

# NILE Health, Brand & Import Regulations

The NILE is committed to protecting the health of your livestock. Although we cannot guarantee the health of any animals participating in NILE, we have taken steps to minimize the threat of exposure to contagious diseases. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued by your local accredited veterinarian is an important part of our animal health monitoring system at the NILE. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is needed even if you live within Montana.

Veterinary services will monitor the health of the animals on the grounds, be available (on private fee basis) should you need assistance with an animal's health or injury problem, and to write outgoing inspection certificates for sale animals. Common items which sometimes get overlooked:

- Failure to get an incoming veterinary inspection.
- Lack of brucellosis vaccination for female cattle.
- Incomplete documentation by the veterinarian on the inspection certificate.
- Lack of EIA - (Coggins) test on sale horses.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding regulations, please contact:

Montana Department of Livestock  
Animal Health Division: (406) 444-2976  
Brand Enforcement: (406) 444-2045

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. **All animals presented for exhibition or sale from out-of-state shall be accompanied by an import permit, certificate of veterinary inspection and brand inspection.** Animals originating from a state that does not have official brand inspections may obtain one upon arrival in Montana. Import permits should be obtained by the accredited veterinarian issuing the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection within 10 days prior to arrival into Montana. Import permits can be obtained by contacting: Department of Livestock, Animal Health Division, Helena, (406) 444-2976. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection: Animals must be inspected within 30 days prior to arrival in Montana. All animals imported into Montana must comply with all Montana import requirements as well as any additional NILE requirements. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must contain a statement of general health and indicate vaccinations and the results of test(s) required for each species.
2. Animals presented for exhibition or sale on NILE grounds shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
3. **Health Certificate Compliance -Regulations & Restrictions-**Every animal, including Jr. Fed livestock, entering the NILE grounds must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Animals must be inspected within 30 days prior to date of event (show or sale), except as indicated above. Certificates of Veterinary Inspections will be subject to inspection. There will be no admittance without a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. The NILE's official veterinarian will not issue these certificates on the NILE grounds. All cattle arriving for breeding cattle sales or exhibition must be individually identified (official tag, etc.) on health certificate. Accepted ID is bangs tag, RFID (840), or a USDA silver tag. Sale animals and show animals must be listed on separate health certificates.
4. In Montana, a brand inspection is required before removal from the County, before removal from the state and on change of ownership. Department of Livestock Inspectors are typically on-hand to check all consignments at NILE for compliance with Montana laws.
5. All arriving animals are subject to a clinical inspection. Any animals showing clinical evidence of disease will be refused entry or required to be handled in accordance with directives of the veterinarian in charge.
6. Animals affected with warts, ringworm, pink eye, other skin conditions, unsightly blemishes or any communicable disease will be refused entry into the NILE or removed from the grounds at the discretion of the official show veterinarian and superintendent.
7. Animals, which develop a disease condition during the course of the show, are to be handled in accordance with the directive of attending veterinarian.
8. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection and other necessary papers must accompany the animals upon arrival on the grounds and be available for examination for the duration of the show.
9. Exhibitors arriving with sale & show animals should have **two health certificates & two brand inspections** - sale animals and show animals.

## CATTLE (Also see General Requirements)

1. An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian - animals must be inspected within 30 days prior to date of event (show or sale) shall accompany all cattle (including Montana cattle). All cattle presented for exhibition must be individually identified on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection certifying freedom from disease, or any exposure thereto. Exhibitors arriving with sale & show animals should have **two certificates** -sale animals and show animals. Sale cattle **MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIED** on health certificate by official eartag.

2. One of the following statements must be true and be included on the CVI: "The animals in this shipment are NOT 'M-Branded' (Mexico origin) nor have they been in contact with or exposed to any 'M-Branded' cattle." OR "The animals in this shipment ARE 'M-Branded' (Mexico origin) or they have been in contact with or exposed to 'M-Branded' cattle."
3. Out-of-state animals require import permits in addition to the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
4. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall show compliance with the following requirements in addition to the statement of general health.

## BRUCELLOSIS - ALL CATTLE

1. Montana requires all female cattle over four months entering the State from a state or area that has not been brucellosis free for 10 years or more must show proof of official vaccination by legible tattoo or ear tag and certificate.
2. All sexually intact cattle 12 months of age or older and originating from within a Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) must have a negative brucellosis test within 30 days or after July 15, 2017 for show or sale. DSA origin cattle may have testing variances based on a completed "Brucellosis Prevention and Surveillance Herd Management Plan" (Management Agreement).
3. Consult your veterinarian regarding identification requirements for DSA origin cattle.
4. Canadian Cattle: All intact animals must have a negative brucellosis test if 12 months of age or older within in 30 days prior to shipment.

