

**2008 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMALS EXHIBITED  
AT THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR**

The Nebraska State Veterinarian has been assigned as the official veterinarian for the Nebraska State Fair. Headquarters are established on the grounds.

**General Health Requirements for all Animals:**

Under no circumstances may animals under quarantine be exhibited.

Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases will be allowed to show.

Policy on Ringworm, Warts, and Abscesses:

- Animals that have active ringworm, visible warts, or abscesses, will not be allowed entry into the Nebraska State Fair for exhibition.
- The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun regrowth in the area and is so stated on the CVI.
- Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-off inspection will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- Animals that have visible abscesses will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.

**Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)**

All animals exhibited, except dogs, cats, rabbits, pigeons, and poultry originating in Nebraska, must be accompanied by a CVI.

All animals exhibited shall be individually identified on the CVI.

CVIs must list the Nebraska State Fair as consignee.

CVIs must be issued within 30 days of the exhibition **EXCEPT 4-H and FFA sheep and goats.**

**All sheep (with the exception of breeding sheep shown “in the wool”) and meat goats exhibited in the 4-H and FFA classes must be shorn prior to being examined by a veterinarian. A CVI must be issued within 10 days of exhibition.**

Representatives of the State Veterinarian’s Office will be in attendance to verify the CVIs.

**If Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV) is detected in Nebraska or any other state, additional requirements may be put in place.**

## Nebraska Origin

**BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE** - See CVI requirements, and ringworm and wart policy on page 1, and in addition to those:

- A. Tuberculosis - no test required to exhibit.
- B. Brucellosis - no test required to exhibit.

**SHEEP AND GOATS** - See CVI requirements and ringworm and abscess policy on page 1.

- A. **All sheep (with the exception of breeding sheep shown “in the wool”) and meat goats exhibited in the 4-H and FFA classes must be shorn prior to being examined by a veterinarian. A CVI must be issued within 10 days of exhibition.**

- B. Identification

**All sheep and goats being exhibited, except wethers, need to be individually identified with USDA official ID. Official ID includes:**

1. **Electronic identification devices;**
2. **Official scrapie identification eartags; or**
3. **Legible official registry tattoos.**

Under no circumstances may sheep and goats be exhibited which originate from scrapie-source flocks or scrapie-infected flocks.

**SWINE** - See CVI requirements on page 1, and, in addition to those:

- A. All swine must be individually identified on the CVI, and
- B. 4-H and FFA classes are terminal.

**HORSES** - See CVI requirements on page 1. No Coggins test required.

**LLAMAS** - See CVI requirements and ringworm policy on page 1. No additional testing requirements.

**POULTRY** - CVI not required for poultry. No additional testing requirements.

### Out-of-State

Animals coming from out-of-state must meet Nebraska import requirements. Animals for sale or change of ownership must meet Nebraska import requirements. For information, call the Bureau of Animal Industry at (402) 471-2351.

**BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE** - See CVI requirements, and ringworm and wart policy on page 1, and in addition to those:

- A. Tuberculosis:
  - 1. Beef and Dairy cattle originating from a TB Modified Accredited Advanced State (Minnesota, Michigan, and New Mexico) shall:
    - a. Originate from a TB accredited free herd, with the accredited herd number listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection; or
    - b. Originate from a herd that has had a negative whole herd test within three hundred sixty-five (365) days prior to entry and the individual animals to be imported shall have been part of the whole herd test; or
    - c. Shall have been individually tested and found negative to tuberculosis within sixty (60) days prior to entry.
  - 2. Cattle from Accredited Free TB states:
    - a. Beef cattle – no testing required.
    - b. **Dairy cattle – all sexually intact dairy cattle 6 months of age or older shall:**
      - (1) **Be tested and found negative to an official tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to entry; or**
      - (2) **Originate from a TB accredited free herd.**
- B. Brucellosis:
  - 1. Class-Free states: no test required.
  - 2. Class A states:
    - a. Steers and market-class heifers - no testing required.
    - b. Bulls and breeding females less than test eligible age - no testing required.
    - c. Bulls and breeding females, test eligible age, must conform to one of the following:
      - (1) Originate directly from a certified brucellosis-free herd and the certification number and date of the last herd test recorded on the CVI; or
      - (2) Tested and classified negative for brucellosis not more than 30 days prior to entry.

**SHEEP AND GOATS** - See CVI requirements and ringworm and abscess policy on page 1. In addition to those:

**All sheep and goats being exhibited, except wethers, need to be individually identified with USDA official ID. Official ID includes:**

- A. Electronic identification devices;**
- B. Official scrapie identification eartags; or**
- C. Legible official registry tattoos.**

Under no circumstances may sheep and goats be exhibited which originate from scrapie-source flocks or scrapie-infected flocks.

**SWINE** - See CVI requirements on page 1, and in addition to those:

Under no circumstances shall swine, originating from a quarantined herd, be allowed to enter Nebraska.

- A. All swine must be individually identified on the CVI.
- B. Brucellosis
  - 1. Breeding swine, four months of age and over, must meet one of the following:
    - a. Have a negative test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry, and the results recorded on the CVI; or
    - b. Originate from a validated herd with the validation number and date of last herd test recorded on the CVI; or
    - c. Originate from a validated free state.
  - 2. Market swine, no brucellosis testing requirements.

**HORSES** - See CVI requirements on page 1, and in addition:

- A. A negative test for EIA (coggins) within 365 days of entry for all horses except those originating from South Dakota.
- B. Foals under six months of age accompanying their dams shall be exempt from the EIA testing requirements.

**LLAMAS** - See CVI requirements and ringworm policy on page 1. No additional testing requirements.

**POULTRY** - All poultry going to public exhibition shall come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of going to public exhibition.