

## **2013 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMALS EXHIBITED at Ak-Sar-Ben's River City Rodeo and Stock Show**

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**If Vesicular Stomatitis (VSV) is detected in Nebraska or any other state, additional requirements may be put in place.**

The Nebraska State Veterinarian has been assigned as the official veterinarian for the Ak-Sar-Ben River City Rodeo and Stock Show. Veterinarians and inspectors (assigned staff) will be checking in exhibited animals.

Livestock disease control is vital for the livestock industry in Nebraska and the nation. Biosecurity is a key component of controlling diseases. Anytime animals are comingled, the chance of spreading disease is multiplied, and so is the need for heightened biosecurity. Recent outbreaks of Equine Herpes Virus 1 (EHV-1) at equine exhibition events in the U.S., requires attention to proper biosecurity. To help prevent the spread of disease in the swine industry, it is the recommendation of the State Veterinarian that the non-terminal exhibition swine not be in contact with terminal exhibition swine. To that end, it is recommended non-terminal and terminal swine be exhibited on separate days and separate areas.

### **General Health Requirements for all Animals**

Under no circumstance may animals under quarantine be exhibited.

Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases will be allowed to show.

Policy on Ringworm, Warts, and Abscesses:

- Animals that have active ringworm visible warts, or abscesses, will not be allowed entry into Ak-Sar-Ben for exhibition.
- The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive, if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun regrowth in the area and is so stated on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).
- Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-off inspection will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- Animals that have visible abscesses will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.

### **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)**

All animals (**including poultry**), **except rabbits**, exhibited must be accompanied by a CVI and shall have official identification listed on the CVI. Reading official identification without proper restraint can be a safety concern to exhibitors, Ak-Sar-Ben staff, and assigned staff of the State Veterinarian. Accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) are more easily read, but need to be listed and correlated to official identification (steel tags, tattoos, or Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags) on the CVI.

**ANIMALS MUST BE INSPECTED AND CVI'S MUST BE ISSUED, BOTH WITHIN 15 DAYS OF EXHIBITION.**

Each CVI must:

- A. Be issued and signed by an accredited licensed veterinarian.
- B. Show name and address of owner or exhibitor (consignor).
- C. Show all required tests and results for that species.
- D. Show Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show or Ak-Sar-Ben River City Rodeo & Stock Show as consignee and destination only. CVI's re-consigned from other exhibitions are prohibited.
- E. List official identification (steel tags, tattoos, or RFID tags) **and** accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) which are correlated to official identification on the CVI.

**Nebraska Animals**

**Beef and Dairy Cattle:** All cattle must be individually identified on the CVI. Accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) are more easily read, but need to be listed and correlated to official identification (steel tags, tattoos, or RFID tags) on the CVI.

- A. Tuberculosis – No test required to exhibit.
- B. Brucellosis – No test required to exhibit.

**Sheep and Goats:** All sheep and goats, except wethers, must be individually identified with USDA Official Scrapie ID. For safety concerns, accessory identification (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) are recommended and can also be applied, but CVIs must list Official Scrapie ID and accessory identification tags which are correlated to the Official Scrapie ID. **Under no circumstances, may sheep and goats be exhibited which originate from Scrapie-infected flocks.**

**Poultry:**

- A. CVI required.
- B. Individually identified, with the identification listed on the CVI.
- C. Must originate from an National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) participating flock\*, or be individually tested and found to be negative for pullorum and typhoid within 90 days of importation.
- D. The NPIP status of the flock must be listed on the CVI, which accompanies them to the show.

**\*Note to all poultry exhibitors; if you purchased your poultry from a NPIP participating flock, and they have not been exposed to other poultry since you purchased them, Nebraska will recognize their NPIP status for the current exhibition season.**

**Swine:** All swine must be individually identified on the CVI. If accessory identification (4-H tags, FFA tags, ear notches, etc.) are used, CVIs must list these devices.

