

State Animal Health Regulations for South Dakota

General Requirements

All livestock entering South Dakota must have an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection stating:

1. Name, address, and telephone number of consignor (911 mailing address)
2. Name, address, and telephone number of consignee (911 mailing address)
Sioux Empire Fair, W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds, 100 N. Lyon Blvd., Sioux Falls, SD 57017-0289
3. Kind of livestock, age sex, breed, and test results, etc.
4. Signature, address, and telephone number of inspecting licensed accredited veterinarian.
5. Individual official identification listed as required.
6. Import shipping permit number - for out of state animals.
7. Must be free of infectious or contagious diseases.
8. We will accept electronic health papers.

“South Dakota is a Brucellosis Free and a Tuberculosis Free State”

Veterinarian Offices within 30 miles of Sioux Falls:

Dakota Large Animal Clinic: 605-338-5558

Dells Veterinary Services: 605-428-5636

Montrose Veterinary Clinic: 605-363-5353

Livestock Division

Rules Governing Entries - Exhibits and Awards

1. Entries in the Livestock Division close as indicated for each show. Entries can be made on the Showman App, starting July 1st.
2. The Board of Management reserves the final right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard. Management also has the right to refuse any and all entries. A Veterinarian or the President & CEO of the Sioux Empire Fair Association or have the right to release your animal due to any disposition or health concern.
3. **PREMIUMS:** All livestock premium checks will be mailed within 45 days of the fair. Be sure your name and address are complete and correct in the Showman App to ensure prompt receipt of your premium money. No premiums will be paid on breeds not listed. **No refunds, but substitutions are allowed.** Disregard of any rule by an exhibitor forfeits all premiums, rights and privileges without recourse. When there is only one individual exhibiting in a given class, premium money will be paid on the basis of the ribbon awarded exhibit. Dairy cattle shown in the group of herd classes must have been entered and shown in one of the classes for single animals.

4. Management will use diligence to ensure the safety of livestock entered for exhibit after their arrival on the grounds, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for loss, injury or damage by fire, lightning, wind and/or other agency to such livestock and the Fair Management shall be indemnified by the exhibitor against all legal or other proceedings thereto.
5. Exhibitor must place all livestock under the direction of the Fair Management.
6. Application for entries must be made on the printed form OR online entry system provided by the Manager for the purpose and must be in full compliance with the printed instructions on same. All entries can be reviewed. The right is reserved to reject any entry offered.
7. Misrepresentation as to the breeding or ownership of animals and irregularity or violation of the rules regarding showing will be exposed, and any premium won by such exhibitor shall be forfeited. If payment has been made before the evidence is given that such a violation occurred, the exhibitor must refund premium money so forfeited to the Fair Association or be barred from exhibiting at the Sioux Empire Fair in the future.
8. Any form of unethical treatment of animals will NOT BE tolerated.
9. Qualified 4-H and FFA entries will be permitted to exhibit in the Open Class and Junior Show, subject to entry fee and open class rules and regulations. Any individual entering the Junior Shows must be 21 and under on date of the show. Beef Cattle, Goats, Sheep and Swine our age rule is 21 and under as of Jan. 1, 2025.
10. Junior Exhibitor must be present in show ring with exhibit. The South Dakota Junior Point Show Rules are available in the Sioux Empire Fair Livestock Office.
11. All animals must be registered in respective breed associations as the property of the exhibitor and have proof of ownership if requested by the officials in charge.
12. **ENTERING THE SIOUX EMPIRE FAIR:** Livestock exhibitors will use the South Gate to enter the Sioux Empire Fair. To access the South Gate, take the 12th Street exit and head east. Get into the left hand lane and after one block, take a left onto Lyon Blvd. Stay in the right hand lane and enter into the fairgrounds.

