

# East Texas State Fair Animal Health Regulations

East Texas State Fair officials are allowed to impose animal health regulations that are more restrictive than those imposed by the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). Specific TAHC regulations will supercede the Show requirements if there is a dispute between the two in which the Show rules are less restrictive than TAHC regulations.

Exhibitors with livestock originating outside the state of Texas are encouraged to contact their state Animal Health officials to confirm specific requirements, if any; their state may impose on animals returning from a Texas show.

For additional information refer to the Texas Animal Health Commission at (<http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>).

## **Routine Inspection Procedures (What the Exhibitor Should Expect)**

1. Representatives of the Show should meet the incoming livestock vehicle at the Houston Street entry gate to the Show grounds.
2. All required documents are to be examined and a visual inspection of the shipment is to be made. Be certain that certificates of veterinary inspection are still valid. A visual exam of the animals is to be made to ensure that the animals described on the documents are the same as those in the shipment.
3. If shipments meet all entry requirements, allow the driver to proceed without delay. Return the certificates and other documents to the owner or driver.
4. If a shipment does not meet the requirements, the driver should pull the truck or trailer out of traffic's way. Contact Show security if problems occur. If animals must be unloaded, they must remain in a separate pen (holding area) away from other livestock. Individuals should be allowed to contact the Show veterinarian or their own veterinarian to obtain the proper documents and/or tests. Documentation must be in writing – no corrections will be allowed by phone. Fax documents are permissible.

## **Definitions**

**Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:** In the past, these were usually called "health certificates." This document indicates that an accredited veterinarian inspected, tested, or immunized the animals in question as required by the TAHC. Cattle, sheep, goats, equine, swine, poultry, exotic livestock and ratites coming into the state for an interstate show must be accompanied by a certificate.

**Interstate Show:** The TAHC considers shows, fairs or exhibitions to be interstate if they allow livestock and poultry from other states to enter for exhibition and be held or exhibited in common facilities with Texas-origin livestock and poultry of the same species.

**Intrastate Show:** The TAHC considers show, fairs or exhibitions to be intrastate if they allow ONLY Texas animals, or if they require Texas livestock and poultry of the same species to be housed and exhibited apart from livestock and poultry from out of state.

## **Permits and General Requirements**

### ***Cattle - Texas Origin Breeding Cattle***

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

### ***Out-of-State Origin Cattle***

A certificate of veterinary inspection and entry permit is required on sexually intact cattle, 18 months of age and older, except those entering from Class "Free" or "A" states or certified free herds.

#### **A. Brucellosis Requirements**

Test eligible cattle are defined as all cattle that are parturient, post parturient or 18 months of age and over (as evidenced by the loss of the first pair of temporary incisor teeth). Test eligible cattle, except steers and spayed heifers, being shipped to an approved feedyard/pen prior to slaughter shall be officially individually identified with a permanent identification device prior to leaving the state of origin.

- 1) Vaccination is **not** required for female cattle between 4 and 12 months of age if entering the state for the purpose of shows, fairs, and exhibitions and returning to their original location or if coming from a brucellosis free state
- 2) Testing  
All test eligible, non-quarantined cattle shall be moved directly from a class free state or area, a certified free herd, or certified brucellosis free herd.

## **B. Tuberculosis Requirements**

- 1) All beef cattle originating from a tuberculosis free state or zone, or from a tuberculosis accredited herd are **exempt** from tuberculosis testing requirements.
- 2) All beef cattle originating from a state or zone with anything less than a tuberculosis free state shall be tested negative for tuberculosis in accordance with the appropriate status requirements as contained in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 77, Sections 77.10 through 77.19. If tuberculosis testing is required, the test should be conducted within 60 days prior to entry with results of this test recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- 3) All "M" branded steers, which are recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock, being imported into Texas from another state shall obtain a permit, prior to entry into the state and be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection which indicates that the animal(s) were tested negative for tuberculosis within twelve (12) months prior to entry into the state

## **C. Trichomoniasis Requirements**

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.

## **D. Fever Tick Requirements**

Cattle originating in a tick quarantined area must be accompanied by a certificate issued by an authorized representative of the Commission showing the cattle are free of infestation and exposure to fever ticks and have been dipped or treated under supervision in an approved dipping solution or treatment immediately prior to shipment.

## **E. Scabies Requirements**

Cattle originating in a scabies quarantined area must be accompanied by an entry permit along with certification that the herd of origin is declared free of scabies or exposure to scabies and cattle have either been dipped with approved dip or injected with Ivermectin.

## **F. Screwworm Requirements**

All animals presented for entry into Texas from any area in which the screwworm is known to exist must be free of screwworms and screwworm fly eggs. Wounds (infested or non-infested) must be treated with USDA approved screwworm killer and fly repellent. Animals other than lactating dairy animals and young animals under two weeks of age must be sprayed with a spray approved by the Executive Director.

### ***Junior Steers***

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is **NOT** required.

### ***Junior Breeding Beef and Dairy***

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required. Vaccination for brucellosis is not required for cattle.
2. Texas origin dairy cattle **are not** required to test for tuberculosis to participate in a show, fair or exhibition within the state but must be individually identified.

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

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current within 30 (thirty) days (excluding Youth Market Goats).
2. Sexually intact animals must have official USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Identification.
3. Registered animals may use a registration tattoo or electronic identification (accompanied by reader) "as official identification," as long as registration papers accompany the animal.

***Youth Market Goats*** - Certificate of Veterinary Inspection **NOT** required

***Youth Market Lambs*** - Certificate of Veterinary Inspection **NOT** required

***Youth Market Swine*** - Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is **NOT** required

***Youth Rabbits***- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is **NOT** required