

Rules & Regulations

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42. Calves under two months of age at the time of exhibition will not be eligible for competition.
43. Disqualification or the handling of unsound animals will be up to the discretion of the judge.
44. All animals on exhibition shall be shown to the judges under the supervision of the respective superintendents.
45. In all cases that call for registered stock, all animals over one year old must be

accompanied by certificates or registry showing that the animals are properly registered in the studbook, herdbook or flockbook, which is organized as being authentic for the breed that the animals are purported to represent.

46. Purebred animals under one year of age should not be required to show certificate of registry, but the exhibitor of such animals should be required to give a certified statement that both sire and dam of such animals are properly registered purebreds.

EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY IN MINNESOTA SUMMARY OF STATE RULES FOR 2009 EXHIBITIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- The **exhibition management** may adopt more, but not less, restrictive health requirements than required by state rules.
- Livestock or poultry known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease or to be from a quarantined herd or flock, may not be entered in an exhibition. **Warts and ringworm are considered communicable diseases.** Therefore, livestock affected by these diseases cannot be exhibited. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable.
- All livestock will be inspected by the Official Veterinarian on the opening day of the exhibition before being unloaded and daily during the exhibition. The Official Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any livestock with symptoms of infectious or communicable diseases. Animals placed in a quarantine facility must remain there until removed from the exhibition premises. They may not enter a show ring. This includes livestock with warts or ringworm.
- **All testing must be conducted prior to the exhibition, and a record of the test results on a test chart or Intra-state Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must accompany the tested animals.**
- Livestock and poultry entered in a petting exhibit are not exempt from the exhibition rules if the animals are from more than one farm or there are other animals at the exhibit.

Poultry - Poultry, except waterfowl and pigeons, must be individually identified with a leg or wing band and accompanied by a form approved by the board to show compliance with one of the following: negative test for pullorum-typhoid disease conducted within 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition; originate directly from parent stock tested and found negative for pullorum-typhoid disease within the last 12 months. In addition, turkeys must be tested negative or originate directly from parent stock that is tested negative for Salmonella typhimurium, Mycoplasma gallisepticum, and Mycoplasma synoviae.

Swine - Swine must be individually identified and must: (1) have had a negative official pseudorabies test conducted within 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition; or (2) originate directly from a qualified pseudorabies-negative herd; or (3) originate directly from a Stage IV or V county or area. All 50 states are currently pseudorabies Stage V (Pseudorabies Free Status).

Dogs - Dogs over 6 months of age must be accompanied by a current Certificate of Rabies vaccination issued by a Licensed Veterinarian.

Horses - All horses must be negative to an official test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) within 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. A test is not required for suckling foals accompanying a negative dam.

Llamas - No Health Certificate or Health Papers.

Sheep and Goats (originating from Minnesota) - Official Identification Required
All sheep and goats for show or exhibition, including wethers, must be officially identified.

Official Scrapie identification includes Scrapie ear tags or tattoos that have been approved and registered with the Minnesota Board of Animal Health.

Exhibition managers should encourage their clients to identify their sheep and goats before arriving at the exhibition. However, if necessary, veterinarians can still apply official identification to the animals at the exhibition, provided it is done before the animals are commingled with sheep and goats from other flocks/herds. **Exhibition veterinarians are strongly encouraged to call the Board as soon as possible to obtain free serial tags and taggers to have available for this purpose.**

Record Requirement for Serial Tags

Records must be maintained for 5 years on official serial tags applied detailing the following:

- the date the ID was applied,
- the number of sheep and goats identified,
- the identification number applied; and
- the name and address of the flock where the animal currently or most recently resided

Prohibition on the Exhibition of Sheep and Goats within 30 Days of Giving Birth

In order to prevent the possible spread of Scrapie at exhibitions, no sheep or goat that is within 30 days of giving birth (either before or after birthing) may be exhibited without prior approval from the Board.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Required

All sheep and goats imported into Minnesota for exhibition must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection.

Cattle - This includes Dairy, Beef Heifers, Beef Cows of Beef Steers - Bovine Tuberculosis. All cattle in all divisions must be tested negative for bovine tuberculosis (TB) within 60 days of the first day of the Fair. Health papers indicating the negative test must accompany the cattle and be turned into the fair veterinarian prior to stabling cattle at the fair. Exception: cattle under six months of age.

Slaughter Classes - All livestock and poultry entered in the class which are kept isolated in a separate building from all other livestock and poultry at the exhibition and which are slaughtered during or immediately following the exhibition do not need test or individual identification.

NOTICE

Section 5407. Statutes 1923, provides that every person violating any rule or regulation made by the Livestock Sanitary Board shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The minimum punishment thereof shall be a fine of \$25.00 or imprisonment for thirty (30) days.

Safety on the Grounds

The safety of staff, commercial vendors, the public and animals is the top priority of the Nicollet County Fair Board. The Emergency Operations Plan for the County Fair dictates that in the event of an emergency, the ultimate responsibility for the safety of all concerned is the Nicollet County Sheriff who has an office next to the Fair office under the grandstand.

It is important that everyone on the grounds listen carefully to the Public Address system so that if an emergency of any kind arises, everyone will know what steps they should take to ensure their safety.

A wise action would be to talk to family members, especially children, about proper security procedures.