

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS LIABILITY OF EXHIBITORS

1. All property of every character entered for competitive play, or for any other purpose, or brought into the Fair Grounds by any person shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Directors of the Northwest Arkansas District Fair.
2. In no case shall the Fair or any of its officers or directors, be held responsible for any loss, damage, injury or death by disease, theft, or from any other cause of any character, to any property while same is in the Fair Grounds, or any other time or place. The management assumes no responsibility, either as bailee or otherwise, for any property being brought and kept upon said grounds.
3. If the property owners or others interested in the property, desire protection against loss, damage, injury from fire, or other cause, they must make their own arrangements and pay for such insurance.
4. Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting shall forfeit all fee for stalls, pens or space, or exhibitors' tickets.

CLAIMS FOR INJURY

5. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the Fair, its officers or its agents, or on behalf of any person, firm, or corporation or their agent, representatives, servants or employees, having license or privilege on said Fair Grounds, or occupying space thereon, the Fair shall in no manner be responsible therefore, and in case it is subjected to any expense of liability all persons causing same or liable therefore, shall indemnify the Fair.
6. The Fair will not be in any way liable for any injury to any attendant, to any exhibit in all departments, while enroute to or from the Fair.

EXHIBITION HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND EXOTIC ANIMALS GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection and Entry Permits – “Certificate of veterinary inspection” refers to a legible record (made on an official form issued from the state of origin) by an accredited veterinarian, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of destination. It must bear the identification of each animal and separate certificates must be made for each species of animal entered. Entry permits are required on all out-of-state swine and on cattle (steers exempt) from Class B states and on psittacine birds, ratites, cervids, camelids or exotic animals. Permit numbers can be obtained from the State Veterinarian’s Office (501-225-5138) from 8 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. A certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition must accompany all out-of-state animals; and
 1. (a) Must be available on request by animal health officials.
 2. (b) Individually identify all animals, showing positive identification of each animal by tattoo, ear tag, registration number or ear notch. Steers should be identified by description.
 3. (c) Show required tests, vaccinations and entry permit number, if applicable.
 4. (d) Show name and address of owner or exhibitor-this shall be the same number as under which animals are exhibited.
2. Any animal or poultry showing any evidence of infectious or contagious diseases, or of external parasitism, and animals with active ringworm lesions (with the resulting loss of hair), multiple warts easily visible without close examination, or atrophic rhinitis, will not be permitted to exhibit.
3. All animals entering the grounds, including those shown in pet zoos, children’s barnyard animals, Old McDonalds Farms, etc. must meet requirements of their particular species.
4. All animals originating out of areas quarantined because of other diseases (vesicular stomatitis, scabies, etc.) shall not be permitted to enter the state.

OUT OF STATE CATTLE

1. Valid certificate of Veterinary inspection.
2. Brucellosis requirements: Heifers that were born on or after January 1, 1985, that are over 12 months of age and not official calthood vaccinates will not be allowed to show unless they are from a Brucellosis Certified Free Herd of a Class Free state. All females and bulls 18 months of age and over must have a negative brucellosis test conducted at a state or federal laboratory within 30 days prior to the exhibition.
3. Those exempt from testing requirements are as follows:
 1. (a) Animals originating out of Class Free states.
 2. (b) Animals originating out of Certified Free Herds provided that the Certified Free Herd number and test date is recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

4. Tuberculosis Requirements: However, animals originating out of quarantined herds or areas will not be permitted to enter the state.

