

GENERAL RULES
PLEASE READ BEFORE MAKING ENTRIES

1. This is a County Exhibition. All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules of the Tioga County Agricultural Association. Exhibitors must reside, go to school, belong to an agricultural organization within Tioga County, or belong to the Pennsylvania Holstein Association. All entries must be grown, produced or made since the last fair.
2. The fair management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine.
3. Use of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs will not be permitted.
4. **Reasonable care will be taken to protect all exhibits on display from all injury and damage but the fair is not, in any way, to be held responsible for accidents, loss or damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss.**
5. All exhibits will be under the direction of the Tioga Co. Fair Board. In no case will the fair be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage done or occasioned by, or arising from any animal exhibited by the exhibitor. Upon this condition only are entries accepted.
6. Entries will be made according to classification. All entrants must fill out an official entry blank. Entry blanks may be found elsewhere in this book and may be obtained from the fair secretary or the extension office. Exhibitors who wish may obtain entry tags prior to the fair by sending a request to Jennie York, 242 Lake Rd., Millerton, Pa. 16936. Please use adequate postage.
7. Exhibits in Departments 18, 19, & 23 must be entered between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2009. Judging for these Departments will be held on Sunday, August 9, 2009. Exhibits in Depts. 13, 14, 15, 17 & 20 must be entered between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m., Sunday, August 9, 2009. Exhibits in Dept. 12 must be entered between 12 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sunday, August 9, 2009. Judging for these Departments will be held on Monday, August 10, 2009 This includes Grange and other Group Exhibits. **NO EXHIBITS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 8 P.M. SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009.**
8. All exhibits listed in rule #7 will be released on Sunday, August 16, 2009 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Premium checks will be issued at that time.
9. **ALL LIVESTOCK (including those listed for competition in the Jr. Dairy Show) must be on the grounds by 3:00 p.m. Monday, August 10, 2009. Open Dairy Show Exhibitors must have all animals listed for competition on the grounds by 1:00 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 2009, but may also come in Wednesday, August 12, 2009 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. ALL ANIMALS listed for competition shall remain on the premises until 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 15, 2009.**

10. Animals entered only in the Northeast Championship Show will be released at the end of the show on Friday, August 14, 2009.
11. **NO PREMIUM CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL STALLS ARE CLEANED.**
12. Premiums, as listed, may be given for meritorious exhibits. In cases where there is no competition, judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit is worthy to receive. Same rule applies where there are fewer entries in the class than the number of premiums offered. The judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the exhibit deserves.
13. Appropriate ribbons will be awarded winners in the various classes and cash prizes paid as stated in the Premium List.
14. Stickers indicating placing will be placed on exhibitor's card.
15. No exhibitor may enter more than ONE EXHIBIT in each division of the class, with the exception of livestock classes.
16. If the fair management believes any of the exhibits were shown in previous years, those entries may be refused.
17. Possession of a ribbon is not sufficient evidence for cash awards; the record of the treasurer shall be final evidence.
18. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is proved. In such case, the Superintendent, Manager, or Secretary of the fair or such referee as he may appoint, may make the decision with his approval. The case may be appealed to the Fair Management or Show Commission from whose decision there can be no appeal.
19. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to make known the PROPER NAME of the article or breed of livestock entered. **ANY ITEM ENTERED IMPROPERLY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.** The judges will mark the correct name on the entry tag for the benefit of the owner. **NO ENTRIES MAY BE MADE IN CLASSES NOT LISTED IN THE BOOK.**
20. The Superintendents reserve the right to bar from competition animals, vegetables, flowers, and products of decidedly inferior quality and those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition.
21. The Fair Management may, at any time, order the removal of any exhibit unfit for exhibition. **NO EXHIBIT MAY BE REMOVED AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE FAIR EXCEPT BY CONSENT OF THE MANAGEMENT.** Exhibitors shall forfeit premium money for early exit without a release from the Fair Management.

20. Judging is viewed as an educational process and the public is encouraged to view the judging event. DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS MAY ENTER EXHIBITS IN THEIR OWN DEPARTMENTS, but neither they nor any other exhibitor or his agent shall communicate with the judge during time of determining the awards, except to answer questions proposed by the judges. Any exhibitor interfering with the judges while making awards shall forfeit any premium to which he would otherwise be entitled.
21. All livestock offered for premiums must be the property of the owners for thirty (30) days or longer.
22. No person shall be allowed in the ring while stock is being judged, except judge, superintendents and necessary attendants.
23. Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prizes shall move into the next higher position if in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes.
24. Overfitting of livestock will be discriminated against. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of an animal will disqualify it from competition.
25. When on exhibition in the ring, each animal must be under halter and in control of owner or employee.
26. Joint ownership considered to be as one owner in accordance with registration papers.

