

**ANIMAL HEALTH**  
**SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS**  
TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
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The following summary is a condensed version of the Texas Animal Health Commission regulations. The regulations will supersede this summary if there is a dispute between the two. For more information contact the Texas Animal Health Commission by calling (512)719-0777 (24 hours) or 1(800)550-8242, or by writing the TAHC, P.O. Box 12966, Austin, TX 78711-2966.

The West Texas Fair & Rodeo is an open, interstate show, accepting entries of livestock from within Texas, other states, and other countries. The Swine Show and Poultry Show are restricted to in state entries only.

**Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**

The certificate must indicate that the accredited veterinarian found the animals or fowl to be free of symptoms or evidence of communicable disease and that all tests, immunizations or treatments required by the Commission were completed. For certain diseases, a specific statement may be required indicating disease free status. The certificate is required to accompany animals and fowl entering the State of Texas and Fair Park as stated in the following summary of entry requirements.

**THE CERTIFICATE IS VALID FOR 45 DAYS FOR EQUINE AND 30 DAYS FOR ALL OTHER SPECIES.**

**Prior Entry Permit** Entry permits are required as noted in the following summary of entry requirements. Permits may be obtained by calling (512)719-0777 (24 hours) or 1(800)550-8242, or by writing TAHC, P. O. Box 12966, Austin, TX 78711-2966. **The permit for entry is not required when livestock and ratites enter for the exhibition and return to the state of origin. All poultry entering Texas must be permitted.**

**CATTLE (beef & dairy)**  
**Texas Origin Breeding Cattle**  
**(not including Steers)**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. All dairy cattle must be identified with official ID and recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

**Out-of-State Origin Cattle**

1. Must meet the same requirements as Texas Origin Breeding Cattle.
2. **Negative tuberculosis (TB) test** within 60 days for all sexually intact dairy cattle that are 2 months of age or older or originate from an accredited tuberculosis free herd. In addition, all sexually intact dairy cattle originating from a state or area with anything less than a tuberculosis free state status shall be tested negative for tuberculosis in accordance with the appropriate requirements for states or areas for that status, prior to entry with results of the test recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. Beef cattle from Accredited Free States or Zones do not require tuberculosis (TB) testing. Cattle from a tuberculosis free herd with a certificate of veterinary inspection stating the accreditation number and herd anniversary test date or suckling calves from a negative dam to not require testing.
3. **Negative brucellosis test** is required within 30 days prior to entry or be from a class free state, area or certified free herd. Brucellosis vaccination is required for female cattle between 4 to 12 months of age or be from a class free state, area or certified free herd.
4. All bulls entering Texas for the purpose of participating at fairs, shows, exhibitions and/or rodeos, which are (12) months of age or older and capable of breeding may enter the state without testing or certification for trichomoniasis, but shall obtain a permit prior to entry into the state. Bulls permitted for entry into the State of Texas under the provisions of this subsection shall not be commingled with female cattle or used for breeding. Bulls that stay in the state more than sixty (60) days must be tested negative for trichomoniasis with an official culture test or official Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test.
5. **The Permit for Entry** is not required when cattle enter for exhibition and return to the state of origin, except for exhibition bulls that do not meet TAHC's Trich entry requirements.

**STEERS**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current, within 30 (thirty) days. **UNLESS** showing in the Junior Steer Show - **NO HEALTH PAPERS REQUIRED** for Junior Steer Show Exhibitors

## **EQUINE**

### **Texas Origin Equine**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**, current, issued within 45 (forty-five) days or a current, valid equine interstate passport or equine identification card, issued within 6 (six) months.
2. **Negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test** (also known as “Coggins Test”) within 12 (twelve) months. In state origin equine: foals, under eight months of age, nursing a negative dam are exempt from testing. Test document must be in hand or test results and related information must be shown on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

### **Out of State Origin Equine**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**, current, issued within 30 (thirty) days or a current, valid equine interstate passport or equine identification card, issued within 6 (six) months.
2. **Negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test** (also known as “Coggins Test”) within 12 (twelve) months. Test document must be in hand or test results and related information must be shown on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

## **GOATS**

### **Texas Origin Goats & Out of State Origin Goats**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**, current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. Texas - All sexually intact exhibition goats must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program ear tag prior to entry, except registered goats with a registration tattoo and accompanied by registration papers.
3. Out of State – All exhibition goats must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program ear tag prior to entry, except registered goats with a registration tattoo and accompanied by registration papers.

## **LLAMAS**

Refer to Exotic Livestock and Ratites (Camelidae)

## **POULTRY**

### **Texas Origin Poultry**

1. **Negative pullorum-typhoid test** within 30 (thirty) days or from flocks that meet either the Texas Pullorum-Typhoid Program or the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP).
2. Poultry must originate from areas where reportable avian diseases are not known to have been active within the last 30 (thirty) days.

### **Out of State Origin Poultry**

1. NO OUT OF STATE POULTRY ENTRIES PERMITTED.

## **SHEEP**

### **Texas Origin Sheep**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** issued within 30 (thirty) days.
2. All sexually intact exhibition sheep must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program ear tag prior to entry. TEXAS SHEEP ONLY FOR OPEN BREEDING SHEEP SHOW - NO papers required for Open Show.

### **Out of State Origin Sheep**

1. Must meet the same requirements as for Texas Origin Sheep.
2. All exhibition sheep must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program ear tag prior to entry.
3. **Negative ELISA brucella ovis test** within 30 (thirty) days for all breeding rams 6 months of age or older. Each ram shall be individually identified with an individual ear tag or registration tattoo. This number, along with the test results and name of the approved laboratory and date of test, shall be entered on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

## **SWINE**

### **Texas Origin Swine**

1. Only Texas hogs will be admitted to the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Swine Show. Since only Texas hogs will be shown, a health certificate is not required.

## **EXOTIC LIVESTOCK AND RATITES**

Exotic Livestock are defined as grass-eating or plant-eating, single hooved or cloven-hooved mammals that are not indigenous to this state and are known as ungulates, including animals from the swine, horse, tapir, camel, llama,

rhinoceros, elephant, deer, and antelope families. **Camelidae** are defined as members of the family of animals which include camel, llamas, and vicunas. The domestic members of the genus lama include the llama, alpaca, and guanaco.

**Texas Origin Camelidae**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** current, within 30 (thirty) days.