1. All breeding cattle showing teeth entering Arkansas must meet one of the following requirements:

a) Originate from a tuberculosis-free state;

b) Originate from a tuberculosis-free herd. The herd # and current herd test date must be shown on the

Certificate

c) Test negative within 30 days of shipment;

d) Originate from a state having a reciprocal agreement with Arkansas;

e) All sexually intact cattle and bison, from any foreign country or part thereof with no recognized TB status comparable to the Uniform Methods and Rules standards of the US Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Program, imported for reasons other than immediate slaughter for feeding for slaughter must meet the following criteria;

1. Obtain a permit issued by the Ark. Livestock and Poultry Commission prior to entry; and

2. Be quarantined to the Ark. Premises approved in the entry permit pending two consecutive negative TB tests. The first test to be conducted not less than 90 nor more than 120 days after arrival and the second test to be not less than 210 nor more than 240 days after arrival in Arkansas; or

f) Importation of steers and spayed heifers from Mexico.

1. Steers and spayed heifers from Mexican state that have been determined by the State Veterinarian of Arkansas, based on the recommendations

of the Bi-National Committee, to have fully implemented the Control/Preparatory Phase of the Mexican TB Eradication Program may enter Arkansas provided they have been tested negative for TB in accordance with the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) within 60 days prior to entry into the US and obtain an entry permit prior to entering AR.

2. Steers and spayed heifers from Mexican states that have been determined by the State Veterinarian of Arkansas, based on the recommendation of the Bi-National Committee, to have fully implemented the Eradication Phase of the Mexican TB Eradication Program by March 1, 1997, may enter Arkansas provided they have been tested negative for TB in accordance with the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) within 60 days prior to entry into the US. Steers and spayed heifers from herds equal to US Accredited TB- Free herds may enter Arkansas without testing provided they are moved directly from the herd of origin across the border as a single group and not commingled with other cattle prior to arriving at the border and obtain any entry permit prior to entering Arkansas.

3. Steers and spayed heifers from Mexican states that have been determined by the State Veterinarian of Arkansas, based on the recommendation of the Bi-National Committee, to have achieved Accredited Free status may enter Arkansas without testing provided they are moved as a single group and not commingled with cattle of a different status prior to arriving to the border and obtain an entry permit prior to entering Arkansas.

4. Holstein and Holstein-cross steers and spayed heifers from Mexico are prohibited from entering Arkansas regardless of test history.

5. Rodeo stock from Mexico must be tested negative for TB within 60 days prior to their utilization as rodeo or roping stock under the supervision of a USDA/APHIS port veterinarian or a US accredited veterinarian, retested for TB every 12 months thereafter, and obtain an entry permit prior to entering Arkansas. No sexually intact rodeo stock from Mexico will be permitted into Arkansas.

5. The State Veterinarian may designate high incidence areas within certain states that must meet additional import restrictions and retest requirements.

OUT OF STATE SWINE

1. As of July 1, 2001, an official premise identification and individual identification.

2. Valid certificate of veterinary inspection.

3. Brucellosis requirements: Negative brucellosis test on all intact males (i.e., barrows excluded) and females 6 months of age and older, within 30 days prior to exhibition. Animals originating directly out of Validated Brucellosis Free Herds, with the Validated Free Herd number and date of last test on the certificate, and animals from Validated Free States are exempt from testing requirements.

4. Pseudorabies requirements: A negative pseudorabies test, regardless of age, within 30 days prior to exhibition. Animals originating out of Pseudorabies Qualified Herds, with the Qualified Herd number of the certificate, and animals from Pseudorabies Free state are exempt from testing.

OUT OF STATE GOATS/SHEEP

All sheep and goats entering Arkansas for exhibition shall meet all requirements for entry into Arkansas.

All sheep and goats exhibited within Arkansas must have a certificate of veterinary inspection within 90 days of exhibition.

Exhibition officials must maintain records of all sheep and goats that are exhibited for a period of 5 years, to include:

- a) Identification #
- b) Flock Status as defined by the Voluntary Flock Certification Program
- c) The name, complete address and phone # of the owner.

Fair personnel, veterinarians, or state-federal personnel may examine sheep/goats on grounds. Any animal showing clinical symptoms of Scrapie shall be immediately quarantined in isolation and required to undergo any approved diagnostic tests and shall be consigned to slaughter or destruction with submission of tissues to an approved diagnostic laboratory at the exhibitor's expense.

