be found here:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock>

Please keep in mind that this is an ongoing disease event and requirements and recommendations are subject to change as more information becomes available.