



2023 MARYLAND ANIMAL HEALTH FAIR AND SHOW REQUIREMENTS

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MDA Website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/default.aspx>

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The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA), Animal Health Program strives to safeguard Maryland's animal industries at our fairs and shows. With an increased potential of disease transmission occurring when large numbers of animals gather for exhibition, MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland fairs and shows. As an exhibitor, you can help reduce the potential risk of introduction and spread of infectious and/or contagious diseases by following the species-specific health requirements below.

IMPORTANT 2023 ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS TO MENTION:

1. CERTIFICATES OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI):

- The accredited veterinarian is required to send the original (white and canary) copies to MDA Headquarters within 7 days of completion.

2. LIVESTOCK:

- All cattle and swine must have an EID (electronic identification) or RFID (radio frequency identification) 840 tag. Cattle and swine with non- electronic ID tags will be dismissed upon entry.
- All sheep and goats must have Scrapie Identification in the form of an official Scrapie Identification tag, or a legible and healed tattoo matching identification on breed registration paperwork.
- Livestock petting zoos and pony rides will be allowed with proper CVI, indicating rabies vaccination status, and self-certification documents.

3. POULTRY AVIAN INFLUENZA TESTING:

- All in- state poultry must be tested for avian influenza within 30 days prior to the exhibition or originate from an NPIP U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean flock.
- All out-of-state poultry must be tested for avian influenza within 21 days prior to the exhibition or originate from an NPIP U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean flock.

Maryland Law provides penalties for violations of Animal Health Law and Regulations. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY FAILING TO MEET COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DENIED ENTRY OR REMOVED FROM THE EXHIBITION, "REJECTED". SEE ANIMAL REJECTION POLICY UNDER GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS.



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REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORS OF A LIVESTOCK/POULTRY EXHIBITION (COMAR 15.11.14.05)

1. **Notification:** Exhibit sponsors must notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), Animal Health Program Headquarters, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401, of intent to sponsor an event that includes the exhibition of livestock or poultry no less than **30** days before the proposed event. Please fill out all contact information correctly, to include a phone number and email address. Animal arrival times **MUST** be provided to ensure coverage for entry. Please call 410-841-5810 to request an **EXHIBITION NOTIFICATION FORM** or go to MDA's website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs -shows.aspx>
2. **Reporting:** Sponsors must report to the Department any animal from the exhibition suspected of having or showing obvious, apparent, or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease and/or deaths; and exclude from the exhibition premises any animals having obvious, apparent, or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease. A summary of all disease events shall be provided to MDA, in the form of an **ANIMAL INCIDENT REPORT**. Call 410-841-5810 to request an **ANIMAL INCIDENT REPORT FORM** or go to MDA's website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/ Fairs-Shows.aspx>
3. **Records:** Exhibit sponsors must maintain a report of the owner, premises location, and species of all animals attending the exhibition and provide this report upon request to MDA.
4. **Exemptions:** Exemptions of this regulation may be granted. (Refer to *COMAR 15.11.14.05*)

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS OF ALL ANIMAL SPECIES (COMAR 15.11.14.04-06)

Exhibitors at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, rodeos, shows, and swap meets are required to comply with regulatory provisions of the State of Maryland relating to animal health as noted in COMAR 15.11.14.04-06. **Requirements apply to all livestock and poultry:** Livestock is defined as those species of animals used for human food or fiber or those species of animals used for service to humans. This includes but is not limited to cattle, sheep, New World camelids (llamas & alpacas), goats, bison, privately owned cervids, swine, equine, and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs, cats, and exotic pets. Poultry is defined as any living domestic bird raised for food or other purposes including, but not limited to, chicken, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, other ratites, waterfowl, and game birds.

