

ANIMAL HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS

Breed registration certificates, as well as health charts, must be available to the superintendent for the duration of the fair.

An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) form (see page 8) must accompany each animal and must be presented upon arrival at the Fair for all Livestock and Poultry. Any attempt to misrepresent animals can result in disqualification from the competitions. Only Sheep, Cattle, Swine, Goats, Rabbits and Poultry from the state of PA are permitted for exhibition. Health Rules and Regulations for Horses can be found on page II.

PENNSYLVANIA CATTLE:

1. A certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1st of the current year is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious disease.
3. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
 - a. A USDA-issued metal eartag; or
 - b. A breed registration tattoo if the tattoo is legible and animal is accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate; or
 - c. A breed registration eartag if the animal is accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate; or
 - d. An ISO-compliant 15-digit eartag (including RFID)
4. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age or older (market cattle are exempt from this vaccination requirement). All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies-vaccinated cattle must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. If a rabies vaccination certificate is provided, the certificate must contain legible name and contact info. of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the vet's signature. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.
5. Be sure to use only grooming products that are approved for use on meat and dairy animals when fitting your animals for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues in the meat or milk. If you are not certain that a product is residue safe and approved for use on meat or dairy animals, do not use it. If upon slaughter, it is found that treatment with drugs or any chemical from fitting products is the cause of condemnation of a carcass, the loss of the carcass and any other damages will be borne solely by the exhibitor.
6. All cattle must be accompanied by a health certificate, signed by an accredited veterinarian, that includes a statement that the animal(s) have been immunized against IBR, PI3, and BVD. Animals that have never been vaccinated against BVD or have not been vaccinated against BVD during the previous 12 months, must receive one dose of modified live virus vaccine given at least 15 days, and not more than 180 days before the show, or two doses of a killed vaccine, two to four weeks apart, with the last dose given at least 15 days and not more than 180 days before the show. Animals that have been vaccinated against BVD within the previous 12 months must receive at least a single injection of modified live virus or killed vaccine given not less than 15 days and not more than 180 days before show.

PENNSYLVANIA SHEEP:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1st of the current year is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.
3. Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is required. Official scrapie ID includes:
 - a. An official USDA scrapie eartag. Contact the USDA to obtain scrapie eartags at 1-866-873-2824, weekdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Your order may take several weeks for processing, so order tags early; or
 - b. A USDA-approved custom scrapie eartag; or
 - c. A USDA-approved scrapie tattoo with individual animal ID (tattoo); or
 - d. An ISO-compliant 15-digit eartag (including RFID).
4. Current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals three months of age or older (market sheep are exempt from this vaccination requirement).
All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated sheep must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. If a rabies vaccination certificate is provided, the certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.
5. It is recommended that all sheep, except those consigned to immediate slaughter, be properly immunized before shipment to the show.
6. All sheep must be free of any evidence of transmissible disease, including external parasites, sore mouth, and foot rot, and be clearly identified on an official health certificate prepared by an accredited veterinarian.
7. Purebred animals must be identified by registry name and number, corresponding to the ear tag or tattoo number. Grade animals must be identified by farm flock number, corresponding to the ear tag or tattoo number.

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PENNSYLVANIA GOATS:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1st of the current year is required.
2. Individual official animal identification is required. Official I.D. includes:
 - a. An official USDA scrapie eartag. Contact the USDA to obtain scrapie eartags at 1-866-873-2824, weekdays from 9 AM to 5 PM. Your order may take several weeks for processing, so order tags early; or
 - b. An ISO-compliant 15-digit eartag (including RFID); or
 - c. A USDA-approved custom scrapie eartag; or
 - d. A USDA-approved scrapie tattoo. Goats with an official scrapie tattoo must also have a unique individual animal ID (tattoo) to meet the scrapie ID requirement; or
 - e. Goats having a breed registration tattoo and accompanied by a registration Certificate are exempt from the scrapie ID requirement if the tattoo is legible and a registration certificate (copy acceptable) or a certificate of veterinary inspection which lists the tattoo and registry, accompanies the animal at all times during transport from the premises of birth.
3. No goat showing clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease including caseous lymphadenitis, sore mouth, active erring worm, foot rot, warts, lice and mange will be admitted to the fair.
4. All animals must be individually identified on the health certificate; Tuberculosis tests and Brucellosis tests are not required.

PENNSYLVANIA RABBITS:

Rabbits will be screened on arrival for health and show condition. No rabbits showing signs of contagious or infectious disease will be allowed to enter the exhibition grounds.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR CONDUCT RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Exhibitors will be expected to: Display or parade their animals as directed by the Superintendents, to accept the stall or pen assigned without controversy, to keep their animal in an attractive appearance, keep the space they occupy in a clean and sanitary condition, remove all their equipment promptly after use and cooperate with the Department in every way that we may serve to increase the educational value of the Show.
2. Exhibitors must inform themselves as to when their stock will be judged. Stock must be in the ring promptly on call and failure to comply with the order renders exhibitors liable to be ruled out.
3. Decorations with ribbons or ornaments previously won by animal at previous shows shall be prohibited until after the awards have been made in their respective classes by the judges.
4. All livestock offered for premiums must have been the property of the owner for thirty days or longer.
5. Over fitting of cattle will be penalized. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of an animal will disqualify it.
6. All feed and bedding is to be supplied by the exhibitor except in the Poultry Department.
7. All Entries should arrive on Monday of the Fair prior to 5pm. Judging will be on Tuesday of the Fair beginning at 10:00am.
8. All Livestock must remain in place until 6:30pm on Saturday.
9. All animals must be fed, watered and cared for by the exhibitor or owner. Animals shall remain at the fair until Sat evening.
10. Housing facilities for all entries will be provided. Pens will be limited per farm and/or family exhibit or until barns are full.
11. All animals shown in Pennsylvania must have either an official show chart AA1-13 or the official test report (serology AA1-II) signed by the veterinarian who tested the animal. Health charts for animals to be shown should be issued by the Vet who tested them.
12. All 4-H Livestock exhibits are limited to Mercer County exhibitors only and are restricted to 1 Breed per exhibitor in all departments.
13. **The Fair Board and its Supervisors reserve the right to restrict and/or refuse any and all entries.**