

HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR LIVESTOCK AND FOOD EXHIBITED IN MARYLAND

It should be noted that the rules cited here are subject to change by the Maryland Department of Agriculture and/or Washington County Health Department.

4-H Market Animal Sale Policy, Rules and Procedures

- 1) The Market Sale Committee reserves the right to refuse sale of any animal due to violation of any Rules identified in the Market Animal Sale Procedures book.
- 2) All Champion and Reserve Champion animals **must** be sold.
- 3) The Champion and Reserve Champions will sell first: all other animals will sell by lottery system.
- 4) Deductions will be 5%; 3% will be used to off set expenses associated with tagging and the sale, and 2% will be designated by the Market Sale Committee.
- 5) All 4-H/FFA members are encouraged to have picture(s) taken and present them to the buyer(s). Picture expenses will be provided by the Market Sale Committee and paid from the Market Sale account.
- 6) There will be no individual species animal promotion during the sale.
- 7) Checks will not be distributed to 4-H/FFA members until all payments have been received from the buyers or until sufficient funds have been received to pay all members.
- 8) All members must submit thank you note(s) to the 4-H office with the buyer's address on a stamped envelope by August 15, 2012. **There will be no exceptions.** Failure to comply with this rule will result in the 4-H/FFA member being ineligible to sell market animals in the following year's Ag Expo and being ineligible for the Market Animal Committee scholarship.
- 9) All re-sale animals must be donated for a specific 4-H/FFA club, 4-H/FFA activity or the exhibitor of that specific animal. Any donated animals will not be resold during the Washington County Youth Market Sale.
- 10) Full-time post-secondary (college) students are granted the same privileges relative to market sale.
- 11) Animals must be shown in Market Sale weight range and in their respective species show during Ag Expo in order to be eligible for sale. Show classes created out of the Market Sale weights will not sell. Weight for shows will be the weight for the sale.
- 12) All Light and Heavy market animals will have a chance to re-weigh at the end of their species. Once the next species has started to weigh there will be no re-weighs.
- 13) All animals sold at the Washington County Market Animal Sale must meet and pass all requirements upon carcass inspection by the USDA

Meat Inspector. For any 4-H/FFA Washington County market animals not meeting or passing all requirements as stipulated by the USDA Meat Inspections Division, the seller will refund in total the amount paid by the buyer for the animal(s) and any transportation and slaughter fees. This ruling applies only to animals hauled directly to the slaughter facility.

- 14) The Market Sale Committee will only be responsible for transporting animals sold in the sale.
- 15) The Market Animal Project is an educational component of the 4-H/FFA program where members learn methods of modern animal husbandry and the principles of marketing. In order to accomplish the educational goals and objectives of the market project, 4-H/FFA members **must** be actively engaged in the daily care of their market project animal(s). All members not involved in the constant care of their project animal will be ineligible to show as determined by the 4-H Extension Educator and FFA Advisor in consultation with the 4-H project leader and/or 4-H Ag Expo department superintendent.
- 16) **Exhibitor of the animal will be responsible for the daily care and welfare of the animal from the time of sale until the animal leaves the fairgrounds.**
- 17) **Market animals that go through the sale must not be shown or sold in any other 4-H fair.**

All policies, rules, and procedures relative to the Market Animal Sale shall be governed by the Washington County Market Animal Sale Committee Procedure Book.

2012 Market Animals

Dairy Steers	Tag 3	Show 3	Sell 2	900-unlimited
Lambs	Tag 4	Show 3	Sell 2	90-150 lbs
Swine	Tag 5	Show 3	Sell 2	210-285 lbs
Market Goats	Tag 4	Show 3	Sell 2	40-115 lbs
Rabbits (Meat Pen or 3 Rabbits)	—	Show 1	Sell 1	3.5 – 6.0 lbs each
Longhorn Steers	Tag 3	Show 2	Sell 2	900 – 1400 lbs
Beef	Tag 3	Show 3	Sell 2	1000 – 1400 lbs

2012 HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR ANIMALS EXHIBITED IN MARYLAND

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA), Animal Health Section strives in Safeguarding 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 as specified below.

New Policy and Procedures for 2012 Intrastate CVT's for Fairs, Shows and other Exhibitions

The major change for the year is that there is no requirement for review, approval and stamping of the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection prior to the

animals going to the fair, show or exhibition. To view “Policy Changes for 2012 Fair and Show Intrastate CVI’s “ go to www.mda.state.md.us/animal_health/fair_show/index.php.

