

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.

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.
2. Negative brucellosis test within 30 (thirty) days for cattle that are parturient, or post parturient or 18 months of age or older from non-certified free herds in Class "A" and "B" areas. **Result must be noted on certificate of veterinary inspection. Exemption for cattle from a certified free herd or area; certified free herd number must be recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**

Out-of-State Origin Cattle

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. Negative brucellosis test within 30 (thirty) days for cattle that are parturient, or post parturient or 18 months of age or older from non-certified free herds in Class "A" and "B" areas. **Result must be noted on certificate of veterinary inspection. Exemption for cattle from a certified free herd or area; certified free herd number must be recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
3. Negative tuberculosis (TB) test within the past 60 (sixty) days with results noted on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Exemption for cattle from an accredited free herd; accredited herd number must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. **Exemption for beef cattle from an accredited free herd, state or area. (Dairy cattle must be tuberculosis (TB) tested within the past 60 (sixty) days or originate from an accredited free herd or state.)**

Junior Steers

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is not required.

Junior Breeding Beef

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required.
2. Negative brucellosis test within 30 (thirty) days for cattle that are parturient, post parturient or that are 18 months of age or older from non-certified free herds in Class "A" and "B" areas. **Result must be noted on certificate of veterinary inspection. Exemption for cattle from a certified free herd or area; certified free herd number must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary Inspection.**

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.