

# Animal Health Regulations for Fairs and Shows in Wisconsin: 2017 Season

*This is a summary of animal health requirements for fairs, shows and exhibitions only. They are not necessarily the same as requirements for importing animals into Wisconsin or moving them within the state for other purposes. They may change if animal diseases occur in Wisconsin or elsewhere, so you should always check our website or contact us for current information.*

## General Requirements for Show Organizers

**All Fairs of any length** must obtain, review and keep for five years all required records and test results:

- Exhibitor's name and address
- Animal identification (number, type, description)
- Compliance with disease testing and other health requirements
- Livestock premises number, if any, where animals originated
- If requested, by the fair or show organizer, the documentation showing legal importation (if applicable) and movement to the event

**Fairs or exhibitions lasting more than 24 hours** must appoint a licensed veterinarian to inspect all animals daily and review the above-required records.

## Diseases

**Animals that show evidence of having contagious or infectious diseases** may not be commingled (or housed/kept) with other animals at a fair, show, or other exhibition in such a way as to allow disease to spread. Such animals should not attend the fair, show or exhibition. Animals may be denied entry if they arrive at these events with contagious or infectious diseases, isolated and/or removed if they develop disease after arriving, or be subject to other action as would be necessary to control disease.

**Bovine animals with ringworm, mange or scab** will be removed from the fair or exhibition premises, unless the veterinarian in charge finds warts or ringworm lesions are incapable of transmitting disease.

## Cattle and Bison

**Cattle from within Wisconsin** have no requirements for tests or health documents.

**Cattle from outside Wisconsin** must:

- Be accompanied by certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) documenting official animal ID and all required tests and certifications
- Have at least one form of official individual ID (including steers)
- Meet all of Wisconsin's normal requirements for import (see [http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/CattleBison.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx))

**Acceptable animal IDs for all cattle from outside Wisconsin**

- USDA metal ear tag number that is part of the National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) (starts with state 2-digit code, also known as "brite" tag); this includes the orange brucellosis vaccination tag
- 15-digit "840" tags (visual or RFID)
- Valid only if applied before March 11, 2015
  - Manufacturer-coded RFID tag - 15-digit number with the first three digits in 900s
  - American ID tag - 8 to 12-digit number prefaced with "USA"

**Brucellosis requirements for cattle from outside Wisconsin**

No cattle from outside Wisconsin are currently required to be brucellosis-tested or vaccinated to come to fairs and shows in Wisconsin

**Tuberculosis requirements for cattle from outside Wisconsin**

For requirements by state, see:

[http://datcp.wi.gov/pages/Programs\\_Services/CattleBison.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx)

**Cattle from Michigan's Modified Accredited Zone (For cattle from Michigan's TB Free Zone, see requirements by state above)** also need:

- Import permits
- To originate from a herd that has a negative whole-herd TB test within 12 months before arrival in Wisconsin that includes all animals 1 year and older
- Negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin
- To return directly to the state of origin after the show, and there must be a statement on the CVI that they will be doing so

For information on obtaining an import permit:

- Online [http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx)
- Email: [DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov](mailto:DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov)
- Call 608-224-4872

**Cattle from Canada** must meet current federal requirements to enter the United States. (See

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/downloads/pro\\_imp\\_cattle\\_bison\\_can.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/downloads/pro_imp_cattle_bison_can.pdf))

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check

[http://datcp.wi.gov/pages/Programs\\_Services/CattleBison.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx).

## Swine

**Swine from within Wisconsin** need a Wisconsin intrastate movement certificate:

- Stating that the herd of origin was inspected on the farm within 30 days before the show and showed no signs of disease

**Swine from outside Wisconsin** need a certificate of veterinary inspection that includes the following: a statement of the PEDv status of the herd of origin (if known), a statement of the PRRS status of the herd of origin (if known), a statement that the veterinarian has inspected the entire herd of origin within the past 30 days and that no apparent disease was present at the time of inspection, and official identification number.

