

Livestock and Horse Division

HEALTH REGULATIONS

■ No animals may be off-loaded at the fairgrounds before being checked and approved by the department superintendent or his designee.

■ All livestock and horses are subject to follow-up inspection by an appointed veterinarian or credentialed livestock inspector. Those exhibiting any sign of disease or illness will not be allowed to enter the barn and will be promptly returned to the farm of origin.

■ All livestock must have a permanent form of identification (ear tag, tattoo, ear notch or microchip — reader must be provided by owner) to enter the fairgrounds.

Cattle — Dairy and Beef

Cattle must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 60 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

- Name and address of exhibitor.
- Description of each animal, including breed, age, sex and regulation, tattoo or ear tag numbers.
- A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the cattle listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease, to the best of their knowledge.

Goats and Sheep

Goats and sheep must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 60 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

- Name and address of exhibitor.
- Description of each animal, including breed, age, sex and regulation, tattoo or ear tag numbers.
- A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the goats or sheep listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease, to the best of their knowledge.

All goats, regardless of state of origin, must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program Guidelines. Call 1-866-USDA Tag (873-2824) or 919-855-7707 for more information.

Horses and Ponies

All weaned horses and ponies must be accompanied by an original EIA Test Chart Coggins Test (dated within 12 months of the show) indicating negative status with regard to Equine Infectious Anemia.

No equine may be offloaded until the Coggins Test has been verified by the superintendent or his designee.

ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Late entries:** Livestock and horses being shown at other fairs may be permitted to arrive late or leave early, subject to prior approval by the department superintendent. Only those animals being shown at other fairs will be permitted this exception. Others arriving late may

be barred from competition. Removing animals prior to posted release time forfeits places, awards and premiums.

2. Illegible or incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.

3. In order to compete, all exhibitors must be capable of showing animals without assistance in the ring.

4. **Livestock and horse shows are designed to educate and promote good sportsmanship.** As such, show judges or the livestock superintendent are authorized to disqualify any exhibitor and/or bar them from future competition because of objectionable conduct both in and around the show ring.

5. All female cattle 36 months of age must have produced a live calf.

6. When on exhibit in the show ring:

- Cattle and horses must be haltered and under the complete control of the exhibitor.
- Halters are optional for market lambs.
- Show chains are recommended for goats.

7. Herdsman's Contest for Cattle Exhibitors:

- **Please do not enter this contest on the livestock entry form.** All exhibitors (including juniors) in charge of four or more animals will automatically be entered.
- Cattle exhibits require more attention to neatness, cleanliness and sanitation than any other species of livestock. Realizing that the herdsman is directly responsible for the condition of his herd and the space it occupies, the fair sponsors a Herdsman's Contest for beef and dairy exhibitors in charge of four or more animals entered in competition. The contest not only recognizes those herdsman who do a good job, it also serves as an incentive for all exhibitors to improve the appearance and sanitation of the barn.
- The following SCORECARD will serve as the basis for the livestock superintendent and his appointed judges to use in making the determination for awards:

EVAUATION CRITERIA	POSSIBLE POINTS
Condition and cleanliness of herd	15
Neatness of herdsman and helpers	10
Courtesy of herdsman and helpers	10
Method of keeping feed and equipment	10
Cleanliness of stalls	10
Cleanliness of alleys	10
Decoration and attractiveness of barn	10
Promptness in getting cattle to show ring	10
Cooperation with show directors	10
Support provided to other exhibitors	5
Total: 100	

■ **Duration of contest:** The Herdsman's Contest will begin as animals are off-loaded at the fair and shall continue until animals are officially released.