Requirements for Sponsors of a Livestock/Poultry Exhibition (COMAR 15.11.14.05)

1. **Notification:** Notification shall be made to the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) Animal Health Section Headquarters, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401, of intent to sponsor an event that includes the exhibition of animals at least 60 days before the proposed event. To download the Notification Form for Livestock/Poultry Exhibition form go to www.mda.state.md.us/animal_health/fair_show/index.php.
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: or exclude from the exhibition premises any animal having obvious, apparent, or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease.
3. **Exemptions:** Exemptions of this regulation may be granted (Refer to COMAR 15.11.14.05)

General Requirements (COMAR 15.11.14.04-06)

1. **Exhibitor Requirements:** Exhibitors at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows 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. These requirements are summarized below.
2. **Requirements Apply to All Livestock:** Livestock – means those species of animals used for human food or fiber or those species of animals used for service to humans. This includes but not limited to cattle, sheep, new world camelids (llamas, alpacas, vicunas, and guanacos), goats, bison, privately owned cervids, ratites (cassowaries, kiwis, ostriches, and emus), swine, equine, poultry, aquaculture, and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs and cats.
3. **Documentation:** Documentation is required for entry of all livestock and is described below. Examples of forms can be obtained by clicking on links. For out of state animals, see species specific out of state requirements

Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection – a legible record, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being imported to or exported from this state within 30 days before the importation or exportation of the animals it describes which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of destination.

Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection – a legible record, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by the 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 that state. In Maryland, good for entire show season (Jan 1 – Dec 31).

Self Certification – a 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. See species specific requirement for copies of species specific Self Certification Forms.

Test Report Forms – Testing is required for some species. Examples are shown below:

- Avian Influenza Testing Report
- Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Report
- Coggins Test Report (Equine Infectious Anemia)

Maryland Poultry Premises Identification – All premises with poultry are required to be registered in Maryland.

- 4) Livestock with clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases or external parasites, such as but not limited to: active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, sore mouth, caseous lymphadenitis, mange or multiple warts easily visible without close examination, are not permitted entry or allowed to remain at the exhibition.
- 5) Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock.
- 6) All Maryland entries must be accompanied by an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show, *except* Equine, Poultry and Rabbits. The Intrastate CVI is valid for the entire show season (Jan 1 – Dec 31), providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
- 7) The Interstate CVI must be filled out, completed and signed by an accredited veterinarian using the proper CVI form. The veterinarian is required to send the original top (white) copy to MDA Headquarters, the middle (yellow) transport copy is to be retained by the owner of the livestock and the last (pink) copy is for the veterinarian's records.
8. All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. An APPROVED copy of the certificate must be forwarded by the State of Origin to the Animal Health Section. The Interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of inspection.
9. Each animal must be properly identified on the Interstate of Interstate CVI.
10. Self-Certification forms must be filled out within 24 hours prior to loading and presented upon request to the designated representative.

SPECIES SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general requirements above, specific requirements by species are below:

CATTLE:

All cattle General Requirements:

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be a legible tattoo, official metal ear tag or registration number.

Maryland Cattle

Brucellosis: Maryland is an 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 Complex is required on all Maryland cattle to include Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine Viral Diarrhea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis and Para-influenza. Leptospirosis 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. Be official vaccinates under 24 months old with vaccination dates recorded on the Interstate CVI or
 - b. Be tested negative within 30 days before entry.

Tuberculosis:

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States, 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:
 1. 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
 2. Any individual animal, over 6 months, entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
 - b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

SWINE:

Maryland Swine

Identification:

1. Swine shall be identified by an official ear tag, tattoo or recognized breed ear notch.
2. Ear notch identification is acceptable for barrows, crossbred gilts and breeding swine.

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

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

Immunization: Leptospirosis is recommended.

Out-of-State Swine

Identification:

1. Individually identified by an official ear tag, tattoo or recognized breed ear notch.
2. Ear notch identification is not acceptable for crossbred animals.

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

Pseudorabies: Swine over 6 months of age shall be negative to an official test for Pseudorabies conducted with in 30 days prior to exhibition entry, or originate immediately and directly from a qualified Pseudorabies negative herd.

Immunization: Leptospirosis is recommended.

SHEEP:

All sheep: General Requirements

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be by an official USDA scrapie ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader. Ear Tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal. When using an ear tag, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state of APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database. Contact the USDA at 410-349-9708 for ear tags.

Maryland and 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.

GOATS:

All Goats: General Requirements

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be by an official USDA scrapie ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader. Tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal. When using an ear tag, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state of APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database. Ears should be used for tattooing when possible. If there is no space in the ear, the flank or tail fold may be used. Contact the USDA at 410-349-9708 for ear tags.

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
 - a. No tuberculin test required.

2. Modified Accredited Advanced of 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 area tested negative within past 12 months, progeny from such herds born since that test, may be imported without a t 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.

HORSES, PONIES, MULES, AND OTHER EQUIDAE:

All Equine: General Requirements

Identification: Individual identification shall include the following as applicable; name, registration number, tattoo or brand, breed, age, sex, color and markings if present.

Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins): 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: An 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 knows 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 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.
3. The following contiguous states and New Jersey, are exempted from the CVI requirement: Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

POULTRY:

All Poultry: General Requirements

1. **Identification:** All poultry entering an exhibition shall be identified with a numbered leg or wing band.

2. **Testing:** All poultry for exhibition shall meet the requirements for Avian Influenza and Pullorum-Typhoid testing.
3. All poultry exhibitors shall complete a Poultry Exhibitor’s Self Certification of Animal Health.

Maryland Poultry

1. **Premise Registration:** All poultry exhibitors must have valid proof of a registered Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number.
2. All Poultry except waterfowl, pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - a. Originate directly from a U>S> Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and all amendments to that publication thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate, OR
 - b. Have a negative official test for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid within 90 days before entry to exhibition. Poultry must remain segregated from any untested birds after a partial flock test.
3. Documentation of test results on MDA – E20, VS form 9-2, VS form 9-3 or comparable form.
4. All poultry except pigeons and doves must have negative Avian Influenza test conducted on at least 10 birds from their flock (or complete flock if fewer than 10) on official test within 90 days prior to event.

Out-of-State Poultry

1. All poultry except waterfowl, pigeons and doves shown in public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - a. Originate directly from a U>S> Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and all amendments to that publication thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate, OR
 - b. Have a negative official test for Salmonella Pullorum-typhoid within 90 days before fair, exhibitions, exposition, or show facility and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid test status.
2. Documentation of test results on MDA – E20, VS form 9-2, VS form 9-3 or comparable form.
3. All poultry except pigeons and doves must have negative Avian Influenza test conducted on at least 30 birds from their flock (or complete flock if fewer than 30) on official test within 10 days prior to event.

RABBITS:

All Rabbits: General Requirements

1. See; **2012 Rabbit Waiver** – Rabbits are not required to have an Interstate or Intrastate CVI.
2. All Rabbits for exhibition shall complete a Rabbit Exhibitor’s Self Certification of Animal Health.

Maryland and Out-of-State Rabbits

No additional requirements.

CAMELIDS:**All Camelids: General Requirements**

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be a legible tattoo, official metal ear tag or registration number.

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: All Camelids, including castrates, 6 months or older, shall meet at least one of the Following requirements to be eligible for exhibition:

1. Originate directly from a herd not under restriction or quarantine for tuberculosis and from which all animals have tested negative for tuberculosis within the past 12 months: or
2. Have a negative individual Tuberculin test documented within 60 days of exhibition.

DOGS AND CATS:

1. Need rabies vaccination

PLEASE NOTE:

* Maryland Law provides penalties for violations of Animal Health Law and Regulations.

* Livestock falling to meet Health Requirements will be denied entry or removed from the exhibition - "REJECTED". See policy below.

Animal Health Rejection Policy

Animal rejections for health reasons can be made by MDA Animal Health veterinarians or field Inspectors, private veterinarians contracted by the show, UM Extension employees or individuals designated by fair or show 'responsible person'. 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. 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.

All decisions are final. All parties involved will be notified of all rejections and the exhibitor is responsible for removal of the animal(s) from the grounds immediately.

QUESTIONS???

If you have any questions or are unsure of any of these animal health requirements for Maryland Fairs and shows, please contact the MDA Animal Health Headquarters Office or Diagnostic Laboratory during normal business hours.

MDA Animal Health Programs Headquarters:

50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 841-5810

Frederick Animal Health Lab:

1840 Rosemont Ave., Frederick, MD 27102 (301) 600-1548

Salisbury Animal Health Lab:

27722 Nanticoke Road, Salisbury, MD 21801 (410) 543-6610

Ag Venture Test Regulations

- a) Animals exhibited in the Ag-Ventures and Birthing Center at the fair are expected to have the same health paper certification, testing, and immunizations as other exhibited livestock and poultry.
- b) All animals must have a rabies vaccination.

Note: If you have any questions, please feel free to call 410-841-5810 or write to the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Section, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401

Home Arts Food Health Regulations

- 1) Food protection
 - a) All food, drink and water supplies must be obtained from an approved source and shall be clean, wholesome, free from spoilage or contamination, and safe to human consumption.
 - b) Potentially Hazardous Foods are any perishable food which consists in whole or in part of milk or milk products, eggs, meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, or other ingredients of animal or plant origin capable of supporting rapid and progressive growth of infectious and/or toxigenic microorganisms.
 - c) Exhibitors may not use any potentially hazardous foods in any uncooked item, i.e. icing.
 - d) All items must be shelf stable with no refrigeration necessary.
 - e) Effective measures shall be in place to prevent the exposure of foods to flies and other vermin.
 - f) Foods must be kept covered or wrapped in a manner to prevent contamination or cross-contamination.

Note: If you still have questions or need additional assistance, please call the Environmental Health at the Washington County Health Department at 240-313-3400.