1. **DOCUMENTATION:** Documentation is required for entry of all livestock and poultry and is described below. Examples of forms can be obtained by visiting the Animal Health website at: <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs -shows.aspx>
For out-of-state animals, see species specific out of state requirements. **Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock and poultry.**



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2. **CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION is required for most entries.**

- a. **MARYLAND ENTRIES:** All Maryland entries must be accompanied by a Maryland Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show, except poultry, equine and rabbits.
- The Maryland CVI is **valid for 120 days for fairs and shows**, providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
 - The Maryland CVI is a **legible record**, made on an official Maryland State form, issued by a Maryland accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being shown within the state and not crossing a state line, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland.
 - The Maryland CVI **must be completed and signed by a Maryland accredited veterinarian** using the proper selected report on the CVI form. Each animal must be properly identified on the CVI. The veterinarian must select if this document is for fair and exhibition season, sale or other (with explanation).
 - The veterinarian is required to send the original (white and canary) copies to MDA Headquarters **within 7 days of completion**, the middle (pink) transport copy is to be retained by the owner and should accompany livestock during travel. The last (goldenrod) copy is for the veterinarian's records.
- b. **OUT-OF-STATE ENTRIES:** All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an **Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**, except poultry and rabbits.
- The Interstate CVI is **valid for no more than 30 days** from the date of inspection.
 - An **Interstate CVI must be legible**, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, and issued for animals being imported to this state within 30 days before the entry of the animals, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland.

3. **SELF-CERTIFICATION:** A completed *Self-Certification* is required for all entries except for equine entering equine-only events.

Self-Certification forms must be filled out within 24 hours prior to loading and presented upon request to the designated representative.

- A *Self-Certification* is an official Maryland document **signed by the owner/caretaker/transporter** stating that the animals presented for exhibition are not showing any signs of or having recent exposure to (within 21 days) infectious or contagious diseases.
- *Self-Certification forms* are species-specific for livestock (ruminants, swine), equine, poultry and rabbits. These forms are available on MDA's Animal Health website:

<http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx>

4. **TEST REPORT FORMS.** Testing is required for some species, and if so, a test report form will be required unless otherwise documented on the CVI. See species-specific requirements for details of testing and test report requirements.

Examples of test reports:

Avian Influenza Testing Report

Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Report

Coggins Test Report (Equine Infectious Anemia)

Tuberculosis Test Report



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5. **MARYLAND POULTRY PREMISES IDENTIFICATION** – All Maryland premises with poultry are required to be registered with the Maryland Department of Agriculture. The Poultry Premises number must be noted on the Test Report or other documentation of NPIP U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid and U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean or State H5/H7 Monitored status.

6. **ANIMAL REJECTION POLICY.** Animals may be rejected from an exhibition, either denied entry or removed from the exhibition, as described below:
 - a. **FAILURE TO PROVIDE COMPLETED DOCUMENTATION IS GROUNDS FOR REJECTION.**
 - b. **FOR A SKIN LESION SUSPICIOUS OF RINGWORM TO BE CONSIDERED NO LONGER CONTAGIOUS TO OTHER ANIMALS OR PEOPLE, NEW WOOL OR HAIR MUST COMPLETELY COVER THAT LESION.**
 - c. Livestock with clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases or external parasites are not permitted entry or allowed to remain at the exhibition. Clinical signs include but are not limited to: active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, sore mouth, sore nose, caseous lymphadenitis, mange, or multiple warts easily visible without close examination.
 - d. Suspicion of communicable disease is adequate grounds for rejection. Confirmed diagnosis is not required, since timely removal of suspicious animals is required by law to protect the remaining animals.
 - e. Exposed animals may be rejected: If it is believed that there is a potentially serious communicable disease present, all animals originating with the suspect animal may be rejected. Vesicular diseases are of particular concern.
 - f. All decisions are final.
 - g. All parties involved will be notified of all rejections, including exhibit sponsors and supervisors.
 - h. Animal rejections can be made by MDA Animal Health veterinarians or field inspectors, private veterinarians contracted by the show, Maryland Extension employees, or individuals designated by the fair or show as a ‘responsible person.’

SPECIES-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general requirements above, specific requirements by species are shown for the following species:

Cattle	Horses, Ponies, Mules and other Equidae
Swine	Poultry
Sheep	Rabbits
Goats	Camelids

Fair and Show Requirements: Cattle

ALL CATTLE

IDENTIFICATION: INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION OF EACH ANIMAL SHALL BE AN RFID OFFICIAL EAR TAG.

Rodeo Cattle must have official individual ID that is recognized by the USDA. Rodeo Cattle are NOT allowed to commingle with any other cattle at the exhibition.



