Animal Health Regulations for Fairs and Shows in Wisconsin: 2014 Season

This is a summary of animal health requirements for fairs, shows and exhibitions only. They are not necessarily the same as requirements for importing animals into Wisconsin or moving them within the state for other purposes. They may change if animal diseases occur in Wisconsin or elsewhere, so you should always check our website or contact us for current information.

http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/index.aspx
You may also call 608-224-4874 for the import requirements.

General Requirements for Show Organizers

Fairs or exhibitions lasting more than 24 hours must appoint a licensed veterinarian to inspect all livestock daily.

Fairs or exhibitions lasting less than 24 hours must have a licensed veterinarian or show chairperson review all required records and test results to check for:

- Exhibitor’s name and address
- Animal identification (number, type, description)
- Compliance with disease testing and other health requirements
- Livestock premises number, if any, where animals originated

Fair management must maintain records for 5 years of:

- Exhibitors
- Livestock premises numbers, if any
- Animal identification

Diseases

Animals that show evidence of having contagious or infectious diseases may be removed immediately, and may be quarantined or slaughtered.

Bovine animals with ringworm, mange or scab will be removed from the fair or exhibition premises, unless the veterinarian in charge finds they are incapable of transmitting disease.

Cattle and Bison

Cattle from within Wisconsin have no requirements for tests or health documents.

Cattle from outside Wisconsin must:

- Be accompanied by certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) documenting official animal ID and all required tests and certifications
- Have at least one form of official individual ID (including steers)
- Meet all of Wisconsin’s normal requirements for import (see [http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Cattle_Bison](http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Cattle_Bison))

Acceptable animal IDs for all cattle from outside Wisconsin:

- USDA metal ear tag number that is part of the National Uniform Ear Tagging System (NUES)
- (starts with state 2-digit code, also known as “brite” tag)
- 15-digit “840” tags (visual or RFID)
- Manufacturer-coded RFID tag - 15-digit number with the first three digits in 900s
- American ID tag – 8 to 12-digit number prefaced with “USA”

Brucellosis requirements for cattle from outside Wisconsin:

- Steers are exempt from any brucellosis test requirement
- Cattle from brucellosis-free states are exempt from brucellosis testing requirement
- Cattle from certified brucellosis-free herds in Class A states do not need brucellosis tests if the CVI has the certified herd number and the last test date

- All other cattle need negative brucellosis test within 30 days before entering Wisconsin

Tuberculosis requirements for cattle from outside Wisconsin:

Negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin are required for cattle if they originate from:

- States or zones that are Modified Accredited Advanced states or that Wisconsin treats as MAAs because they have had bovine TB cases
- Modified Accredited states (see section below for Michigan’s Modified Accredited and Modified Accredited Advanced zones)
- States that do not recognize Wisconsin’s TB-free status

For requirements by state:

http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Cattle_Bison

Cattle from Michigan’s TB Free Zone:

- Need negative individual TB test within 60 days before arrival in Wisconsin for all animals
- Whole herd TB test and import permit not required

Cattle from Michigan’s MA and MAA zones and other states with MA zones:

- Need import permits
- Need negative whole-herd TB tests within 12 months before arrival in Wisconsin for all animals 1 year and older
- Need negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin
- Must return directly to the state of origin after the show, and there must be a statement on the CVI that they will be doing so


For information on obtaining an import permit:

- Online
  http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Permit_Request
- Email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov
- Call 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check

http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Cattle_Bison

Swine

Swine from within Wisconsin need a Wisconsin intrastate movement certificate:

- Stating that the herd of origin was inspected on the farm within 30 days before the show and showed no signs of disease
- Including documentation of all required tests

Swine from outside Wisconsin need a certificate of veterinary inspection that includes the following: a statement that they have not received pseudorabies vaccinations, a statement of the PRRS status of the herd of origin (if known) and official identification number.

Acceptable methods of ID for swine are:

- USDA silver ear tag
- USDA 840 button ear tag
- Breed association tattoo
- An ear tag with the premises identification and a unique identifier
- Ear notch (if the pig is a purebred and the notch is registered)

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check

http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Swine

Sheep and Goats

Sheep and goats from within Wisconsin:

- If sexually intact, need official individual ID at any age
- If not sexually intact, need official individual ID if they are 12 months or older
• Official ID may be scrapie ear tags, USDA 840 button ear tag, or breed association tattoo (as long as it is unique to that animal)
• Cannot have been exposed to scrapie if they are sexually intact

Sheep and goats from outside Wisconsin:
• Need certificate of veterinary inspection and official individual ID: scrapie ear tag, USDA 840 button ear tag, or breed association tattoo (as long as it is unique to that animal)
• By federal rule, the CVI must also include:
  - A statement by the issuing accredited or state or federal veterinarian that the animals were not exhibited clinically signs associated with scrapie at the time of examination
  - An owner statement indicating whether the animal is or is not a scrapie-positive suspect, high-risk or exposed animal and whether it originated in an infected, source, exposed or noncompliant flock.

