

# Livestock Department Rules

## Tennessee Department of Agriculture

### Regulatory Services - Animal Health:

Livestock Health Requirements for Fairs and Exhibitors

#### Special Comment

1. Health certificates issued in satisfaction of these Tennessee Fair Regulations shall be good for **90** days for **Tennessee Livestock only**.
2. Any tests required of cattle and swine shall be good for 90 days for Tennessee Cattle and Swine only. The Tennessee Department of Agriculture has submitted proposed rule changes that will revise the testing requirements to reflect our current program status for regulatory diseases. Specifically, testing requirements for pseudorabies and brucellosis, previously required for Tennessee origin, have been eliminated. In anticipation that these rules will be adopted in the near future, we will no longer require pseudorabies or brucellosis testing of Tennessee origin swine. Swine are required to have a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
3. **Please note that on the summary of health requirements, that poultry assembled at shows or exhibitions must be accompanied by evidence of a negative test for Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days, or originate directly from a flock which has been certified as Pullorum-Typhoid clean under the Tennessee Poultry Improvement Plan. Exhibitors need to have their poultry tested prior to the fair. On-site testing will no longer be allowed.**
4. Please note that exhibition requirements for out-of-state livestock are the same as regular import requirements.
5. **Warts and ringworm are considered contagious and infectious diseases and are permissible exclusions only if considered inactive by the issuing veterinarian and noted as such on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
6. **Scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), footrot, cutaneous fungal and bacterial infections (i.e., club lamb diseases, and caseous lymphadenitis) are considered contagious and infectious diseases, and are permissible exclusions only if considered inactive by the issuing veterinarian, and noted as such on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
7. Fair Officials are responsible for reporting any violations of these regulations to the state veterinarian or his/her agent.

#### General

1. All stalls, pens, chutes, etc., located on the grounds of fairs & exhibitions, shall be thoroughly cleaned & disinfected with a disinfectant approved by USDA, APHIS between each scheduled fair or exhibition.
2. All livestock (except poultry) which enter fairs & exhibitions shall be accompanied by an official veterinary health certificate with individual permanent identification of sufficient description to identify each animal. Certificates for this purpose shall be valid for 90 days from date of issue.
3. No animal showing clinical signs of infectious or communicable disease shall be allowed to enter or remain on premises of fairs or exhibitions. It shall be the responsibility of the manager of each event to assure prompt removal of such animals.

#### Livestock Department Rules - Livestock and Poultry Originating Within the State of Tennessee

(Certificates of Veterinary Inspection Valid for a Period of 90 Days)

- ⌘ **Swine:** All swine shall be accompanied by an official veterinary health certificate with individual permanent identification or sufficient description to identify each animal.
- ⌘ **Cattle:** All cattle shall be accompanied by an official veterinary health certificate with individual permanent identification or sufficient description to identify each animal.
- ⌘ **Poultry:** Sponsors of poultry shows or exhibitions shall notify the Tennessee Department of Agriculture **at least 30 days prior** to show or exhibition. All poultry assembled at shows or exhibitions shall be accompanied by evidence of a negative test for Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days or originate directly from a flock which has been certified as Pullorum-Typhoid Clean under the Tennessee Poultry Improvement Plan. Poultry found not to be in apparent good health shall be removed immediately from any show or exhibition.
- ⌘ **Horses and Other Equidae:** Animals six months of age and older - negative equine infectious anemia (swamp fever) test within the preceding 12 months. Sheep, Goats, Camelids and Captive Cervidae must have an official veterinary health certificate as provided in Rule 0080-2-3-.01 (1) and meet the requirements of the National Scrapie Identification Program.

