

**Michigan Department of Agriculture Animal Industry Division 2013 Health Requirements for
Livestock Exhibited in Michigan**
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Livestock means those species of animals used for human food and fiber or those species of animals used for service to humans. Livestock includes but is not limited to cattle, sheep, new world camelids (llamas, alpacas, vicunas, and guanacos), goats, bison, privately owned cervids, ratites (cassowaries, kiwis, ostriches, and emus), swine, equine, poultry, aquaculture, and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs and cats.

GENERAL

Exhibitors at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows are required to comply with all of the statutory and regulatory provisions of the State of Michigan relating to animal health outlined in Act No. 466 of the Public Acts of 1988, as amended, the Animal Industry Act, and rules promulgated for the implementation and enforcement of the act.

1. A fair shall have an accredited veterinarian on call whenever there are animals on the premises during the fair.
2. A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority shall do all of the following:
 - a. Notify exhibitors of health tests and certificates required for importation and exhibition in this state.
 - b. Examine and approve required health certificates, reports, test charts, certificates, or other required documentation before displaying, exhibiting, or stabling animals in the exhibition area or before commingling with other animals.
 - c. Provide shipping arrangement for all swine exhibited that are to be removed from the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show facility for direct movement to slaughter or a livestock auction market as defined in Act No. 284 of the Public Acts of 1937, Licensing Livestock Dealers, MCL 287.121 to 287.131.
 - d. Notify exhibitors whether or not poultry vaccinated against Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) are allowed in the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show.
3. A person who discovers, suspects, or has reason to believe that an animal is either affected by a reportable disease or contaminated with a toxic substance shall immediately report that fact, suspicion, or belief to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (daytime telephone: (517) 373-1077; after hours: (517) 373-0440).
4. Livestock with clinical signs of infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease shall be removed from the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority or by permission of the director, shall be isolated on the premises.
5. A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority may require additional testing or vaccination of animals before entry and during the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority.
6. A bird shall not be handled except by the exhibitor, attendant, fair veterinarian, director, or judge after the bird is placed in an exhibition coop.
- 7a. **All cattle moving to a show, exhibition, or sale within Michigan are required to have an official Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) device ear tag.** To order RFID tags, exhibitors may call NorthStar Cooperative at 1-888-203-3398; or the National Holstein Association at 1-800-952-5200.
- 7b. **For all Indiana cattle exhibited in Michigan,** RFID ear tags may be ordered by calling the RJ Matthews Company at (330) 834-3000, extension 2013; or by calling the Indiana Animal Health, Inc. at (219) 279-2378.
8. All cattle, sheep, goats, and privately-owned cervids shall bear official identification before they leave their home premises.
9. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that all requirements for testing, identification, and official interstate health certificate or official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection are fulfilled prior to importation and that proof of fulfilling these requirements is provided to the director, fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority upon request.
10. Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock.
11. Out-of-state livestock for exhibition shall meet the requirements prescribed for breeding animals of that species and shall be accompanied by a copy of an official interstate health certificate or an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian from the state or origin. Livestock shall not be diverted to a premises other than the destination site named on the official interstate health certificate.
12. Whenever an official test is conducted or an official vaccination is administered, livestock shall, unless exempted by the director, can be permanently identified in a manner prescribed by the director.
13. Unless otherwise approved by the director, a facility for exhibition of livestock shall be constructed to allow sufficient separation of each exhibitor's livestock. The facility shall be constructed for a material that can be adequately cleaned and disinfected.
14. An exhibition building or yarding facility shall be cleaned and disinfected with an United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved disinfectant used in accordance with label instructions before livestock can be admitted by removing from the premises all manure, litter, hay, straw, and forage from pens, runways, and show rings, and thoroughly disinfecting walls, partitions, floors, mangers, awarding facilities, and runways in a manner approved by the director. For a complete list of disinfectants, please refer to www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo.
15. Feed and water containers provided for exhibition coops shall be new or properly cleaned.
16. A feed or water container from which a bird has eaten or drunk shall be refilled in such a manner as to prevent contamination of the common supply of feed and water. A feed and water container may not be removed from an exhibition coop except for purpose of cleaning.
17. An exhibition coop shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before and after each exhibition.
18. Primary enclosures and stall areas shall be constructed and placed to provide adequate light for proper inspection for evidence of transmittable diseases.
19. Cage litter and bedding shall be clean and shall be replaced daily, or as often as needed.
20. A shipping crate used in the shipment of birds by common carrier may not be used as an exhibition coop. Shipping crates shall be cleaned and disinfected on the day of arrival after the birds have been removed for exhibition and before being used again. Unless otherwise necessary, shipping crates shall not be stored in the exhibition area.