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Health Requirements and Recommendations for Washington State Livestock Exhibitions

From the State Veterinarian

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Enclosed are the mandatory import and livestock inspection requirements and recommended animal health inspection regulations for entry to Washington fairs. Because individual fairs may apply more stringent regulations, exhibitors should contact fair management well in advance of an event for details regarding deadlines, required paperwork, fees, rules, and so on. Thank you for doing your part to safeguard the health of Washington State poultry and livestock by distributing the enclosed documents to the appropriate superintendents.

1) Entry permits

Entry permits are required for all out-of-state cattle, swine, and rams over six months old. To obtain a permit number, call 360-902-1878 between 8 AM and 5 PM Monday through Friday. After hours and weekends, call 800-942-1035 or [Electronic Entry Permit](#)

2) Special sales

- An application for a special livestock sale may be obtained by calling the Livestock Identification Program at 360-902-1855. A copy of the application is enclosed or available at [Special Sale Application](#)
- Special sales permits are due 15 days before the sale to be considered for approval.

3) Brand inspection requirements

- All cattle must be inspected for brands or other proof of ownership for any action creating a change of ownership. If a brand inspection is needed, it must be done prior to sale.

- A certificate of permit (haul slip) needs to be filled out completely by the consigner prior to transporting and consigning animals to a sale. Certificates of permits can be purchased by calling 360-902-1855. Books of 25 permits are \$5.
- Proper proof of ownership documents must accompany cattle being consigned to a sale at the time of inspection. If proof of ownership is not satisfied, proceeds of the animal's sale will be held until proper ownership documentation is presented.
- Accepted proof of ownership documents for youth terminal sales:
 - An official livestock inspection certificate issued by WSDA.
 - An official inspection certificate issued by another state or province maintaining a livestock inspection program.
 - Bill of sale and affidavit of sale. For copies of affidavits of sale, contact your local brand inspector.
- If you have any questions, contact the Livestock Inspection Program at 360-902-1855.

4) Animal health and CVI requirements

In-state animal entries

- Exhibitors are NOT required to have individual certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs) for entry into a fair. If a fair requires a CVI on in-state animals, a private veterinarian can issue one per group or individual.

In-state poultry exhibitor requirements

- All chickens, exotic fowl, and game birds must test negative for Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days prior to exhibition. Waterfowl, doves, and pigeons are exempt from this rule. Exhibitors are exempt from this rule if they are members of the National Poultry Improvement Program.
- If you have any poultry-related exhibition questions, please contact the Washington State Avian Health program at 509-607-4974 or avhealth@agr.wa.gov.

Out-of-state animal entries must comply with Washington State import regulations. No exemptions are allowed unless exempt in WSDA rules. CVIs are required for out-of-state animals. See out-of-state animal entry document included in this packet.

5) Fair veterinarian

- Each fair should have an official fair veterinarian in attendance.
- **The fair veterinarian's professional decision regarding the health status of an animal must be considered final and upheld by the fair board.**
- Fair veterinarians must check out-of-state exhibitors for proper import documents and required testing and deny entry to those not in compliance.
- Fair veterinarians should make recommendations to exhibitors for vaccinations. WSDA strongly recommends cattle be vaccinated in the current show year against respiratory diseases with a booster administered one month before an exhibition. Equine rhinopneumonitis (equine herpes virus-1) vaccination boosters within 35 days of exposure to the virus are associated with increased risk of equine herpes myeloencephalopathy, so boosters should be given well in advance of potential exposure.

- Fair veterinarians should inspect all classes of livestock and poultry (including but not limited to cattle, sheep, swine, horses, pet animals, rabbits, fur-bearing animals, pigeons, ducks, geese, turkeys, etc.) before exhibition to verify they show no signs of contagious or infectious diseases or external parasites.
- Fair veterinarians should reject any animal with infectious or contagious diseases or external parasites. (i.e., ringworm, warts, pinkeye, strangles, contagious ecthyma, foot rot, pneumonia, caseous lymphadenitis, atrophic rhinitis, scabies, lice, mites, and ticks).
- Animals exhibiting signs of disease during a fair should be rejected by the fair veterinarian and removed from the exhibit area.

6) Biosecurity recommendations for before, during and after the fair and by species documents are included in this packet. Please review applicable species for specific recommendations.

7) Fair premium books must list any additional required tests or vaccinations required by the fair in addition to state requirements.

8) Zoonotic diseases

- Work with your local department of health to develop and implement protocols with best practices for public health.
- *E. coli* 0157H7, Salmonella, swine influenza, ringworm, orf, and other infectious diseases can be transmitted by contact with animals.
- Children, seniors and immune-impaired persons are particularly susceptible to contagious and/or zoonotic diseases.
- Hand washing facilities should be available wherever human-animal or animal waste contact is possible; signage directing the public to those facilities needs to be highly visible.