

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK IN GEORGIA

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

All livestock exhibitions must apply to the Department of Agriculture for an exhibition permit. The management of the exhibition is responsible for obtaining the permit. For information call (404) 656-3667. **Equine exhibitions/shows are exempt from obtaining an exhibition permit; however, equine on the premise must comply with equine health requirements.

- No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds without the proper health records and tests required.
- A veterinarian, Georgia Department of Agriculture personnel or other qualified person may be present to examine all livestock prior to exhibition.
- An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must show proof of the requirements for the appropriate species.
- No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds with visible warts or visible ringworm lesions.
- Livestock may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility. Failure to remove or to return suspect animals from the show facility will result in disqualification of all the exhibitor's entries.

CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS:

All animals being exhibited in any type of livestock show (local, county, area, district, or state) must have an official certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate). The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must be issued within 30 days of the exhibition with the following exceptions:

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection exceptions will be the following:

1. For Georgia cattle, swine, goats and exotic animals exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and required tests shall be valid for 4 months (or less if specified by show management).

1. Georgia cattle moving within the state have no tuberculosis test requirements.
2. Out-of-state cattle must satisfy Georgia import requirements for tuberculosis. (Regulations are contingent on state of origin – call (404) 656-3667 for current regulations)

II. OUT-OF-STATE CATTLE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A. Brucellosis:

1. No brucellosis test is required from cattle entering Georgia from Brucellosis Free States that have been Free for more than 24 months.
2. Cattle coming from Idaho, Montana and Wyoming must be tested negative for brucellosis within thirty (30) days prior to entry if 18 months of age or older unless the animal(s) originate from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd. If so, herd number and date of last complete herd test must be recorded on the CVI. Animals coming from these states must have an entry permit from the Department of Agriculture {call (404) 656-3667 – Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm}.

B. Tuberculosis:

1. No tuberculosis test is required for **BEEF** animals entering Georgia from Tuberculosis Free States.
2. ALL Dairy cattle require a negative tuberculosis test within sixty (60) days prior to entry if six (6) months of age or older regardless of the status of the state.
3. Beef cattle entering Georgia from California, Michigan, New Mexico, or Minnesota must have a negative tuberculosis test within sixty (60) days prior to entry if six (6) months of age or older.

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C. Trichomoniasis – Bulls from ALL states – Beef or Dairy Breeds

1. All virgin and non-virgin bulls 18 months of age and older entering Georgia must be tested negative for Trichomoniasis within thirty (30) days prior to entry. Bulls may be tested by 3 negative official cultures collected at least 7 days apart or one official Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test. Bulls must not have contact with female cattle between the test and importation into Georgia. Bulls comingled with cows after testing are required to be retested as outlined above. All bulls must be identified with a USDA approved ear tag, registry brand, or registry tattoo. The collect of samples must be conducted by an accredited veterinarian and animals must be identified on an official test chart.

number and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

- c. Slaughter swine may be exempt from the certificate of veterinary inspection and the test requirements if they qualify under the "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Exceptions" section described above.
- B. Out-of-state swine must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of entry with the entry permit number and individual identification recorded. Test requirements for breeding swine and market swine are the same as "Georgia Swine" requirements above.
- D. Any exhibition of out-of state swine must have an entry permit number from the Department of Agriculture. Call (404) 656-3667 Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:30pm.

IV. Sheep

- A. Georgia and out-of-state sheep must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All sheep, except wethers, must be identified with a USDA scrapie eartag or other USDA approved individual animal identification. Wethers are required to be individually identified with an official scrapie eartag or an unofficial farm eartag. This information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all sheep including wethers: "To the best of my knowledge, the flock of origin and the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease."
- B. For Georgia 4-H and FFA sheep, see CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS above.
- C. Sheep may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.

V. Goats

- A. Georgia and out-of-state goats must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All goats, except wethers, must be identified with a USDA scrapie eartag or other USDA approved individual animal identification including breed registry tattoo. Wethers are required to be individually identified with an official scrapie eartag or an unofficial farm eartag. This information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all goats including wethers: "To the best of my knowledge, the flock of origin and the animals being exhibited are

- B. Georgia equine do not require a certificate of veterinary inspection.
- C. Out-of-state equine must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of entry and must meet Georgia import requirements for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA). The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must list the EIA test results, testing lab name and address and accession number. (No entry permit is required on equine).
- D. Accepted forms of the EIA are the original EIA chart (yellow) or a legible photocopy of that form or a digital EIA test form that must be in color (this form has actual pictures of the horse). Black and white digital EIA forms are not acceptable.

PETTING ZOO REQUIREMENTS:

I. Cattle, Goats and Sheep

- A. All cattle and goats consigned to petting zoos must meet the same interstate movement health requirements as such animals entering Georgia for breeding purposes. Any such animals which develop symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases will be quarantined and permitted directly back to the farm of origin.
- B. All sheep and goats, except wethers, must be identified with USDA approved individual animal identification to the flock/herd of origin. Those sheep and goats born after 1-1-2002 must be identified to the flock/herd of birth and flock/herd of origin if different. Any such animals which develop symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases will be quarantined and permitted

II. Equine

All equine consigned to petting zoos must meet the same interstate movement health requirements as such animals entering Georgia for breeding purposes. Any such animals which develop symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases will be quarantined and permitted directly back to the farm of origin.

III. Swine

All swine consigned to petting zoos must meet the same interstate movement health requirements as such animals entering Georgia for breeding purposes. Any such animals which develop symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases will be quarantined and permitted directly back to the farm of origin.

IV. Exotic Animals and Non-Traditional Livestock

- A. Exotic animals such as llamas, alpacas and camels consigned to petting zoos must meet the same interstate movement requirements as such animals entering Georgia