Commingle (as defined by the Arkansas Scrapie Regulation) of sheep or goats of different flock status as defined by the Voluntary Flock Certification Program (VFCP) is prohibited and must be reported to the VFCP state official and State Veterinarian.

No sheep or goats showing symptoms of disease, particularly foot rot, sore mouth, sheep pox, evidence of fungal infection, evidence of abscesses or with draining abscesses will be allowed to show and may be released by fair officials, veterinarians or state-federal personnel.

OUT OF STATE HORSES

1. Valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with individual identification and a rectal temperature reading on each animal.
2. A negative EIA test must have been conducted on all equidae over 6 months of age within 12 months prior to the exhibition, and the EIA test papers must be accompanying the certificate. Nursing foals under 6 months of age are exempt from testing if accompanied by negative tested dams. (Photocopies of the test papers will not be acceptable – legible carbon copies will be acceptable).

OUT OF STATE RATITES

Any ratites entering the state will be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection with an entry permit number stating that: "The ratite(s) have been examined and found to be free of any signs of avian influenza, and to the best of my knowledge, avian influenza H5 or H7 has not been diagnosed with a 5 mile radius of the location where the ratites originated and they did not originate from within an avian influenza quarantined area. Furthermore, these ratites were diagnosed as being avian influenza negative on the basis of a negative avian influenza agar gel precipitin test administered no longer than 2 weeks prior to shipment." Ratites must have permanent identification.

OUT OF STATE RABBITS

1. No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required. Inspections will be made on grounds.

OUT OF STATE CERVIDS

1. Valid certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Permit number.
3. Negative brucellosis test within 30 days.
4. Negative cervical tuberculosis test within 30 days.

OUT OF STATE CAMELIDS

1. Valid certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Permit number.
3. Negative brucellosis test within 30 days.
4. Negative cervical tuberculosis test within 30 days.

OUT OF STATE POULTRY

1. All poultry, which includes game birds, quail, pheasants, peafowl, turkeys, and waterfowl shall have originated from a US Pullorum clean flock or have had a negative pullorum test within 90 days of entry. All turkeys shall also have originated from a US MG clean flock or have had a negative MG test within 30 days of entry. All the preceding information must be documented on a valid certificate of veterinary inspection, NPIP flock certification form or similar certificate. These forms must indicate that the flocks from which the eggs or chicks originated have been tested for pullorum disease and were free of reactors: or, any eggs or chicks or pullets produced under the supervision of the National Poultry Improvement Plan will be deemed to have met with the requirements of these regulations, provided all of the requirements of NPIP are complied with and applicable NPIP forms accompany birds. All non-certified poultry must be individually identified, either by a permanent leg of wing band or tattoo. Wrap around plastic bands are not acceptable. NPIP certified flocks of turkeys, chickens, and domesticated fowl entering

on a VS 9-3 or NPIP flock certification form or similar certificate are exempt from the requirement of a certificate of veterinary inspection unless a state of emergency has been declared.

OTHER OUT OF STATE TAME OR EXOTIC ANIMALS

Please call state veterinarian's office for information and permits.

ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK – COUNTY, JR. DISTRICT, DISTRICT, STATE FAIR LEVEL AND OTHER SHOWS

1. All animals entering the grounds, including those showing in pet zoos, children's barnyards, Old McDonalds Farms, etc. must meet the requirements of the particular species.
2. Arkansas livestock (except for Arkansas sheep, goats, horses, steers and rabbits) must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued with 90 days prior to exhibition, showing the following:

ARKANSAS CATTLE

1. If Arkansas is a Class Free State, Arkansas cattle are exempt from brucellosis testing. If Arkansas is not a Class Free State then the following testing is requirements must be met: Negative brucellosis test within 90 days prior to exhibition, for females and bulls 18 months of age or over. Animals originating from a Certified Brucellosis Free Herd and Certified Herd number is shown on certificate are exempt.
2. All heifers that are 4-12 months of age shall be vaccinated before entering the show.
3. Heifers that were born on or after January 1, 1985, that are over 12 months of age and are not official calf hood vaccinates will not be allowed to show (unless they are from a Brucellosis Certified Free Herd).