13. **SIoux EMPIRE FAIR ADMISSION FEES & PASSES:**

- **Admission:** is free to livestock exhibitors. If you would like to attend a grandstand event you must pay admission to receive a paid admission wristband to enter the grandstand. Admission is as follows: \$10 for adults / \$5 for children 6-12 / Free for children 5 and under.
 - **Free Admission Hours:** Free Admission Monday – Friday until 1pm. No stamp or wristband are given without paid admission.
 - **Unless you have purchased gate admission, there will be no reentry to the fair after 10pm.**
14. **CAMPING:** Limited camping is available at \$50 per night or \$250 per week (7 consecutive nights), \$50 for each additional night. Campsites must be reserved and paid in advance. Contact our Camp Host at 605-254-7116 to reserve a spot. Accepted payments for camping are **CASH** or **Credit Card**.
15. **ENTRY FEES:** Accepted payment for online entries is **CASH** or **CREDIT**. Late entries will be **CASH ONLY**. No checks.
16. **SHAVINGS:** The Sioux Empire Fair will no longer be providing or selling shavings. All exhibitors must bring their own shavings.
17. **DOGS:** Exhibitor’s dogs are allowed in the camping area only. They must be leashed and not left unattended. Spectator’s dogs are allowed **ONLY** if they are ADA approved service dogs.
18. No cooking in the livestock barns.

LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE 2026

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

- 10:00 am Open Junior Swine Show
- 12:00 pm Open Junior Market Lamb Show
- 3:00 pm Open Junior Market Goat Show

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

- 10:00 am Open Breeding Cattle Show
- 3:00 pm Open Junior Beef Show

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

- 8:00 am FFA Market and Breeding Swine Show
- 10:00 am FFA Beef and Commercial Heifers Show
- 1:00 pm FFA Market and Breeding Goat Show
- 2:00 pm FFA Market and Breeding Sheep Show

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

- 10:00 am FFA Dairy Show

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

- 8:00 am Open and Junior Dairy Show

South Dakota Health Regulations

All animal health rules subject to change per South Dakota State Vet and South Dakota Animal Industry Board.

All livestock must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection listing Individual official animal identification issued by a licensed and accredited Veterinarian within 30 days of animal entry to the Sioux Empire Fair.

All sheep and goats exhibited at a show must have official USDA premises of origin tags (scrapie tags) in the animal's ear and listed on the certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Sheep/goats that do not comply will be denied entrance to show.

General Rules

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for each animal is required and must be in the vehicle in order to gain entrance. The show Veterinarian or representative will retain the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Any question regarding health of an animal will be based on the animal's condition as it is presented to show Veterinarian. This determination is at the discretion of the Show Veterinarian or the official representative.
3. All livestock must be free from evidence of all contagious diseases such as ringworm, fungus, pinkeye, lump jaw abscesses and warts.
4. All livestock originating from outside the State of South Dakota must have a permit number on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. This permit can be obtained by the issuing veterinarian calling the S.D. State Veterinarian's Office at 605-773-3321. livestock that originate from a tuberculosis accredited-free state or zone may enter the exhibition without a Tuberculosis Test. Livestock originating from areas other than a tuberculosis accredited-free state zone need to contact the South Dakota Animal Industry Board at (605) 773-3321 for current test requirements.
5. Brucellosis Requirements:
 - A. Feeder/Market steers and heifers need to be individually identified. No Brucellosis tests are required.
 - B. Breeding cattle from Brucellosis free states need to be individually identified and listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. No Brucellosis tests are required.
 - C. Breeding cattle from Brucellosis Class A states need to be individually identified and listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Test-age-eligible cattle (Intact Males - 12 months, Females - 12 months) must have a negative Brucellosis test that was conducted by an official laboratory within 30 days prior to Sioux Empire Fair entry.
6. Swine exhibited at the Sioux Empire Fair, as well as the herd from which they came, are free from contagious and communicable diseases. Pseudorabies (PRV) Regulations Consignee should be: Sioux Empire Fair, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. All swine originating from outside the State of South Dakota must have a telephone permit number on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. This permit can be obtained by the issuing veterinarian calling the S.D. State Veterinarian's Office at (605) 773-3321.