

ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

All Animals:

The animal health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will be strictly enforced, and decisions of the regulatory veterinarian concerning animal health status are final. No animals may be unloaded on the fairgrounds before being inspected and approved by the regulatory veterinarian during their designated check-in times.

All animals not meeting the entry requirements, that have an unthrifty nature or are in an unsuitable condition, and/or are exhibiting any signs of disease or illness (including obvious abscesses that are opened or closed, ringworm, sore mouth or any other signs of contagious disease) may be refused entry and will not be allowed in the barn, may be isolated and/or required to be returned to the farm of origin as determined by the regulatory veterinarian. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the regulatory veterinarian, show committee, and/or the State Veterinarian.

During the duration of the Fair, all animals of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness or found not to have met entry requirements after entry may be required to be isolated and/or returned to the farm of origin as determined by the regulatory veterinarian.

The Fair staff works diligently to prevent diseased animals from entering the fairgrounds, though owners should consider that animals may be exposed to infectious agents while at the Fair. It is a best management practice to keep exhibit animals returning from the Fair separate from your animals at home for 2-3 weeks. By isolating exhibited animals for this time, any animals exposed to disease while at the Fair should show signs of infection during this period. Once this period has passed, they can then be commingled with the animals that remained home.

Exhibitors are discouraged from bringing their dogs with them to the fair. If dogs must be brought, they are to remain in areas that are inaccessible to the public and must not be available for contact with the general public. Proof of rabies vaccination needs to be on hand.

Premises Registration is voluntary to exhibit livestock (beef and dairy cattle, horse, breeding swine, sheep, goats, and rabbits) and poultry at the WNC Livestock Expo. Choosing to register your premises puts you on the frontline of controlling and preventing the spread of animal disease. A disease outbreak can't be predicted but it can impact every segment of animal agriculture. Participation ensures that you have the information you need, when you need it most, to protect your animals and your investment. Registering a premise involves obtaining an alpha-numeric "identifier" for the farm, ranch, veterinary clinic or other site where livestock or fowl are handled, housed, managed or processed. If an exhibitor wants more information or wishes to register for a National or State Premises ID, the exhibitor can:

1. For more information contact (919) 707-3250 or visit <http://www.ncfarmid.com>, or
2. Register for a National or State Premises ID by:
 - a. Printing, completing, and submitting the form found at <http://www.ncagr.gov/ncfarmid/registrationform.htm>,
or
 - b. By completing the request form for National Premises ID found behind the livestock entry form.

Livestock:

ALL LIVESTOCK ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ENTRANCE HEALTH EXAMINATION AT TIME OF CHECK-IN AS A PREREQUISITE FOR ENTRY ONTO THE FAIRGROUNDS AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BARNs UNTIL INSPECTED AND PASSED BY HEALTH OFFICIALS.

All livestock must have a form of identification (ear tag, tattoo, ear notch, or microchip - readers must be supplied by owner) to enter the fairgrounds.

All sheep and goats must comply with USDA and NCD&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Sheep and goats without a scrapie tag, or a registration paper with corresponding tattoo or microchip information at the time of check-in will not be allowed. Scrapie Flock ID numbers must be presented at the time of check-in before an approval card can be issued. The Scrapie Flock ID number is not the same as the National or State Premises ID number. To obtain a scrapie Flock ID number, please see the Goat and Sheep entry requirements section.

Livestock and Poultry:

Drug and Chemical Compounds Policy for All NCDA&CS Sponsored Fairs, Exhibitions, and Events

The use of any drug and/or chemical compound in any manner that is not approved by the FDA, including but not limited to indications and directions on species, age, dosage amounts and/or withdrawal times, is illegal and prohibited.

The owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or responsible person must notify the show management prior to admittance into the livestock barns of any animal that is being administered drugs or chemical compounds in accordance with approved FDA guidelines for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal. Acceptance of the animal for exhibition will be at the discretion of the livestock superintendent and the show veterinarian and will depend on such factors as the nature of the drug or chemical compound and justification by an accredited veterinarian with a valid client-patient relationship. Regardless, livestock will not be allowed to exhibit if use of any drugs or chemical compounds will affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and/or responsible persons will be held accountable for the presence of any violative drug residue from their animal and subject to the disposition as specified below:

1. Findings of proof in intentional use of any drug or chemical compound in a manner described as illegal and prohibited by the Policy on Use of Drugs and Chemical Compounds will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all premiums and prizes, market value of the animal (in the case of market animals), and a life-time ban on exhibiting in NCDA&CS sponsored events.
2. If proof of intentional use of any drug or chemical compound in an illegal and prohibited manner cannot be found on an animal that has been demonstrated by the above detailed laboratory methods to have the presence of such a substance, a first time offense for a positive test will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all premiums and prizes, market value of the animal (in the case of market animals), and a one-year prohibition on exhibiting in NCDA&CS sponsored events by the exhibitor of the positive animal. A second time offense by that exhibitor for any drug or chemical compound in a manner described as illegal and prohibited will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all premiums and prizes, market value of the animal (in the case of market animals), and a life-time ban on exhibiting in NCDA&CS sponsored events by the exhibitor of the positive animal.

Drug testing at the Fair may include, and is not limited to, the following drugs:

Acepromazine, Albuterol, Altrogest, Azaperone, Balbuterol, Boldenone, Bumetanide, Chlorpromazine and all other tranquilizers, Clenbuterol, Dexamethasone, Flumethasone, Flunixin, Furosemide, Isoetharine, Isoflupredone, Flumethasone, Methylprednisolone, Nandrolone, Paylean (labeled for swine only), Phenylbutazone, Optiflex (labeled for feedlot cattle only), and Terbutaline. Paylean and Optiflex are illegal for use in sheep and goats.