**Horses:** CVI required. No Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) (Coggins) test required.

**Rabbits:** No requirements.

### **Out-of-State Animals**

**Beef and Dairy Cattle:** All cattle must be individually identified on the CVI. For safety of exhibitors, Ak-Sar-Ben staff, and assigned staff of the State Veterinarian, accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) can be applied, but need to be listed and correlated to official identification (steel tags, tattoos, or RFID tags) on the CVI. Dairy cattle require an import permit from the State Veterinarian's office (contact information listed at the beginning of these Health Requirements). The permit number must also be listed on the CVI.

#### A. Tuberculosis (TB):

1. Accredited Free or Modified Accredited Advanced States or Zones:
  - a. Beef cattle – no testing required.
  - b. **Dairy cattle – all sexually intact dairy cattle two (2) months of age or older shall:**
    - (1) **Be tested and found negative to an official TB test within sixty (60) days prior to entry; or**
    - (2) **Originate from a TB-accredited free herd.**
2. Modified Accredited State or Zone: **Under no circumstances, may cattle be exhibited which originate from a TB-infected herd.** Beef and dairy cattle which originate from a herd not under quarantine for TB shall:
  - a. Originate from a TB-accredited free herd, with the accredited herd number listed on the CVI; and
    - (1) Be individually identified with the identification number listed on the CVI; and
    - (2) Have tested negative to an official tuberculin test within sixty (60) days prior to entry.
  - b. Originate from a herd which has tested negative to an official whole herd tuberculin test, and
    - (1) Be individually identified with the identification listed on the CVI; and
    - (2) Have tested negative to an official tuberculin test within sixty (60) days prior to entry.

#### B. Brucellosis:

1. Class-Free states: no testing required
2. Class A or Greater Yellowstone Area State or Zone: **Under no circumstances, may cattle be exhibited which originate from a Brucellosis infected herd.** Beef and dairy cattle which originate from a herd not under quarantine for brucellosis shall conform to these requirements:

- a. Steers or market-class heifers – no testing required, but heifers must be identified with an USDA-approved official identification (NUES tags, tattoos, or RFID tags).
- b. Bulls and breeding females six (6) months of age and older must be identified with an USDA-approved official identification (NUES tags, tattoo's or RFID tags) and must conform to one of the following:
  - (1) Originate directly from a certified brucellosis-free herd, and the certification number and date of the last herd test recorded on the CVI; or
  - (2) Tested and classified negative for brucellosis not more than thirty (30) days prior to entry.

**Sheep and Goats:** All sheep and goats, except wethers, must be individually identified with USDA Official Scrapie ID. For safety concerns, accessory identification (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) are recommended and can also be applied, but CVIs must list Official Scrapie ID and accessory identification tags which are correlated to the Official Scrapie ID. **Under no circumstances, may sheep and goats be exhibited which originate from Scrapie-infected flocks.**

**Swine:** All swine must be individually identified on the CVI. If accessory identification (4-H tags, FFA tags, ear notches, etc.) are used, CVIs must list these devices.

**Horses:** CVI required. **ALL** non-Nebraska horses (including those originating from South Dakota), must be tested and found negative for EIA (Coggins test) within the previous 365 days. Date of test, testing laboratory, and results **must** be listed on the CVI.

**Poultry:** Poultry coming from out-of-state are required to meet the Nebraska import regulations for poultry over eight (8) weeks of age, which include:

- A. CVI required.
- B. Individually identified, with the identification listed on the CVI.
- C. Must originate from an NPIP participating flock\*, or be individually tested and found to be negative for pullorum and typhoid within 90 days of importation.
- D. **The NPIP status of the flock must be listed on the CVI which accompanies them to the show.**

\*Note to all poultry exhibitors; if you purchased your poultry from a NPIP participating flock, and they have not been exposed to other poultry since you purchased them, Nebraska will recognize their NPIP status for the current exhibition season.

**Rabbits:** Only rabbits of Nebraska origin will be allowed to exhibit at the 2013 Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show.