



2025 Board of Animal Health (BAH) requirements

[Board of Animal Health Website](http://bah.state.mn.us) (bah.state.mn.us)

Health requirements for exhibition, county, and state fairs

ALL SPECIES

All animals will be inspected by the official veterinarian on the day of arrival and daily during the exhibition. The official veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine area or removal from the exhibition premises of any animal showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts. 4-H exhibitors who have an animal quarantined by the official veterinarian may request to utilize another 4-H member's animal for showmanship classes only.

Any animal showing evidence of any disease, open or healing abscesses, contagious lesions, or warts will not be allowed to exhibit or show and will be subject to isolation or expulsion depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease, abscess or lesion in question. If illness of any nature is suspected in any animal, said animal is subject to examination by the official veterinarian and owner or exhibitor of said animal must abide by the decision of this veterinarian. Animals with warts or ringworm, including healing lesions related to these diseases, may not be shown. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable. Animals known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined flock, may not be entered in an exhibition.

- a. Animals coming in from out of state must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) to travel across state lines. A CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of the inspection. An import permit or other requirements may also be required. Contact the Board of Animal Health for requirements ([Import Regulations | Minnesota Board of Animal Health \(state.mn.us\)](http://bah.state.mn.us)) or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 201-6832.

Cattle

1. Individuals must be officially identified.
 - a. Tags applied on or after November 5, 2024, must be USDA RFID AIN tags (15 digit number starting with 840) to be considered official ID. Must display US shield
 - b. The following eforms of identification are considered official if applied prior to November 5, 2024:
 - i. USDA National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) tags. Must display a U.S. shield.
 1. Brucellosis (Bang's) orange vaccination tags (only applied by accredited veterinarians);
 2. Metal or plastic NUES tags.
 - ii. USDA AIN visual tag [15 digit number starting with 840]. Must display U.S. shield.

- iii. Alternate identification applied to cattle prior to March 11, 2015 is an American ID tag (8 or 9 digit number beginning with the prefix 'USA'). This includes the National Farm Animal ID and records (FAIR) by the Holstein Assoc., Inc.
 - iv. Breed registry tattoos and tags are valid for cattle originating from Iowa, Missouri and South Dakota. Cattle must be accompanied by documentation listing the breed registration numbers. Breed registry tattoos and tags are also valid for cattle originating from and moving within Minnesota if accompanied by documentation listing the breed registration numbers. "Pending" breed registrations are not acceptable. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is not an acceptable form of documentation for this purpose.
 2. Cattle from Minnesota do not need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).
 3. Cattle from outside Minnesota:
 - a. Must meet Minnesota importation requirements. See <https://www.bah.state.mn.us/imports/> or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 201-6832.
 - b. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required and must list the exhibition site as consignee/destination and an import permit number must be documented on the CVI unless using an eCVI. An issued CVI is valid for 30 days from the date the animals were inspected by an accredited veterinarian.
 - c. Cattle from outside Minnesota must meet the importation requirements of their state of origin if they are returning home.
 4. All lactating (currently producing milk) dairy cows must have a negative H5N1 test and a CVI to exhibit. More information can be found on the Minnesota Board of Animal Health website [Exhibition Requirements for Lactating Dairy Cattle](#).

Additional Requirements for Exhibition of Cattle at the Minnesota State Fair

- Cattle known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease OR to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease OR to be from a quarantined herd may not be entered.
- Warts, ringworm, and abscesses are considered communicable diseases.
- Cattle will be inspected by an official state fair veterinarian on the day of entry to the exhibition and daily thereafter.
- The official state fair veterinarian will order the immediate removal to the quarantine facility or removal from the state fairgrounds of any cattle with symptoms of an infectious or communicable disease.
- Any quarantined animal cannot be shown. 4-H exhibitors who have an animal quarantined by the official veterinarian may request to utilize another 4-H member's animal for showmanship classes only.

Goats

Goats with warts, ringworm, sore mouth or caseous lymphadenitis MAY NOT be shown.

1. Individuals must be officially identified. The following identification is considered official ID for goats:
 - a. Flock ID tags. Includes herd ID number beginning with state abbreviation (maximum nine characters, including state abbreviation, in addition to a unique herd management number (six character maximum). Must display the US shield.