Acceptable methods of ID for swine are:

- USDA silver ear tag
- USDA 840 button ear tag, either visual or RFID
- Breed association tattoo if the pig is a purebred and the tattoo is registered
- An ear tag with the premises identification number and a unique identifier
- Ear notch (if the pig is a purebred and the notch is registered)

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check

[http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/SwineMovement.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SwineMovement.aspx)

## Sheep and Goats

**Sheep and goats from within Wisconsin** need:

- If sexually intact, need official individual ID *at any age*
- If not sexually intact, need official individual ID if they are *12 months or older*
- Official ID may be scrapie ear tags or tattoos, USDA 840 ear tag, approved microchips if a reader is available and if accompanied by breed registration papers in the owner's name, or breed association tattoo if accompanied by registration papers in the owner's name
- Cannot be under restriction for movement to fairs and shows

**Sheep and goats from outside Wisconsin** need:

- Certificate of veterinary inspection and official individual ID: scrapie ear tag or tattoos, USDA 840 ear tag, approved microchips if a reader is available and if accompanied by

breed registration papers in the owner's name, or breed association tattoo if accompanied by registration papers in the owner's name.

**Goats from Michigan's TB Modified Accredited Zone** also need:

- Import permits
- To originate from a herd that has a negative whole-herd TB test within 12 months before arrival in Wisconsin that includes all animals 1 year and older.
- Negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin
- To return directly to the state of origin after the show, and there must be a statement on the CVI that they will be doing so

For information on obtaining an import permit:

- Online  
[http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx)
- Email [DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov](mailto:DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov)
- Call 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check

[http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/SheepGoatMovement.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SheepGoatMovement.aspx)

## Equine

**Equine animals from within Wisconsin** need documentation of a negative EIA test done within the previous 12 months, which clearly identifies the animal by complete description, digital photographs, or approved microchip (if a reader is available). Documentation may be:

- Official test report VS 10-11, or
- USDA-approved electronic test form, or
- Global Vet Link EIA electronic form, or
- Certificate of veterinary inspection with the test results listed

**Equine animals from outside Wisconsin** need:

- Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) which clearly identifies the animal by complete description, digital photographs, or an approved microchip
- Negative EIA test done within the previous 12 months that is reported on the CVI

**Equines from Minnesota** are exempt from the CVI requirement if:

- Ownership does not change while the animal is in Wisconsin
- The animal remains in Wisconsin no longer than 7 days
- Proof of a negative EIA test in previous 12 months accompanies the animal

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check

[http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/HorseOtherEquineMvmt.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HorseOtherEquineMvmt.aspx)

## South American Camelids: Llamas, Alpacas, Guanacos, Vicuñas

**South American Camelids from within Wisconsin** have no requirements.

**South American Camelids from outside Wisconsin** must have a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) and official animal ID.

Official ID may be:

- Approved USDA ear tag number
- Microchip number
- Breed association registration number
- Breed association tattoo

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check

[http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/LlamaAlpacaMovement.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/LlamaAlpacaMovement.aspx)

## Exotic Ruminants

**Note:** Exotic ruminants are ruminants that are not native to Wisconsin, and are not cervids – for example, Old World camels, yaks, water buffalo, pronghorn antelope, giraffes, and non-domestic sheep and goats.

**Exotic ruminants from within Wisconsin** have no requirements.

**Exotic ruminants from outside Wisconsin** must have

- Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI)

- Official animal ID (one of the following)
  - Approved USDA ear tag number
  - Microchip number
  - Breed association registration number
  - Breed association tattoo

- Import permit
- Proof written on the CVI that they meet requirements for:
  - *Bovine TB* – negative test required within 60 days before entry
  - *Brucellosis* – negative test required within 30 days before entry

Please call 608-224-4872 beforehand to determine which TB test to use.

For information on obtaining an import permit:

- Online  
<http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx>
- Email [DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov](mailto:DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov)
- Call 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check

[http://datcp.wi.gov/pages/Program\\_Services/ExoticSpeciesMvmt.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/pages/Program_Services/ExoticSpeciesMvmt.aspx)

In addition, please contact your county and local municipality for any restrictions.

