

HEALTH RULES FOR LIVESTOCK/POULTRY EXHIBITORS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All animals must be examined by the official veterinarian on the day they are admitted to the exhibition and at least once daily during the exhibition. All animals must meet the requirements for exhibition, importation, and intrastate movement as defined by the Minnesota Board of Animal Health. No animal may enter or be at a public exhibition that shows clinical signs of any infections, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts.

CATTLE

Cattle must be officially identified.

- Approved official identification for cattle if applied on or after 11/05/2024:
 - o Animal Identification Number (AIN) System
 - Consists of 15 digits, beginning with “840” for the U.S.
 - Visual or Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)
- Approved official identification for cattle is applied prior to 11/05/2024:
 - o National Uniform Ear Tagging System (NUES)
 - Begins with the official state number, “41” for Minnesota
- Breed Registry Tattoos and Tags
 - o Acceptable if accompanied by documentation listing the breed registration number.
 - o Pending registrations are not acceptable.
 - o Breed registry tattoos valid within Minnesota and for animals imported from Iowa, Missouri and South Dakota.

SHEEP and GOATS

Sheep and goats must be officially identified. The following are approved official identification for sheep and goats.

- Flock identification (ID) Tags
 - o Includes the flock ID number beginning with the state abbreviation (maximum nine characters, including state abbreviation) along with the unique herd management number
- Sheep/Goat Serial Tags
 - o Begins with state abbreviation; eight characters total, last four or five are numerical.
- Animal Identification Number (AIN) System
 - o Consists of 15 digits, beginning with “840” for the U.S.
 - o Visual or Radio Frequency Identification (RFID).
- Registered sheep/goats
 - o Breed registry tattoos that are recorded with a sheep or goat registry association.
 - o Must be accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate.

POULTRY

Chickens, turkeys and game birds, except baby poultry, must be individually identified with a numbered leg or wing band. Chickens, turkeys, game birds, and hatching eggs from these birds must be accompanied by a certificate or test chart to show compliance with the following requirements:

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- Pullorum-Typhoid – originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified *U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean* under the National Poultry Improvement Plan or be negative to a *Pullorum-Typhoid* test within 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition.

SWINE

Swine must be officially identified. Swine housed outside of Minnesota that will be coming to the County Fair will need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

HORSES

Horses, except suckling foals accompanying a negative dam, must be negative to an official Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) test conducted within 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition.

DOGS

Dogs four months of age or older must be accompanied by a Certificate of Rabies Vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian.

Requirements for Livestock and Poultry originating from states other than Minnesota:

HORSES, CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS, POULTRY AND RABBITS

All animals must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection, in addition to the requirements outlined above.