- i. Herd ID tags are available free by calling 1-866-USDATAG. Order 4-5 weeks in advance.
 - b. Serial tags. Begins with state abbreviation, 8 characters total, last 4–5 are digits. Must display the US shield.
 - c. USDA AIN visual or RFID tag [15 digit number starting with 840]. Must display U.S. shield.
 - d. Registry tattoo with a breed registry number. Goats must be accompanied by documentation listing the breed registration numbers. Breed registry tattoos and tags are also valid for Goats moving within Minnesota if accompanied by documentation listing the breed registration numbers. “Pending” breed registrations are not acceptable. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is not an acceptable form of documentation for this purpose.
2. Goats from Minnesota do not need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).
3. Goats from outside Minnesota:
 - a. Must meet Minnesota import requirements. See <https://www.bah.state.mn.us/imports/> or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 201-6832.
 - b. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required and must list the exhibition site as consignee/destination. An issued CVI is valid for 30 days from the date the animals were inspected by an accredited veterinarian.
 - c. Goats from outside Minnesota must meet the importation requirements of their state of origin if they are returning home.

Additional Requirements for Exhibition of Dairy and Meat Goats at the Minnesota State Fair

- An official state fair veterinarian will visually inspect all goats at verification and will conduct daily walk-thru inspections.
- The official State Fair Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to the quarantine facility or removal from the State Fairgrounds of any goat with symptoms of an infectious or communicable disease. This includes goats with warts, ringworm or abscesses.
- Any quarantined animal cannot be shown. 4-H exhibitors who have an animal quarantined by the official veterinarian may request to utilize another 4-H member's animal for showmanship classes only.

Camelids

1. There are no state or federal requirements to officially identify camelid species.
2. Camelids from Minnesota do not require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).
3. Camelids from outside Minnesota.
 - a. Must meet Minnesota import requirements. See <https://www.bah.state.mn.us/imports/> or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-201-6832.
 - b. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required and must list the exhibition site as consignee/destination. An issued CVI is valid for 30 days from the date the animals were inspected by an accredited veterinarian.
 - c. Camelids from outside Minnesota must meet the importation requirements of their state of origin if they are returning home.

Additional Requirements for Exhibition of Llama - Alpacas at the Minnesota State Fair

- There are no special health requirements, health certificates or health papers for llamas/alpacas. However, unhealthy animals will not be allowed to show. They will be sent home (no premium). It is recommended that lamas be de-wormed within 10 days of the show.

Poultry

Exhibition requirements for poultry apply to chickens, turkeys and game birds. Waterfowl, pigeons and doves do not have any exhibition requirements.

1. Identification: All chickens, turkeys and game birds at exhibitions, except baby poultry, must be individually identified with a numbered leg or wing band. The band may also include other letters such as names/initials. Hatching eggs and young poultry that are too small to band, can be exhibited as a group if the NPIP Hatchery Permit number is written on the cage.
2. **Testing/disease requirements.**
 - a. All chickens, turkeys, gamebirds, and hatching eggs from these birds must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) Clean or be negative to a pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition.
 - i. Turkeys cannot be tested the same day. Blood must be sent to an approved lab prior to exhibition.
 - b. Waterfowl and Pigeons. Exempt from testing requirements.
3. Certificates or test charts: All chickens, turkeys, game birds, and hatching eggs from these birds must provide a certificate that proves compliance with the pullorum testing requirements. Accepted certificates include: Statement of Origin, Rapid whole blood test, hatchery permit card, lab test results, NPIP VS 9 2 form, NPIP VS 9 3 form or a NPIP VS 9 31 form.
4. **Poultry (including waterfowl) and other birds (pigeons and doves) from outside Minnesota.**
 - a. All birds originating from another state must also meet [Minnesota import requirements](#).
 - b. All out-state birds must be accompanied by a Minnesota Import Permit and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, NPIP VS FORM 9-3, or an equivalent form as approved by the board.

[Exhibition Requirements for Chickens, Turkeys and Game Birds](#)

(www.bah.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/documents/LivestockExhibitionHandbook_2025.pdf)

Additional Requirements for Exhibition of Poultry at the Minnesota State Fair

- All chickens, turkeys, and game birds must demonstrate freedom from pullorum-typhoid disease (see Testing/Disease requirements above).