Goats from Michigan’s TB Modified Accredited Zone:
• Need import permits
• Need negative whole-herd TB tests within 12 months before arrival in Wisconsin
• Need negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin
• Must return directly to the state of origin after the show, and there must be a statement on the CVI that they will be doing so

For information on obtaining an import permit:
• Online http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Permit_Requests
• Email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov
• Call 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Sheep_Goats.

Equine
UPDATE 5-9-14 - Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) testing requirements change in Wisconsin
Equine Infectious Anemia test results done within the 12 months prior to the date of import are now acceptable when importing horses into Wisconsin. Nursing foals accompanying an EIA-negative dam are exempt from pre-import testing as long as the nursing status is identified on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). The EIA test date and result must be written on the CVI. This change also applies to horses changing ownership in Wisconsin and horses attending fairs and exhibitions. Prior to this, all horses participating in fairs or exhibitions would have to have a negative EIA test during the calendar year of the exhibition.

Anyone with questions can call 800-572-8981 for assistance.

Equine animals from within Wisconsin need documentation of a negative EIA test done in 2014, which clearly identifies the animal by registration number, lip tattoo, freeze brand, or complete description. Documentation may be:
• Official test report VS 10-11, or
• USDA-approved electronic test form, or
• Global Vet Link EIA electronic form, or
• Certificate of veterinary inspection with the test results listed

Equine animals from outside Wisconsin need:
• Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI)
• Negative EIA test done in 2014, which clearly identifies the animal by registration number, lip tattoo, freeze brand, or complete description, and reported on the CVI

Equines from Minnesota are exempt from the CVI requirement if:
• Ownership does not change while the animal is in Wisconsin
• The animal remains in Wisconsin no longer than 7 days
• Proof of an EIA test in the current calendar year (2014) accompanies the animal

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Horses.

Llamas, Alpacas, Guanacos
Llamas, alpacas and guanacos from within Wisconsin have no requirements. Llamas, alpacas and guanacos from outside Wisconsin must have a certificate of veterinary inspection and official animal ID. Official ID may be:
• Approved USDA ear tag number
• Microchip number
• Breed association registration number
• Breed association tattoo

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Llamas_Alpacas_Guanacos.

Exotic Ruminants
Note: Exotic ruminants are ruminants that are not native to Wisconsin, and are not cervids – for example, vicuñas, camels, yaks, water buffalo, prorhomb antelopes and giraffes.
Exotic ruminants from within Wisconsin have no requirements. Exotic ruminants from outside Wisconsin need an import permit and a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) with proof that they meet requirements for:
• Bovine TB – negative test required within 60 days before entry
• Brucellosis – negative test required within 30 days before entry

Please call 608-224-4872 beforehand to determine which TB test to use.

For information on obtaining an import permit:
• Online http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Permit_Requests
• Email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov
• Call 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Exotic_Species.

In addition, please contact your county and local municipality for any restrictions.

Poultry and Waterfowl (Pigeons are not considered poultry for fairs and shows)
Poultry and waterfowl from within Wisconsin need:
• An NPIP certificate stating that the birds originate from a US. pullorum-typoid clean or NPIP affiliate flock, or
• A DATCP-issued certificate stating they are from a Wisconsin tested or associate flock, or
• Individually test sexually mature birds within 90 days before arrival at the show. These birds also need wing or leg band. All birds must test negative for pullorum-typoid, and turkeys must test negative for Mycoplasma gallisepticum.
Poultry and waterfowl from outside Wisconsin need a certificate of veterinary inspection or equivalent (such as form VS 9-3) that states:
• They originate from a flock classified pullorum-typoid clean under NPIP or an equivalent state program, or
• If they are sexually mature, that they have tested negative for pullorum-typoid (and Mycoplasma gallisepticum for turkeys) within 90 days before arrival at the show. These birds also need wing or leg band ID.

Not Required – Import permit Number
Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Poultry.
Small Animals: Dogs, Domestic Cats, and other Household Pets (*ferrets, pet birds, rabbits, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, domestic mice and rats*)

**Note:** These rules do not apply to animals that are part of menageries. For those rules, see below. Pot-bellied and miniature pigs fail under rules for swine.

**Dogs from within Wisconsin** that are 5 months or older need proof of current rabies vaccination.

**Cats and other household pets from within Wisconsin** have no requirements.

**Dogs and cats from outside Wisconsin** that are 5 months or older need to be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian, and regardless of age, need certificates of veterinary inspection stating the age of the animal and for animals 5 months and older the date of last rabies vaccination and revaccination due date.

Other household pets from outside Wisconsin need certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs) but have no testing or vaccination requirements.

Small animals from other nations need to meet requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (608-662-0600) and Centers for Disease Control (1-800-232-4636). Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/captive/captive.htm.

For information on obtaining an import permit:

- **Online** [http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Permit_Req uest](http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Permit_Request)
- **Email** DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov
- **Call** 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check [http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Circuses_Rodeos](http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Circuses_Rodeos).