## BRUCELLOSIS - SALE CATTLE

**\*\*Any testing requirements that apply to All Cattle also apply to sale cattle\*\***

1. Sale animals must have a separate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for each animal issued no more than 30 days prior to date of event (show or sale) and must identify animals individually by official tag.
2. Sale animals must have a separate brand inspection certificate for each animal entered in a breed sale.

## TUBERCULOSIS

1. TUBERCULOSIS - MONTANA CATTLE: Montana cattle will not be required to have a current tuberculosis test to exhibit or show.
2. TUBERCULOSIS - OUT-OF-STATE BEEF CATTLE: Consult your local veterinarian or the Montana Department of Livestock (406)-444- 2976 for states that require tuberculosis test prior to entry. Out-of-state beef cattle, from TB accredited free states will not be required to have a current tuberculosis test to sell, exhibit, or show. Out-of-state cattle, from TB modified accredited States or zones (portions of Michigan) must meet the following TB testing requirements: All sexually intact animals 2 months and older must have been part of a whole herd negative TB test within 12 months prior to shipment and individual animals must have been TB tested within 60 days prior to shipment into Montana or current negative test and originate from an accredited TB free herd or two negative tests 60-120 days apart, the second test must be within 60 days of import. Out-of-state beef cattle from TB modified Accredited Advanced States or areas (Canada and portions of MI) must have current, within 60 days of import, negative TB test on all sexually intact animals eighteen (18) months of age and older or originate from an accredited TB-free herd. This test must have been done in the last 6 months and the animal in question had to have been present on the day of the test. Cattle from Canada must have, current, within 60 days of import, negative TB test on all sexually intact animals two (2) months of age and older or originate from an accredited TB-free herd.
3. TUBERCULOSIS - OUT-OF-STATE DAIRY CATTLE: All sexually intact animals 2 months of age and over must have a negative TB test within 60 days prior to entry, regardless of state of origin. USDA Accredited TB Free Herd status cattle may or may not require individual animal testing, contact Montana Department of Livestock.

4. TUBERCULOSIS - OUT-OF-STATE RODEO CATTLE: Bucking bulls, steer wrestling steers, and all roping bovines require a negative TB test within 6 months prior to importation into Montana or 12 months when from a TB free state.
5. TUBERCULOSIS - SALE CATTLE: A tuberculosis test is not required. But for any anticipated sales to states or countries requiring a negative tuberculosis test exhibitors should secure the necessary test and have the certificate in possession prior to the sale. If cattle are sold into states requiring test, it takes 72 hours to get test results. You are responsible for cattle during the 72-hour period. Consult your local veterinarian for states that require a tuberculosis test. (Sale cattle must be individually identified on health certificate by official ear-tag.)

#### CANADIAN CATTLE

At press time for this publication, show cattle are allowed into Montana specifically for the NILE show provided they comply with the following rules:

1. All intact cattle must have a negative Brucellosis test is 12 months of age or older within 30 days prior to shipment.
2. Show bulls are exempt from Trichomoniasis testing if no breeding or semen collection is performed while the animal is in Montana (Please state on CVI).
3. There may be exemptions to the CAN Brand for exhibition animals, but these animals must be exported back to Canada or to a state that will accept them.
4. Each animal must have a legible registration tattoo number in compliance with the individual's breed registry.
5. Sale animals MUST be hot iron branded with CAN hip brand in order to be sold during the NILE - MT ONLY accepts CAN hot iron brands -freeze brands or tattoos are not accepted for MT imports. Please contact the Montana Department of Livestock for further information.
6. Show cattle may be exempted from the hot iron brand requirement if they return directly to Canada or are exported to a state that will accept them.
7. An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian stating the results of the Tuberculosis testing and certifying freedom from other diseases.
8. Exhibitors must send a copy of the animal's test and health papers to the Montana Department of Livestock Animal Health Division for verification prior to receiving an import number. Information can be sent to the DOL via fax (406-444-1929). No animals will be allowed into the state of Montana or onto the MetraPark grounds without proper paperwork.
9. Cattle or semen cannot be loaned, leased, sold or used for breeding while being in the State of Montana. Canadian sale cattle must meet all Montana import requirements including CAN hip brand and possibly Tri ch testing - call (406) 444-2976 during office hours for more information or visit online at <http://liv.mt.gov>.

