

Montana State Fair

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

LIVESTOCK ENTRY RULES

1. Open Class Livestock Department entries are open to the world.
2. All livestock entries entered and exhibited at the State Fair shall be subject to being inspected of health condition before being stalled. All animals found inferior must be removed from the grounds immediately.
3. In all cases where registration is required, each exhibitor shall furnish the registration number and name under which animal is registered on the entry form. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.
4. In all cases where registration is required, all animals exhibited must be registered on the records of the various breed associations of classes listed herein. Partnership owned animals must be entered in the name of the owner appearing on the herd books of registry. Original registration papers must be available upon request of Management.
5. Animals shown in all group classes must have entered and shown in their respective individual classes.
6. Any breed of livestock having less than 3 independent exhibitors, or 20 head exhibited in the 2022 Montana State Fair may not have individual divisions listed in the 2023 Exhibitors' Handbook.
7. Exhibitors will be required to keep their stalls, pens and alleys in a clean and attractive condition. Bedding and litter shall be disposed of in designated areas. First bedding will be provided by Montana State Fair. Additional bedding will be available. See Livestock Bedding section.
8. Schedules for feeding, deliveries, exercising and tie out will be established and strictly enforced to minimize traffic congestion.
9. Livestock entered for competition at other state fairs may secure special release from Montana State Fair only when other state fair dates conflict with travel time. In this case, exhibitor must secure written approval from the superintendent in charge of the livestock. No premiums will be paid on animal specially released until proof of entry in another fair has been furnished to the General Manager of Montana State Fair.
10. Craig Moore, DVM will be on call throughout the duration of Montana State Fair. Those seeking services should call 406-899-7387.

LIVESTOCK BEDDING AND FEED

Any exceptions to the following list must be approved in advance by Fair Management. Bedding to be used at Montana State Fair is the following:

- Beef– shavings
- Goats – straw or shavings
- Equine – shavings
- Sheep – straw or shavings
- Swine – shavings

All feedstuffs and bedding brought onto the grounds must comply with all Montana weed and pest regulations. Feedstuffs or bedding identified as bearing noxious weeds will be confiscated and immediately removed from the grounds. Violations may restrict exhibitors from bringing feedstuffs to future fairs.

MONTANA STATE FAIR AND DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK HEALTH, BRAND AND IMPORT REGULATIONS

General Requirements

1. All imported animals presented for exhibition or sale shall be accompanied by an import permit, certificate of veterinary inspection and brand inspections. Import permits may be obtained by the veterinarian issuing the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection within 30 days prior to arrival into Montana by calling the Department of Livestock, Animal Health Division, Helena, MT, at 406-444-2043.
2. A brand inspection is required on all cattle, horses, and sheep shipments originating outside of Cascade County. Department of Livestock Inspectors will check all consignments upon arrival at Montana State Fair for compliance of Montana Animal Health Import and Brand Laws.

3. Inspection will be made of all animals upon arrival. Any animals showing evidence of disease, affected with warts, ringworm or other skin conditions or unsightly blemishes will be refused entry or required to be handled in accordance with directives of the veterinarian in charge. Animals which develop a disease condition during the course of the exposition are to be handled in accordance with the directive of the attending veterinarian.
4. All cattle, sheep, swine and goats will need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within **30 days** of exhibit. Certificate must accompany the animal upon arrival on the grounds and be available for examination for the duration of the exhibit.
5. ALL sheep and goats entered in the Fair must have an official scrapie ID tag.

Cattle (in addition to General Requirements)

1. All out-of-state cattle shall be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within 30 days prior to the show.
2. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall show compliance with the following requirements in addition to the statement of general health:
 - a. **Brucellosis** - All female cattle four months of age or older must be official Brucellosis vaccinated with legible tattoo.
 - b. **Tuberculosis** – Must comply with Official Order 10-1-I
 - i. Cattle originating from a TB Accredited Free State or Zone:
 1. Beef Cattle – no testing required
 2. Bucking Bulls, steer wrestling steers and all roping bovines – One negative TB test within 6 months prior to importation
 3. Sexually intact Dairy Cattle 2 months of age & older – One negative TB test within 60 days prior to importation, unless originating from a USDA-APHIS-VS Accredited TB-Free Herd. Herd accreditation number and date of entire herd test must be included on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
 - ii. Cattle originating from a TB Modified Accredited Advanced State or area:
 1. Sexually intact beef and dairy cattle 2 month of age and older – one negative TB test within 60 days prior to importation OR originate from USDA-APHIS-VS Accredited TB-Free herd OR originate from a herd which has a negative whole herd test within 6 months prior to importation and the individual animals in the shipment were included in the whole herd test.
 - iii. Tuberculosis Modified Accredited States or areas:
 1. Sexually intact beef or dairy cattle 2 months of age and older – two negative TB tests 60-120 days apart and the second test within 60 days prior to importation OR one negative TB test within 60 days prior to importation and must originate directly from a herd that has a negative whole herd test within 12 months of movement and the individual animals in the shipment were included in that whole herd test OR one negative TB test within 60 days prior to importation and must originate directly from a USDA-APHIS-VS Accredited TB-Free herd (or Canadian equivalent). The herd accreditation number and date of whole herd test must be included on the CVI and the individual animals being shipped were included in that whole herd test OR
 - iv. Canadian origin cattle 2 months of age or older – must comply with Official Order 08-01-I OR have one negative TB test within 60 days of import
 - v. Mexican Origin (“M” Branded) cattle 2 months of age and older – two negative TB tests 60-120 days apart. The first negative test can be the U.S. entry test. The second negative test must be performed by an USDA-APHIS-VS accredited veterinarian within 60 days prior to importation into Montana. Must have entry or cross-over date into U.S. and the TB test date with the shipment. If the animals have resided in the U.S. over 60 days, only one TB test is required along with a statement written on the CVI by the issuing veterinarian stating to the best of his/her knowledge, they have resided in the U.S. over

60 days. No crossover papers are needed. Holstein and Holstein cross “M” branded steers or spayed heifers are prohibited from entry regardless of test history.