Animal Health Regulations

IMPORTANT: ALL HEALTH PAPERS MUST BE CHECKED BEFORE UNLOADING

Be sure to use only grooming products that are approved for use on meat and dairy animals when fitting your animals for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues in the meat or milk. If you are not certain that a product is residue safe and approved for use on meat or dairy animals, **do not use it!**

*****Important!*** If upon slaughter, treatment with drugs, biologics or any chemical from fitting products, is the cause of condemnation of a carcass, the loss of the carcass and any other damages will be borne by the exhibitor.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL EXHIBITION ANIMALS

An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at all exhibitions in Pennsylvania.

All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this (preprinted on the CVI—requires veterinarian's signature) is required on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) when a CVI is required. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.

Before importing animals from a state or area which is quarantined to prevent the spread of disease, owners must contact the Department to obtain current regulations regarding imports from that state or area.

HORSES

Requirements:

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required. Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test results and date of the test must be included on the CVI.

All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.

An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.

All equine animals must have tested negative for EIA by an official test within the 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. A copy of the official test results must accompany each animal to its final destination. Foals less than 6 months of age accompanied by a dam which meets the above requirements are exempt from EIA testing requirements. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal to its final destination.

A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older. All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated equine animals must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. If a rabies vaccination certificate is provided, the certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

Out of State Horses:

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required within 30 days of entrance into show.** The certificate shall specify the results of tests conducted, along with the date of administration of the tests and the product used for vaccines that have been administered.
2. Equidae imported into this Commonwealth for exhibition purposes shall be negative to an official AGID or ELISA blood test for EIA conducted by Federally approved laboratory within 12 months prior to date of entry. A copy of the official test shall accompany the animal to its final destination.
3. Foals under six months of age, accompanied by dam with negative EIA test do not require a negative test. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal to its final destination.
4. **A permit issued by the Department is required before importing equidae from a state or area wherein a state of Federal quarantine is invoked to prevent the spread of a contagious of infectious disease of equidae.**
5. Vaccinations against the following contagious diseases are also recommended: Equine Influenza, EHV, and Triple E.

DAIRY AND BEEF CATTLE
HEALTH CERTIFICATION

PENNSYLVANIA CATTLE
No Tuberculosis test is required
No Brucellosis test is required

VACCINATION REQUIREMENT of Tioga Co. Fair

All cattle must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, signed by an accredited veterinarian, that includes a statement that the animal(s) identified have been immunized against IBR, PI3, and BVD.

Animals that have never been vaccinated against BVD, IBR, PI3 AND BRSV or have not been vaccinated against BVD during the previous 12 months, must receive one dose of modified live virus vaccine given at least 15 days, and not more than 180 days before the show, or two doses of killed vaccine, two to four weeks apart, with the last dose given at least 15 days and not more than 180 days before the show.

Animals that have been vaccinated against BVD, IBR, PI3 AND BRSV within the previous 12 months must receive at least a single injection of modified live virus or killed virus vaccine given not less than 15 days and not more than 180 days before the show.

Hyperimmune serum may not be used as a substitute for the above vaccination requirement. No animals will be admitted unless these requirements have been met.

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3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)* form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.

4. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:

- A state-issued metal ear tag; or
- An ISO-compliant RFID tag; or
- A state-registered tattoo.

5. **A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older (*market cattle are exempt from this vaccination requirement*). All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated cattle must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. If a rabies vaccination certificate is provided, the certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable. (July 20, 2009)**

OUT-OF-STATE CATTLE FOR EXHIBITION

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.

2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.

3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)* form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition

4. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:

- A state-issued metal ear tag; or
- An ISO-compliant RFID tag; or
- A state-registered tattoo.

5. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older (*market cattle are exempt from this vaccination requirement*). All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated cattle must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. If a rabies vaccination certificate is provided, the certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

6. For Brucellosis and TB Testing Requirements, call Dr. Tony LaBarbera or Mr. Ron Miller at 717-772-2852.

SHEEP

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is required. Official scrapie ID includes:
 - ▶ A scrapie eartag. Contact USDA to obtain scrapie eartags at 1-866-873-2824, weekdays for 9 AM to 5 pm. Your order may take several weeks for processing, so order tags early or:
 - ▶ A scrapie tattoo with individual animal ID (tattoo)
 - ▶ An ISO-compliant RFID tag.

5. **A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older (*market sheep are exempt from this vaccination requirement*). All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated sheep must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. If a rabies vaccination certificate is provided, the certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable. (July 20, 2009)**

Out-of-State Sheep Requirements:

ALL SHEEP MUST BEAR AN OFFICIAL U.S.D.A./A.P.H.I.S. EARTAG TO BE EXHIBITED AT THE SHOW. SHEEP FROM FLOCKS ON THE VOLUNTARY SCRAPIE PROGRAM MUST BEAR THE OFFICIAL EARTAG, TATTOO, OR ELECTRONIC EAR IMPLANT (THE EXHIBITOR MUST SUPPLY A READER).