Exotic Small Animals (*any species not covered by "small animals" above), exotic large animals and other wild animals

**Note:** Local jurisdictions may have requirements beyond the state requirements listed here.

**Animals from within Wisconsin** do not have any requirements as long as they are legally possessed in Wisconsin.

**Animals from outside Wisconsin** generally have no testing or vaccination requirements, but do need:
- Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI)
- Import permit number

**Note:** Some animals may not be brought to Wisconsin. These are North American prairie dogs and the following African species: tree squirrels, rope squirrels, dormice, Gambian giant pouched rats, brush-tailed porcupines and striped mice. Others may require permits from the Department of Natural Resources. See [http://dnr.wi.gov/land/wildlife/captive/captive.htm](http://dnr.wi.gov/land/wildlife/captive/captive.htm).

For information on obtaining an import permit:

- **Online** [http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Permit_Req uest](http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Permit_Request)
- **Email** DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov
- **Call** 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check [http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Household_Pets](http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Household_Pets).

Guidelines for Housing and Managing Animals

The State Veterinarian recommends that exhibitors:

- Vaccinate breeding cattle against bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) at least 30 days before the event
- Test cattle for BVD-PI by immunoperoxidase test, and bring them to shows only if they test negative
- Test cattle for Johnes’ disease test results by ELISA test, and bring them to shows only if they test negative
- Clean and disinfect vehicles used to transport animals to and from the show, and vehicles used at the show, before and after the show
- Isolate exhibited animals returning to their farms or animals purchased at the show for 21 days before mingling them with other stock

The State Veterinarian recommends that show organizers:

- House cattle separately from llamas, vicuñas, alpacas, guanacos, and other exotic ruminants
- House cattle separately from small ruminants, especially sheep
- House ostriches, emus, rheas and cassowaries separately from domestic poultry
- House swine separately from any other mammals
- Include a space for the premises registration code on livestock entry forms
- Provide hand-washing stations near all livestock facilities
- Provide individual watering and feeding troughs rather than common ones

**MARKET ANIMAL HEALTH RULES**

**WHOLESOMENESS OF THE MEAT PRODUCT:**

( Applies to all livestock shown in market classes)

**SUMMARY**

All exhibitors and their parents or guardians must sign a form attesting to proper withdrawal of all additives and injections administered to the animals being shown. Forms are available at the Extension Office. All Champion and Reserve Champion animals going to slaughter may have tissue samples collected and submitted to the State Laboratory by the State Meat Inspectors.
DAIRY/LIVESTOCK

All animals entered in this division must be eligible, as to age, at time of opening of the fair and the first nine divisions must show full pedigrees.

All purebred stock must be registered in a recognized American Registry Book of such has been established. A Certificate of Registry will be required in every case, and if no American Book has been established, Certificate of Registry must be furnished from Foreign Registry Book. All animals of three years and upward must provide evidence that they are not barren.

RULES GOVERNING EXHIBITS: DAIRY CATTLE. (OPEN & JR. CLASS)

ALL PUREBRED CATTLE TO BE IDENTIFIED ACCORDING TO BREED ASSOCIATION RULES: TATTOO AND EARTAG ON EACH ANIMAL.

Check activity calendar for entry dates and time.

WARNING ON ANTIBIOTICS AND DRUG ADULTERANTS IN MILK

Milking cattle are placed under additional stress when exhibited at shows and fairs. Quite often these animals require medication. If penicillin or antibiotics are infused into the cow's udder, the milk from this animal must not be used for human consumption for at least 72 hours or as directed by the label.

Even when the medication is administered by injection or orally, the drug will gain entrance into the udder and appear in the milk. The milk is considered adulterated and the marketing of such a product is in violation of Wisconsin Statutes.

Dairy plant sanitarians and health officials are very carefully checking for antibiotic adulteration in all milk originating from cattle at fairs and dairy exhibitions. Please do your part by withholding for human consumption all milk from cattle treated with penicillin or antibiotics for at least 72 hours or longer, if the milk contains traces of the medication.

It should be brought to the attention of all exhibitors that abnormal milk should be withheld from all milk deliveries. It is very disturbing to the general public to be served milk from producers at a fair location that contains noticeable amounts of straw, feed, or any extraneous matter. The strainer-pads used at a fair also go on public display. Evidence of mastic conditions have frequently been observed by consumers on a strainer pad and are not the type of image the dairy producer would want to give the public. Let's all cooperate in keeping Wisconsin milk safe.

Exhibitors of livestock must report to the Superintendent in charge at 9:00 a.m. each day for orders. Stock must be in the showing promptly after being called. Any person failing to comply with this order will be ruled out from competing.

Entries must specify owner's name, and post office address and in case of animals, the name, sex, age, and breed or description with registry number. No animal shall be entered in the name of any other than the bonafide owner or owners, and should any prove to be otherwise entered, any premium awarded will be forfeited to the Association.

Bulls, cows, and herds entered as such must be owned by the individuals or firms exhibiting them, but the progeny of the animals must be shown simply as proof of their breeding quality without such ownership.

Superintendent or ring clerk should obtain names and record numbers of all animals composing herds and groups and such data should be included in report of awards.