

East Texas State Fair

TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS SUMMARY

The following summary is a condensed version of the Texas Animal Health Commission regulations which apply to the livestock shows of the East Texas State Fair. ETSF officials are allowed to impose animal health regulations that are more restrictive than those imposed by TAHC. However, TAHC regulations will supersede this summary if there is a dispute between the two in which the show rules are less restrictive than TAHC regulations. **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.**

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

Routine Inspection Procedures (What the Exhibitor Should Expect)

Representatives of the Show will meet the incoming livestock vehicle at the Houston Street entry gate to the Show grounds. 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 insure that the animals described on the documents are the same as those in the shipment.

If shipments meet all entry requirements, the driver will be allowed to proceed without delay. Certificates and other documents will be returned to the owner.

If a shipment does not meet the requirements, the driver should pull the truck or trailer out of traffic's way. Show security will be contacted if problems occur. If animals must be unloaded, they must remain in a separate pen or holding area away from other livestock. Individuals will be allowed to contact the Show veterinarian or their own veterinarian to obtain proper documents and/or tests. Documentation must be in writing. No corrections will be allowed by phone, but fax documents are permissible.

Definitions

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection: The certificate must indicate that the accredited veterinarian inspected and/or tested the animals in question as required by the TAHC and found the animals to be free of symptoms or evidence of communicable disease and confirmed that all tests, immunizations or treatments required by the Commission were completed. 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 shows, 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

For certain diseases, a specific statement may be required indicating disease free status. The certificate is required to accompany animals entering the East Texas State Fair as stated in the following summary of entry requirements.

The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is valid for 30 days.

**CATTLE (BEEF & DAIRY) - Texas Origin Breeding Cattle
(Not including Youth Market and Prospect 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.
3. **Negative brucellosis test** within 30 (thirty) days for cattle that are parturient or post parturient or that are 18 months of age or older from non-certified free herds in Class "A" and "B" areas or are selling at a special sale.
4. **The Permit for Entry** is not required when cattle enter for exhibition and return to the state of origin.

Junior Breeding Beef

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required and must be current, within 30 (thirty) days.

Junior Steers, Junior Market Goats, Junior Market Lambs, Junior Market Swine, Junior Breeding Rabbits

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is not required.
2. All youth market animals entering the grounds must be in good health and disease free. Show officials may evaluate the animals upon entrance to the Fairgrounds to insure health status.

GOATS – Texas Origin Goats and Out-of-State Origin Goats (Does not include Youth Market 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.