

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Livestock Health Requirements

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Notice

The State Veterinarian may change the requirements if there is a disease risk warranting change in our state or neighboring states.

All exhibitors should check these health requirements often in the event of new updates by the state veterinarian's office by visiting the Colorado State Veterinarian's website at: www.colorado.gov/aganimals

General

All livestock must have a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or Health Certificate).

CVI Requirements:

1. Must be provided to the Colorado State Fair officials at time of arrival.
2. Must be dated **no more than 5 days** from the date of arrival.
3. Must have all animals individually identified, as described below for each species and category
4. The Authority's on-call veterinarian will be checking all CVIs and potentially inspecting every animal. If you do not have an official CVI that was issued within 5 days, the Authority's on-call veterinarian will do an inspection at that time, and you will be charged accordingly.

All livestock entering this show may be subject to re-inspection by the State Veterinarian or the State Veterinarian's representative upon entry or during the show. Animals with active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, or multiple warts easily visible without close examination are not permitted to exhibit. Any animals found showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases may be immediately withdrawn from the show and held in isolation at owner's risk and expense. Animals will be held until properly tested, or until released to return to the owner's premises.

All entrants for livestock exhibited in Open, Breed, or Market competitions shall provide a premises identification number at the time of entry.

Swine:

1. All swine must be accompanied by a CVI issued within 5 days of entry to the fair. All swine must have an ear notch or registered tattoo. If a purebred animal, registration papers must accompany the tattoo.
2. All swine traveling from out of state must be officially identified.

Beef and Dairy Cattle:

Colorado origin: no testing required, must follow CVI Requirements for all cattle.

Out of state animals, the following apply:

1. **Brucellosis** – Animals may enter the show if they meet the requirements for brucellosis in one of the following ways:
 - a. Originate from a herd not under investigation or from a Brucellosis Class Free State.

- b. Animals coming from the Designated Surveillance Areas (DSA) of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming must:

1. Obtain an entry permit for the CVI from the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office.
2. Have a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entry into Colorado or originating from a certified free herd.
3. Females are to be officially calfhood vaccinated (OCV).

2. Tuberculosis –

- a. Beef cattle from herds not under quarantine or current investigation for tuberculosis (TB) originating from Tuberculosis Accredited Free-State may enter without a test.
- b. For animals coming from a less than Free-State status, please visit the Colorado State Veterinarian's website at ag.colorado.gov/animals or call the Colorado State Veterinarian's office at (303) 869-9130 for complete testing details.
- c. All Dairy Cattle 6 months of age or older from out of state must have a negative TB test within 60 days listed on the CVI.

- 3. **Trichomoniasis** – Exhibition bulls are exempt from testing as long as no potential breeding contact or change of ownership will occur while in Colorado

- 4. **Avian Influenza** – Lactating dairy from outside Colorado must have a negative test for Influenza A within seven days prior to movement. The lactation status and negative test results must be recorded on the CVI. Lactating cows from Colorado must originate from a herd not under quarantine.

- 5. **Official ID** – All exhibition animals from out of state must be officially identified.

Goats:

1. Must be accompanied by a CVI written within 5 days of entry.
2. All sexually intact goats regardless of age including market goats and wethers 18 months of age and older must have an official identification in the form of a Scrapie Flock ID ear tag.
3. Registered meat and dairy goats may use tattoos with breed registration numbers supported by accompanying registration papers in lieu of the tags.
4. Exhibitors with nannies that are close to kidding are strongly advised to leave those animals at home. If those animals kid or show signs of birthing while at the show, they will be isolated and asked to leave the grounds.

Sheep:

1. Must be accompanied by a CVI written within 5 days of entry.
2. All sexually intact sheep regardless of age including market lambs and wethers 18 months of age and older must have a Scrapie Flock ID ear tag.
3. All out-of-state rams, 6 months of age or older, must be negative to the ELISA test for *Brucella ovis* within 30 days prior to show or be from a certified *Brucella ovis* free flock.
4. Exhibitors with ewes that are close to lambing are strongly advised to leave those animals at home. If those animals lamb or show signs of birthing while at the show, they will be isolated and asked to leave the grounds.

All out of State livestock must meet Colorado import requirements. Veterinarians or exhibitors needing further information on Colorado requirements should visit the Colorado State Veterinarian's website (ag.colorado.gov/animals) or call (303) 869-9130.

For Additional Information Call the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office - (303) 869-9130.