ARKANSAS SWINE

As of July 1, 2001, all swine must have an official premise ID.

1. Animals 6 months or older to be tested negative for brucellosis within 90 days of exhibition or originate directly out of Validated Herd, with Validation number and date of last herd test shown on certificate (barrows exempt from brucellosis testing, but must be pseudorabies tested).
2. Animals to be tested negative for pseudorabies within 90 days of exhibition on a test approved by the State Veterinarian or originate directly out of a Qualified Pseudorabies Free Herd.
3. Free of other contagious, infectious and communicable diseases (erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, etc.); otherwise they will not be allowed to show and will be released from the fairgrounds.

ARKANSAS SHEEP/GOATS

Exhibition officials must maintain records of all sheep and goats that are exhibited for a period of 5 years, to include:

- a) Identification #
- b) Flock Status as defined by the Voluntary Flock Certification Program
- c) The name, complete address and phone # of the owner.

Fair personnel, veterinarians, or state-federal personnel may examine sheep/goats on grounds. Any animal showing clinical symptoms of Scrapie shall be immediately quarantined in isolation and required to undergo any approved diagnostic tests and shall be consigned to slaughter or destruction with submission of tissues to an approved diagnostic laboratory at the exhibitor's expense.

Commingle (as defined by the Arkansas Scrapie Regulation) of sheep or goats of different flock status as defined by the Voluntary Flock Certification Program (VFCP) is prohibited and must be reported to the VFCP state official and State Veterinarian.

No sheep or goats showing symptoms of disease, particularly foot rot, sore mouth, sheep pox, evidence of fungal infection,

evidence of abscesses or with draining abscesses will be allowed to show and may be released by fair officials, veterinarians or state-federal personnel.

ARKANSAS HORSES

State Fairgrounds Only – Negative EIA test required within past 12 months for animals over 6 months old.

Photocopies will not be accepted;

carbon copies are acceptable.

ARKANSAS CERVIDS

1. Valid certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Negative brucellosis test within 90 days.
3. Negative cervical tuberculosis test within 90 days.

ARKANSAS CAMELIDS

1. Valid certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Negative brucellosis test within 90 days.
3. Negative tuberculosis test within 90 days.

ARKANSAS RATITES

1. Valid certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Permanent Identification.
3. Negative avian influenza test within 90 days.

ARKANSAS POULTRY

An official representing the exhibition shall notify the state veterinarian no later than thirty days prior to the exhibition, giving names, place, inclusive dates, and time of the event. The requirements are as follows:

1. All in-state poultry, which includes domesticated gamed birds, quail, pheasants, peafowl, guineas, and turkeys, present at exhibition in Arkansas shall have originated from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within ninety days of the movement to the exhibition (pullorum-typhoid testing on fairgrounds during the fair is prohibited.) This information will be documented on a NPIP Form VS 9-3, 90 Day Certificate, NPIP Flock Certification Form or similar certificate which will accompany the poultry during exhibition.
2. All non-certified birds must be banded (leg or wing band) with a sealed band. Wrap around plastic bands are not acceptable. In state waterfowl are exempt from pullorum-typhoid requirements.
3. Any poultry showing evidence of infectious or contagious disease or insect infestation will not be permitted to exhibit.
4. Record Keeping. The sponsor of the exhibition shall complete a list of all poultry present at exhibition. This list shall contain the name and address of each owner, the number, the species, breed, variety, sex, type and pullorum-typhoid status of all poultry present. A copy of this shall be retained by the sponsor of the exhibition for at least twelve (12) months.

OTHER IN-STATE TAME OR EXOTIC ANIMALS

Please call state veterinarian's office for information and permit.