## Poultry and Waterfowl (Pigeons are not considered poultry for fairs and shows)

**Poultry and waterfowl from within Wisconsin** need:

- A NPIP certificate stating that the birds originate from a US pullorum-typhoid clean or NPIP affiliate flock and turkeys must test negative for *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*

or

- Individually test sexually mature birds within 90 days before arrival at the show. These birds also need wing or leg band ID. All birds must test negative for pullorum-typhoid, and turkeys must test negative for *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*

**Poultry and waterfowl from outside Wisconsin** need a certificate of veterinary inspection or equivalent (such as form VS 9-3) that states:

- They originate from a flock classified pullorum-typhoid clean under NPIP or an equivalent state program and turkeys must test negative for *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, or
- If they are sexually mature, that they have tested negative for pullorum-typhoid (and *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* for turkeys) within 90 days before arrival at the show. These birds also need wing or leg band ID.

**Not Required** – Import permit Number

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check

[http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/PoultryMovement.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PoultryMovement.aspx)

## Small Animals: Dogs, Domestic Cats, and other Household Pets (*ferrets, pet birds, rabbits, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, domestic mice and rats*)

**Note:** These rules do not apply to animals that are part of menageries. For those rules, see below. Pot-bellied and miniature pigs fall under rules for swine.

**Dogs from within Wisconsin** that are 5 months or older need proof of current rabies vaccination.

**Cats and other household pets from within Wisconsin** have no requirements.

**Dogs and cats from outside Wisconsin** that are 5 months or older need to be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian, and regardless of age, need certificates of veterinary inspection stating the age of the animal and for animals 5 months and older the date of last rabies vaccination and revaccination due date.

**Other household pets from outside Wisconsin** need certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs) but have no testing or vaccination requirements.

**Small animals from other nations need to meet requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (608-662-0600) and Centers for Disease Control (1-800-232-4636).**

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check <http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/Services/PetMovement.aspx>

## **Exotic Small Animals (any species not covered by "small animals" above), exotic large animals and other wild animals**

**Note:** Local jurisdictions may have requirements beyond the state requirements listed here.

**Animals from within Wisconsin** do not have any requirements as long as they are legally possessed in Wisconsin.

**Animals from outside Wisconsin** generally have no testing or vaccination requirements, but do need:

- Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI)
- Import permit number

**Note: Some animals may not be brought to Wisconsin.** These are North American prairie dogs and the following African species: tree squirrels, rope squirrels, dormice, Gambian giant pouched rats, brush-tailed porcupines and striped mice.

Others may require permits from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. See <http://dnr.wi.gov>

For information on obtaining an import permit:

- Online [http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx)
- Email [DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov](mailto:DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov)
- Call 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check [http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/PetMovement.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PetMovement.aspx)

## **Circus, Rodeo, Racing and Menagerie Animals**

**Note:** Local jurisdictions may have requirements beyond the state requirements listed here.

**Animals from within Wisconsin** must meet vaccination and testing requirements for their species. See these requirements earlier in this document.

**Animals from outside Wisconsin** need certificates of veterinary inspection and vaccinations and tests required for their species. See these requirements earlier in this document.

They also need import permit numbers if they are:

- Circuses and individual circus acts
- Rodeo stock other than individual participants' horses
- Multi-species menageries (defined as any animals kept in a collection primarily for purposes of exhibition or competition)
- Petting zoos

They do not need import permit numbers if they are:

- Rodeo horses owned by individual participants
- Single-species groups

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For information on obtaining an import permit:

- Online [http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx)
- Email [DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov](mailto:DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov)
- Call 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check

[http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/CircusesPodeosMenageries.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CircusesPodeosMenageries.aspx)