#### JR. FED STEERS (also see General Requirements)

Fat cattle injected with Ivermectin will have a 35-day withholding before they can be slaughtered. If corral dip is used there is no withholding period. You will also need an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian inspected within 30 days prior to date of the event (show or sale).

#### SHEEP & GOATS (also see General Requirements)

1. All sheep & goats (including Montana sheep) shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, obtained from your local accredited veterinarian; animals must be inspected within 30 days prior to date of the event (show or sale), certifying freedom from disease, including lice, foot rot, or exposure thereto. All sheep & goats must have Scrapie tag and Scrapie tag number must be identified on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Out-of-state sheep & goats require import permit in addition to Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. The following statement needs to be on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for all sheep: "The animals in this shipment were not exhibiting clinical signs associated with scrapies at the time of examination."
3. SCRAPIE: All (wether or ewe) sheep & (doe or wether) goats must have a scrapie tag. Contact the federal USDA APHIS Veterinary Services office in Helena at (406) 449-2220.

#### GOATS:

1. Tuberculosis (TB) animals originating from a TB Accredited Free or TB Modified Accredited Advanced State Zone:
  - Originate directly from a USDA-APHIS-VS Accredited TB-Free herd. The herd accreditation number and date of entire herd test must be included on the CVI.
  - Goats imported for exhibition that will return to the state of origin within 30 days do not require a TB Test. The following statement must be true and included on the CVI: "While in Montana, these goats will be used for exhibition only and cannot be sold or used for breeding"

#### GOATS (cont'd)

2. BRUCELLOSIS - GOATS: Goats imported for exhibition that will return to the state of origin within 30 days do not require to have a brucellosis card test but need this statement on the CVI: "While in Montana, these goats will be used for exhibition only and cannot be or used for breeding. If any of these animals are sold during their stay in Montana, they will need to meet all of Montana's Requirements before leaving NILE or have to be quarantined on arrival to destination and tested by a veterinarian.

#### SWINE (also see General Requirements)

1. An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within 10 days prior to the show shall accompany all swine (NILE requirement). All swine presented for exhibition must be individually identified on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with an ear tag, tattoo, or some permanent identification. Swine will be subject to inspection upon arrival. Show Certificate shall also include the following:
  - These swine are not PRV vaccinated and have not been fed raw garbage.
  - There has been no evidence of PRV in the herd of origin in the last 12 months.
2. Out-of-state swine require an import permit in addition to a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
3. BRUCELLOSIS MONTANA SWINE and OUT-OF-STATE SWINE: All states are now classed "free". and not required to have a current Brucellosis test to show. Canadian swine must be tested.
4. PSEUDORABIES MONTANA SWINE AND OUT-OF-STATE SWINE: All states and Canada are PRV Stage V (Free) - no PRV requirements.
5. Health papers must be turned in prior to unloading pigs on the grounds to the NILE Jr. Fed superintendent or NILE livestock office.

#### HORSES (Also see General Requirements)

1. An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian - animals must be inspected within 30 days prior to date of event (show or sale) shall accompany all horses (including Montana horses).
  2. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall show compliance with the following requirements in addition to the statement of general health certificates provided by Agview or Global Vet Link no longer require a permit number for entry into Montana.
  3. Each horse must have a negative and current Coggins test. Coggins tests are good for one (1) year in Montana.
  4. VS Statement
    - For horses originating from a VSV (Vesicular Stomatitis) affected states the health certificate must be ISSUED within 7 days of entry into Montana.
    - Additionally, the following statement will be required on the CVI: "I have examined all equines identified on this certificate and found them to be free of clinical signs of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). These equids have not been exposed to a VS affected animal or VS quarantines premises within the last fourteen (14) days"
- The VS statement is only required if there are positive VS cases in a state. The current VS positive states are Arizona, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. \*\*Please note: this may change prior to October, exhibitors should have Veterinarian confirm prior to writing CVI.
5. In Montana, a brand inspection is required before removal from the county, before removal from the state and on change of ownership. Department of Livestock Inspectors are typically on-hand to check all consignments at NILE for compliance with Montana laws.
    - No Brand Inspection is necessary for horses residing in Yellowstone County, MT.
    - Horses entering Montana from a "no brand state" do not need a Brand Inspection, they will need a current CVI and negative Coggins test.

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