

AKSARBEN

2015 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

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

NEW As of 9-11-2015

As of today Nebraska has joined the list of states affected with Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). This office in cooperation with the AKSARBEN management has imposed the following additional regulations upon exhibitors. All horses from Nebraska will require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) to be issued within 48 hours of arriving at the show. All cattle coming from the Panhandle Counties of Nebraska will also require a 48 CVI. Additional information is available at www.NDA.nebraska.gov The CVI must include the statement in italics listed in the following paragraph. All exhibitors should check this website, AKSARBEN’s health requirements or with their veterinarian prior to leaving for the show to see if any of the provisions have changed.

NEW As of 9-3-2015

The states of Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota have had identified cases of VS. Per Nebraska Regulations animals coming from these states, or any other state identified prior to the show, must have a health certificate (CVI) that is issued within 48 hours of the time the animals enter the state of Nebraska for exhibition purposes. The CVI must have the following VS statement written on the certificate.

- *“The animals represented on this CVI have not originated from a premises or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis or a premises on which vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed in the last thirty (30) days. I have examined the animals and found no signs of vesicular stomatitis”*

The Nebraska State Veterinarian has been assigned as the official veterinarian for the AKSARBEN Stock Show and Rodeo. Veterinarians and inspectors (assigned staff) will be checking in exhibited animals. For information, call Animal and Plant Health Protection at (402)471-2351.

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 AKSARBEN for exhibition.
- The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun re-growth 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, AKSARBEN 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 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 AKSARBEN Stock Show or AKSARBEN Stock Show and Rodeo as consignee and destination only. CVI's re-consigned from other exhibitions are prohibited.
- e. List official identification (steel tags, **individual animal breed registry tattoos**, or RFID tags) **and** accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) which are correlated to official identification on the CVI (and accompanying certification where necessary).

IMPORTANT! Swine exhibitors must have the following statement added to their CVI by the issuing veterinarian: "To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on this certificate have not, within the last 30 days, originated from premises known to be affected by PEDv and have not been exposed to PEDv".

Nebraska Animals

Beef and Dairy Cattle: All cattle must be individually identified on the CVI. Accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) will be checked. The number must be listed on the CVI and if the animal has a permanent type of identification the tag number needs to be correlated to the permanent identification on the CVI. **Individual animal breed registry tattoos must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers.**

- Tuberculosis – No test required to exhibit.
- Brucellosis—No test required to exhibit.
- Vesicular stomatitis statement required for Nebraska Panhandle Counties (see above).

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 CVI's 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:

2015 Poultry Show Cancelled due to HPAI

http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/press/june2015/poultry_cancel.pdf

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

Horses: CVI required. No EIA (Coggins) test required for Nebraska horse. VS statement (see above).

Rabbits: No requirements.

Out of State Animals

Vesicular stomatitis statement required for all species from affected states. (See notes at the beginning of this document.

Beef and Dairy Cattle: All cattle must be individually identified on the CVI. For safety of exhibitors, AKSARBEN 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. **Individual animal breed registry tattoos must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers.**

A. Tuberculosis:

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 months of age or older shall:**

(1) **Be tested and found negative to an official tuberculosis test within 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 Tuberculosis infected herd.** Beef and dairy cattle which originate from a herd not under quarantine for tuberculosis 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 USDA approved official identification (NUES tags, tattoos, or RFID tags). **Individual animal breed registry tattoos must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers.**
 - b. Bulls and breeding females 6 months of age and older must be identified with USDA approved official identification (NUES tags, tattoo's or RFID tags; **individual animal breed registry tattoos must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers.**) 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 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 CVI's 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, CVI's 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.**

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Rabbits: Only rabbits of Nebraska origin will be allowed to exhibit at the 2015 AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show.