- vi. Cattle 2 months of age or older in contact with or exposed to “M” branded cattle – TB tested negative 60 days prior to importation.
- c. **Trichomoniasis** - All Bulls imported into Montana require either a virgin statement from the owner for only those animals less than 25 months old or an official negative Trichomoniasis test (3 negative weekly cultures or 1 negative PCR test) within 60 days of entry or immediately upon commingling with female cattle. There are test exemptions available for animals entering for show only – the exemption must be requested prior to the import permit being issued and additional statements are required in the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
 - i. All Montana bulls originating from one of the four Trich Epi Areas (Glacier, Pondera, Yellowstone and Big Horn Counties) for change of ownership, loan, or lease require either a virgin statement from the owner for only those animals less than 25 months old or an official negative Trichomoniasis test (3 negative weekly cultures or 1 negative PCR test). Montana bulls for exhibition only do not require testing.

Goats (in addition to General Requirements)

1. All out-of-state goats shall be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within 30 days prior to the show, certifying free from disease or exposure thereto.
2. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall show compliance with the following requirements in addition to the statement of general health:
 - a. All goats must have official scrapie ID tag to enter the fair and Statements needed on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) – one by issuing vet: “The animals in this shipment were not exhibiting clinical signs associated with scrapie at the time of the exam.”; and one by the shipper: “Animals are not a scrapie positive suspect, high risk, or exposed animal and did not originate from a scrapie-infected source, exposed or noncompliant flock.”
 - b. **Brucellosis** – All sexually intact imported goats six months of age or older must have a current negative test for Brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry into Montana.
 - c. **Tuberculosis**: Must comply with Official Order 10-1-I
 - i. Animals originating from a **TB Accredited Free** or **TB Modified Accredited Advanced State** or Zone – TB test (negative) required within 60 days prior to importation for all sexually intact dairy breeds of goats 2 months of age and older OR Originate directly from a USDA-APHIS-US Accredited TB-Free herd. The herd accreditation number and date of entire herd test must be included on the CVI. TB test not required on dairy goats less than six (6) months of age if accompanied by TB test-negative dams.
 - ii. Animals originating from **TB Modified Accredited** states or zones – two TB tests (negative) required on all sexually intact animals 2 months of age and older 60-120 days apart. The second TB test must be within 60 days prior to importation OR TB test (negative) on all sexually intact animals 2 months of age and older within 60 days prior to importation AND must originate directly from a herd that has been TB tested in its entirety within the last 12 months OR TB test (negative) on all animals 2 month of age and older within 60 days prior to importation AND must originate directly from a USDA-APHIS-VS Accredited TV Free herd. The herd accreditation number and date of entire herd test must be included on CVI. Animals less than 2 months of age will be quarantined and tested between 2 and 4 months of age.

Horses (in addition to General Requirements)

1. All out-of-state horses shall be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within 10 days prior to the show.

2. All horses are required to have negative test for Equine Infections Anemia (EIA) within the last 12 months. Valid test can be AGID (Coggins) or Elisa. There are no further special requirements for horses other than statement of general health certifying freedom from disease or exposure thereto.
3. All horses coming from outside the boundaries of Cascade County must have a brand inspection.
4. For stallions that are known carriers (shedders) of EVA in semen, the State Veterinarian must be officially notified prior to importation. For stallions testing positive on a serum diagnostic test for EVA with no certified proof of prior vaccination against the disease must fax a copy of the lab report confirming the absence of EVA in its semen to the State Veterinarian office prior to a permit for import being issued. 406-444-1929 Fax

Sheep (in addition to General Requirements)

1. All out-of-state sheep shall be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within 30 days prior to the show, certifying freedom from disease, including lice or exposure thereto (except market lambs for slaughter).
2. All sheep must have official scrapie ID tags to enter the fair.
3. All sheep must show a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that shall show compliance with the following requirements:
 - a. **BRUCELLA OVIS (REO)**
 - i. All breeding rams must have a negative ELISA, or other recognized test for Brucella Ovis within 30 days prior to entry into Montana or originate directly from an officially recognized Brucella Ovis free flock. Individual identification by ear tag or tattoo is required, along with date of the last Brucella Ovis herd test. All rams must be free of any gross lesions of ram epididymitis upon examination by the certifying accredited veterinarian.
 - ii. If tested rams are destined for an official Montana free flock, they will be held separate and apart from other sheep at destination and officially retested for Brucella Ovis 45 days after arrival.
 - iii. Testing begins at six months.
 - b. **LICE (Damalinia ovis)**
 - i. Sheep found to be infested with sheep lice are subject to quarantine in Montana, including exhibition and sale animals. Sheep will be inspected at grounds and any found with lice will not be allowed to be stalled on the grounds.
 - c. **SCRAPIE**
 - i. Statements needed on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) – one by issuing vet: “The animals in this shipment were not exhibiting clinical signs associated with scrapie at the time of the exam.”; and one by the shipper: “Animals are not a scrapie positive suspect, high risk, or exposed animal and did not originate from a scrapie-infected source, exposed, or noncompliant flock.”

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Direct inquiries about these listed rules may be sent to:
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 301 N Roberts St
 Helena, MT 59620-2001
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