Rabbits

1. There are no state or federal requirements to officially identify rabbits.
2. Rabbits from Minnesota do not require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).
3. Rabbits from outside Minnesota.
 - a. Must meet Minnesota import requirements. See <https://www.bah.state.mn.us/imports/> or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-201-6832
 - b. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required and must list the exhibition site as consignee/destination. An issued CVI is valid for 30 days from the date the animals were inspected by an accredited veterinarian.
 - c. Rabbits from outside Minnesota must meet the importation requirements of their state of origin if they are returning home.

Sheep

Sheep with warts, ringworm, sore mouth, foot rot, club lamb fungus or caseous lymphadenitis MAY NOT be shown.

1. Individuals must be officially identified. The following identification is considered official ID for sheep:
 - a. Flock ID tags. This tag includes the flock ID number beginning with state abbreviation (maximum nine characters, including state abbreviation, in addition to a unique herd management number (six character maximum). Must display the US shield.
 - i. Flock ID tags are available by calling 1-866-USDA-TAG. Order 4-5 weeks in advance.
 - b. Serial tags. Begins with state abbreviation, 8 characters total, last 4-5 are digits. Must display the US shield.
 - c. USDA AIN visual or RFID tag [15 digit number starting with 840]. Must display U.S. shield.
 - d. Registry tattoo with a breed registry number. Sheep must be accompanied by documentation listing the breed registration numbers. Breed registry tattoos and tags are also valid for sheep moving within Minnesota if accompanied by documentation listing the breed registration numbers. "Pending" breed registrations are not acceptable. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is not an acceptable form of documentation for this purpose.
2. Sheep from Minnesota do not require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).
3. Sheep from outside Minnesota:
 - a. Must meet Minnesota import requirements. See www.bah.state.mn.us/imports/ or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-201-6832.
 - b. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required and must list the exhibition site as consignee/destination. An issued CVI is valid for 30 days from the date the animals were inspected by an accredited veterinarian.
 - c. Sheep from outside Minnesota must meet the importation requirements of their state of origin if they are returning home.

Additional Requirements for Exhibition of Sheep at the Minnesota State Fair

- All breeding ewes and market lambs must have a USDA official scrapie tag with the unique serial number and individual animal number.
- An official state fair veterinarian will visually inspect all sheep at verification and will conduct daily walk-thru inspections.
- The official state fair veterinarian will order the immediate removal to the quarantine facility or removal from the state fairgrounds of any sheep with symptoms of infectious or communicable disease. This includes sheep with warts, ringworm, fungus or sore mouth.
- Any quarantined animal cannot be shown. 4-H exhibitors who have an animal quarantined by the official veterinarian may request to utilize another 4-H member's animal for showmanship classes only.

Swine

1. Individuals of any age must be officially identified. The following ear tags are considered the official ID for swine:
 - a. USDA National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) tags. Must display U.S. shield. They can be metal or plastic tags (MN 4-H tag is the official ID and is required for all 4-H swine).
 - b. *Metal NUES tags are no longer available from the Minnesota Board of Animal Health; however, sources for ordering the tags and applicators can be found on the Minnesota Board of Animal Health website.

2. Swine from Minnesota do not need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).
3. Swine from outside Minnesota:
 - a. Must meet Minnesota importation requirements. See <https://www.bah.state.mn.us/imports/> or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-201-6832.
 - b. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required and must list the exhibition site as consignee/destination. An issued CVI is valid for 30 days from the date the animals were inspected by an accredited veterinarian.
 - c. Swine from outside Minnesota must meet the importation requirements of their state of origin if they are returning home.

Additional Requirements for Exhibition of Swine at the Minnesota State Fair

- An official state fair veterinarian will visually inspect all swine upon entry and will conduct daily walk-thru inspections.
- The official State Fair Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to the quarantine facility or removal from the State Fairgrounds of any swine with symptoms of an infectious or communicable disease.
- Any quarantined animal cannot be shown. 4-H exhibitors who have an animal quarantined by the official veterinarian may request to utilize another 4-H member's animal for showmanship classes only.