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Maryland Cattle

Brucellosis: Maryland is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland cattle.

Tuberculosis: Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland cattle.

Immunization: Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex vaccination is required for all Maryland cattle to include Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine Viral Diarrhea virus, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis and Parainfluenza. Leptospirosis vaccination is recommended.

Out-of-State Cattle

Brucellosis:

1. Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State, Region or Zone
 - a. No brucellosis test required.
2. Non-Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State, Region or Zone
 - a. Officially vaccinated under 24 months old with vaccination dates recorded on the Interstate CVI permitted, or
 - b. Test negative within 30 days before entry.

Tuberculosis:

1. Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State, Region or Zone
 - a. No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
 - a. All cattle over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
 - i. Cattle must originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
 - ii. Any individual animal, over 6 months of age, entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
 - b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

Fair and Show Requirements: Swine

ALL SWINE

IDENTIFICATION: INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION OF EACH ANIMAL SHALL BE AN RFID OFFICIAL EAR TAG.

Maryland Swine

Brucellosis: Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland swine.



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Pseudorabies: Maryland is a Pseudorabies Stage V state. Pseudorabies testing is not required for Maryland swine.

Immunization: Leptospirosis vaccination is recommended.

Out-of-State Swine

Brucellosis: All swine, except barrows, 6 months of age and older shall be negative on an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to exhibition entry, *or* originate directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd or brucellosis-free state.

Pseudorabies: Swine over 6 months of age shall be negative on an official test for pseudorabies conducted within 30 days prior to exhibition entry, *or* originate immediately and directly from a Qualified Pseudorabies Negative herd or Stage 4 or Stage 5 Pseudorabies-Free State.

Immunization: Leptospirosis vaccination is recommended.

Fair and Show Requirements: Sheep and Goats

ALL SHEEP

Identification for Sheep: All sheep must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for sheep includes the following:

1. USDA-approved scrapie ear tags;
2. Legible registration tattoos, for which the breed registration paper shall contain the registry premises or flock tattoo prefix that is linked to the APHIS-assigned PIN and flock ID number of the flock of birth, if breed registry is approved by APHIS; or
3. Legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the flock in one ear and the official scrapie premises identification number (flock ID) in the other ear, except where the tail web or flank may be used for earless animals or animals with damaged ears; must be accompanied by an owner statement.
4. A microchip ID with official scrapie identification is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.
5. RFID tags.

Further clarification on the Federal Scrapie Program can be found at:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/sheep-and-goat-health/national-scrapie-eradication-program/>

Out-of-State Sheep

No additional requirements.

Market Lambs

It is recommended that all lambs be slick shorn prior to entry for inspection for club lamb fungus.



ALL GOATS

Identification for Goats: All goats must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for goats includes the following:

1. USDA-approved scrapie ear tags;
2. Legible registration tattoos, for which the breed registration paper shall contain the registry premises or flock tattoo prefix that is linked to the APHIS-assigned PIN and flock ID number of the flock of birth, if breed registry is approved by APHIS; or
3. Legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the herd in one ear and the official scrapie premises identification number (flock ID) in the other ear, except where the tail web or flank may be used for earless animals or animals with damaged ears; must be accompanied by an owner statement.
4. A microchip ID with official scrapie identification is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.
5. RFID tags.

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Maryland Goats

Brucellosis: Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland goats.

Tuberculosis: Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland goats.

Out-of-State Goats

Tuberculosis:

1. Accredited Tuberculosis-Free States, Region or Zone: No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
 - a. All goats over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
 - i. Goats must originate from herds in which all animals are tested negative within the past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test, may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
 - ii. Any individual animal entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
 - b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.



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Fair and Show Requirements: Horses, Ponies, Mules and Other Equidae

ALL EQUINE

Identification: Individual official identification shall include the following as applicable: EIA test report with photo or drawing of the animal, tattoo, brand, or microchip. *Animals using tattoos or brands for official identification must be accompanied with the breed registration papers.*

Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) Testing: All equine for exhibition shall be accompanied by a valid Coggins Test done within 12 months prior to exhibition entry.