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the fair is required. The CVI must include the following:

A statement that the flock of origin was inspected and found free from symptoms of infectious or contagious disease.

A statement the flock has had no known exposure to or history of scrapie.

SWINE

PENNSYLVANIA SWINE

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual animal ID is required. ID options include the following
 - ▶ A form of official ID (herd tattoo *in combination with* an ear notch; or
 - ▶ a state issued metal ear tag; or
 - ▶ an ISO-compliant Radio Frequency Identification tag); or
 - ▶ A plastic stamped ear tag.

OUT of STATE SWINE

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
 - ▶ A herd tattoo *in combination with* an ear notch; or
 - ▶ A state issued metal ear tag; or
 - ▶ An ISO-compliant Radio Frequency Identification tag.
5. Brucellosis Testing Requirements:
 - ▶ No brucellosis test is required if the animal originates from a Validated Brucellosis-Free Swine Herd. If from a Validated Herd, the herd number and date of last test must be included on the CVI.
 - ▶ If not originating from a Validated Herd, out of state swine must be negative to a brucellosis test within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition, and the negative results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a copy of the test report.

6. Pseudorabies Testing Requirements:

- ▶ No pseudorabies test is required if the animal originates from a Qualified Pseudorabies-negative Swine Herd. A Qualified Pseudorabies-negative Herd shall not be construed to mean every swine herd from a Stage V state, but only those herds in compliance with individual herd testing plans. If from a Qualified Herd, the herd number and date of last test must be included on the CVI.
- ▶ If not originating from a Qualified Herd, out of state swine must be negative to a pseudorabies test within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition, and the negative results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a copy of the test report.

GOATS

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)* form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:

- ▶ A scrapie eartag. Contact the USDA to obtain scrapie eartags at 1-866-873-2824, weekdays from 9 AM to 5 PM. Your order may take several weeks for processing, so order tags early; or
- ▶ An ISO-compliant RFID tag; or
- ▶ A scrapie tattoo. Goats with an official scrapie tattoo must also have a unique individual animal ID (tattoo) to meet the scrapie ID requirement; or
- ▶ Goats having a breed registration tattoo and accompanied by a registration certificate are exempt from the scrapie ID requirement **if the tattoo is legible** and a registration certificate (copy acceptable) or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which lists the tattoo and registry accompanies the animal at all times during transport from the premises of birth.

Out-Of-State Goats

Requirements:

- A. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required within 30 days of entry in the show. All USDA identification requirements must be met for interstate movement

RABBITS

Pennsylvania Rabbits

Requirements:

1. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)* form must accompany all PA rabbits, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.

Out of State Rabbits

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)* form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.

GUIDELINES FOR CARE OF ANIMALS

It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to care for animals in a manner that is responsible and ethical. Following are some guidelines for the treatment of animals exhibited at the show.

A. Restraining Animals

1. Animals should be tied or penned in a manner that will not hurt the animal or restrict its breathing in any way.
2. Animals should be tied so that all four feet are firmly on the ground and they have enough room to stand comfortably and lie down.
3. Animals should be tied so that they are not able to injure animals tied near them.
4. Animals unaccustomed to each other should not be penned together.

B. Handling - Any type of rough handling which could harm the animal is prohibited. The use of whips, canes, and show sticks should be restricted to showing only and then be used only to guide the animals, not punish them. Remember, animals will respond quicker and better to quiet, gentle handling, than loud, rough handling.

C. Bedding - All animals should have bedding that is dry and clean. Pens should be cleaned regularly to keep the animals clean and comfortable. If non-traditional bedding such as carpeting is used, it should be regularly cleaned (at least twice daily) to keep the pen free from manure.

D. Feed & Water - Animals should be well fed and have access to clean water regularly. Realizing that many market animals must have restricted amounts of feed to maintain the proper weight, animals must be fed adequate amounts of feed to meet the animal's basic requirements. Animals not allowed reasonable access to feed and water will be disqualified from the show.

E. Transportation - Animals should be transported in a way that is both safe and considerate of the animal's well-being.

F. Blanket/Sweat Collars - Any type of material such as blankets or sweat collars should be large enough to permit normal body functions such as breathing, eating, drinking or lying down.

G. Health - It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide proper health care for their animals through routine inspection and consultation with health care professionals. The improper or illegal use of drugs or antibiotics is prohibited. If medicine is indicated, be sure to follow the label directions and allow more than the stated withdrawal time.