## **Guidelines for Housing and Managing Animals**

**The State Veterinarian recommends that exhibitors:**

- Vaccinate breeding cattle against bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) at least 30 days before the event
- Test cattle for BVD-PI by immunoperoxidase test, and bring them to shows only if they test negative
- Test cattle for John's disease test results by ELISA test, and bring them to shows only if they test negative
- Clean and disinfect vehicles used to transport animals to and from the show, and vehicles used at the show, before and after the show
- Isolate exhibited animals returning to their farms or animals purchased at the show for 21 days before mingling them with other stock

**The State Veterinarian recommends that show organizers:**

- House cattle separately from South American camelids and other exotic ruminants
- House cattle separately from small ruminants, especially sheep
- House ostriches, emus, rheas and cassowaries separately from domestic poultry
- House swine separately from any other mammals
- Include a space for the premises registration code on livestock entry forms
- Provide hand-washing stations near all livestock facilities
- Provide individual watering and feeding troughs rather than common ones

## **MARKET ANIMAL HEALTH RULES WHOLESMENESS OF THE MEAT PRODUCT: (Applies to all livestock shown in market classes) SUMMARY**

All exhibitors and their parents or guardians must sign a form attesting to proper withdrawal of all additives and injections administered to the animals being shown. Forms are available at the Extension Office. All Champion and Reserve Champion animals going to slaughter may have tissue samples collected and submitted to the State Laboratory by the State Meat Inspectors.

### **DAIRY/LIVESTOCK**

All animals entered in this division must be eligible, as to age, at time of opening of the fair and the first nine divisions must show full pedigrees.

All purebred stock must be registered in a recognized American Registry Book of such has been established. A Certificate of Registry will be required in every case, and if no American Book has been established, Certificate of Registry must be furnished from Foreign Registry Book. All animals of three years and upward must provide evidence that they are not barren.

**RULES GOVERNING EXHIBITS: DAIRY CATTLE. (OPEN & JR. CLASS)**

**ALL PUREBRED CATTLE TO BE IDENTIFIED ACCORDING TO BREED ASSOCIATION RULES: TATTOO AND EARTAG ON EACH ANIMAL.**

Check activity calendar for entry dates and time.

**WARNING ON ANTIBIOTICS AND DRUG ADULTERANTS IN MILK**

Milking cattle are placed under additional stress when exhibited at shows and fairs. Quite often these animals require medication. If

penicillin or antibiotics are infused into the cow's udder, the milk from this animal must not be used for human consumption for at least 72 hours or as directed by the label.

Even when the medication is administered by injection or orally, the drug will gain entrance into the udder and appear in the milk. The milk is considered adulterated and the marketing of such a product is in violation of Wisconsin Statutes.

Dairy plant sanitarians and health officials are very carefully checking for antibiotic adulteration in all milk originating from cattle at fairs and dairy exhibitions. Please do your part by withholding for human consumption all milk from cattle treated with penicillin or antibiotics for at least 72 hours or longer, if the milk contains traces of the medication.

It should be brought to the attention of all exhibitors that abnormal milk should be withheld from all milk deliveries. It is very disturbing to the general public to be served milk from producers at a fair location that contains noticeable amounts of straw, feed, or any extraneous matter. The strainer-pads used at a fair also go on public display. Evidence of mastic conditions have frequently been observed by consumers on a strainer pad and are not the type of image the dairy producer should want to give the public. Let's all cooperate in keeping Wisconsin milk safe.

Exhibitors of livestock must report to the Superintendent in charge at 9:00 a.m. each day for orders. Stock must be in the showing promptly after being called. Any person failing to comply with this order will be ruled out from competing.

Entries must specify owner's name, and post office address and in case of animals, the name, sex, age, and breed or description with registry number. No animal shall be entered in the name of any other than the bonafide owner or owners, and should any prove to be otherwise entered, any premium awarded will be forfeited to the Association.

Bulls, cows, and herds entered as such must be owned by the individuals or firms exhibiting them, but the progeny of the animals must be shown simply as proof of their breeding quality without such ownership.

Superintendent or ring clerk should obtain names and record numbers of all animals composing herds and groups and such data should be included in report of awards.