#### Livestock Department Rules-Livestock and Poultry Originating Outside the State of Tennessee

Livestock & Poultry entering fairs and exhibitions from areas outside the State of Tennessee shall be subject to current Tennessee import requirements. Please contact the state veterinarian's office regarding questions or recent changes to these rules. These interstate requirements may be summarized as follows:

**All species (except poultry):** Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection valid for 30 days.

**Cattle:** Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and additional requirements as follows:

1. Tuberculosis: No requirements. Owners of Michigan, Texas, New Mexico and California origin cattle should contact the state's veterinarian's office for further information.
2. Brucellosis: Test eligible cattle-Intact male or female cattle 18 months or older. (Vaccinates and Nonvaccinates)

Certified Herds: No test requirements

Class Free States: No requirements

Class A: Negative test within 30 days

## **Swine:**

1. Breeding Swine: 30 day negative test for Pseudorabies, or originate from Qualified Negative Pseudorabies herd, or originate directly from a head in Stage V (Pseudorabies-Free) State. If 4 months of age or older, negative test for brucellosis within 30 days, or originate directly from a Validated Brucellosis-Free herd, or originate directly from a Validated Brucellosis-Free State.

2. Feeding Swine: 30 day negative test for Pseudorabies, originate from Qualified Negative Pseudorabies Herd, or originate from Pseudorabies Monitored Herd, or originate from a herd in a Stage III, IV, or V state in the National Pseudorabies Eradication Program.

**Horses and Other Equines:** Animals 6 months of age or older, negative equine infectious anemia (Swamp Fever) test within 12 months.

**Poultry:** Originate directly from a Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Flock, or be accompanied by evidence of negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days.

**Sheep:** Accompanied by Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and compliance with the scrapie identification program.

**Goats:** Accompanied by Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and compliance with the scrapie identification program.

**Camelidae:** Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and additional requirements as follows:

1. Tuberculosis: No requirements. Owners of Michigan, Texas, New Mexico and California origin camelidae should contact the state's veterinarian's office for further information.

2. Brucellosis: Test eligible camelidae-Intact male or female camelidae 18 months or older. (Vaccinates and Non-vaccinates)

**Cervidae:** Certificate of Veterinary and additional requirements as follows:

1. Brucellosis: Intact male or female 18 months or older - negative brucellosis within 30 days.

2. Tuberculosis: All cervidae shall originate in herds which have had a negative herd test for tuberculosis within 12 months with USDA approved single cervical test and individual imported animals shall be negative to the single cervical test within 30 days of entry OR animals not originating in tested herds as described above must test negative to 2 single cervical tests at least 90 days apart, the second test conducted not more than 30 days prior to entry.

Contact an accredited veterinarian for further details of health rules.

Fair association or exhibition or management shall inform exhibitors of the rules of this chapter and shall notify the State Veterinarian or his/her agent of any violations. Exhibitors shall present evidence of compliance with this chapter to the State Veterinarian or his/her agent upon request.

These rules constitute a minimum legal standard and in no way restrict the rights of fair and exhibition managers to establish additional or more stringent requirements.

## **Livestock Department is under the control and direction of the Livestock Committee.**

### **Purpose**

To encourage Gibson County producers to develop quality foundation purebred livestock herds of their own and to demonstrate that with wise selection, breeding, management and feeding, such enterprises can be both interesting and profitable.

### **Awards**

Ribbons and premium money will be awarded. Premium awards will be paid on release of cattle.

### **Ownership and registration**

The exhibitors must be sole owner(s) of their entries. All animals competing for prizes must be registered as the property of the exhibitor(s) in the records of the Breed Association at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the show. Certificates of registration on each animal arriving at the Gibson County Fair must be available. Superintendents will check registration papers prior to date of judging and no animal will be permitted without the necessary credentials. Application for registration or transfer will not be accepted.

### **Eligibility for Junior Open Shows**

Competition in junior events or breeding stock is open to 4-H & FFA members. Club or Chapter members who are attending college are not eligible. Animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor only. Registration such as John Doe & Son, Doe Farms and similar partnerships are not acceptable in Junior events. Application for registration or transfer will not be accepted. Entries in the Junior shows will be eligible for competition in the OPEN SHOWS on payment of entry fee of \$5 per head.

### **Application – Open Competition**

Application for entry must be made on official forms furnished by the Gibson County Fair and mailed to:

Mack Zarecor  
43 Nebo Yorkville Rd.,  
Newbern, TN 38059

When entries exceed stall or pen facilities, animals will be accepted according to the date entries received. Ringside entries will not be permitted. Cancellations may be made no later than 5 days before opening day of the fair. No refunds.

### **Entry Fees – Open Competition**

Cattle – Individual Entries – \$5 per head. No stall reservation will be made unless entry fees accompany entry.