Self-Certification Requirement and Exemption: *Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health* is required for each equine entering a fair/show-type event where multiple livestock species are present. The form must be available for inspection if requested. Those participating in equine-only shows and events are exempt from this requirement; however, it is good practice to thoroughly double check the health and skin condition of the animal before departing for the event. The form provides an easy checklist to do this. Exhibitors may not bring an animal having apparent or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease to a show.

Maryland Equine

1. All horses and other Equidae, 9 months of age and older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) made within the 12 months before the date of the event. A copy of this test shall accompany every animal.
2. A Maryland CVI is not required for Maryland equine.

Out-of-State Equine

1. All horses and other Equidae, 9 months of age and older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) made within the 12 months before the date of the event. A copy of this test shall accompany every animal.
2. All horses and other Equidae shall be accompanied by a CVI issued within 30 days prior to entry.
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Interstate CVI must be legible, made on an official form from the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, and issued for animals being imported to this state within 30 days before the entry of the animals, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland.

Fair and Show Requirements: Poultry

ALL POULTRY

1. PRIVATE SALES WILL BE ALLOWED WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION OF THE SALE BY THE EXHIBITION SPONSOR AND MAINTAINED FOR ONE YEAR.
2. IDENTIFICATION: Poultry entering an exhibition shall be identified with a numbered leg or wing band.



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3. ALL POULTRY EXHIBITORS SHALL COMPLETE A *POULTRY EXHIBITOR'S SELF-CERTIFICATION OF ANIMAL HEALTH*.
4. DOCUMENTATION of test results must be provided on MDA-E06 and MDA-E20, VS Form 9-2, VS Form 9-3 or comparable form approved by the State Veterinarian.

Maryland Poultry

1. **Premises Registration**: All poultry exhibitors originating from Maryland must have valid proof of a registered Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number.
2. **Avian Influenza (AI) Testing Requirements**: All poultry, **including wild birds** except pigeons and doves, shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one of the following AI testing requirements:
 - i. Originate directly from an NPIP U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean Flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or from a State Avian Influenza Monitored Flock as defined by the state of origin, OR
 - ii. Have a negative avian influenza test conducted on at least **15 birds** from their flock **(or complete flock if fewer than 15 birds)** within **30 days** prior to event and remain segregated from all birds of unknown or positive avian influenza test status.
3. **Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Requirements**: All poultry, except waterfowl, wild birds, pigeons and doves, shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - i. Originate directly from an NPIP U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (and there was no break in the chain of ownership by NPIP participants), OR
 - ii. Have a negative official test for Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days before fair, exhibition, exposition, or show and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid test status.

Out-of- State Poultry

1. **Avian Influenza (AI) Testing Requirements**: All poultry, **including wild birds** except pigeons and doves, shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one of the following AI testing requirements:
 - i. Originate directly from an NPIP U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean Flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or from a State Avian Influenza Monitored Flock as defined by the state of origin, OR
 - ii. Have a negative avian influenza test conducted on at least **30 birds** from their flock **(or complete flock if fewer than 30 birds)** within **21 days** prior to the event and remain segregated from all birds of unknown or positive avian influenza test status.
2. **Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Requirements**: All poultry except waterfowl, wild birds, pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - i. Originate directly from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (and there was no break in the chain of ownership by NPIP participants), OR
 - ii. Have a negative official test for Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days before fair, exhibition, exposition, or show and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid test status.



Fair and Show Requirements: Rabbits

ALL RABBITS

1. See Rabbit Waiver: Rabbits are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be a tag, tattoo, or microchip, if the exhibitor provides the reader.
3. All rabbit exhibitors shall complete a *Rabbit Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health*.

Maryland and Out-of-State Rabbits

No additional requirements.

Fair and Show Requirements: Camelids

ALL CAMELIDS

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be an official metal ear tag or microchip, if the exhibitor provides the reader.

Maryland Camelids

Brucellosis: Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland camelids. Tuberculosis: Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland camelids.

Out-Of-State Camelids

Brucellosis: Brucellosis testing is not required for out-of-state camelids.

Tuberculosis:

1. Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State, Region, or Zone
 - a. No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
 - a. All camelids over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
 - i. Camelids must originate from a herd not under restriction or quarantine for tuberculosis and from which a complete herd test was conducted within the past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
 - ii. Any individual animal, over 6 months of age, entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
 - b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.



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