

# STATE OF CT DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

## 2009 CONNECTICUT FAIR AND SHOW REQUIREMENTS

### NOTE: RABIES REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ANIMALS

#### A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Health certificates, signed by an accredited veterinarian, and other required testing will be valid for the entire 2009 show season.
2. All animals and poultry entered at fairs and shows MUST be in good health and in proper physical condition and will be examined at the exhibition by the barn superintendent. Evidence of poor condition, infectious or contagious diseases or failure to produce the necessary documents for health certification, vaccination or testing will result in ejection. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture Livestock Inspector's decision is final.
3. Health charts and proof of vaccination, where applicable, are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
4. Each barn superintendent will collect and hold the Health Certificates from each exhibitor. Animals not in compliance with state regulations for shows & fairs will not be allowed. A complete list, containing the name of the exhibitor, address, animal ID (ear tag, tattoo, leg band), breed and age of each animal and the total head count will be made available to the State Livestock Inspector and forwarded to the Connecticut Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Regulation & Inspection by the fair superintendent. All animals and poultry present on the grounds should be identified on this list. Any animal that is rejected should be noted as such with a brief statement of reason. Rejected animals or poultry should be removed from the grounds as soon as possible. Any concerns about the health of any animal or bird should be reported to the State Livestock Inspector or Fair Veterinarian immediately.
5. Isolate all exhibited animals and poultry upon their return to the farm from other animals & poultry for 3-4 weeks to reduce the risk of disease exposure and transmission. Call your local veterinarian if your animals or poultry become sick to help you with diagnosis and treatment.
6. Contact the Bureau of Regulation and Inspection @ 860-713-2504 with questions.

#### B. CONNECTICUT ANIMALS:

1. **ALL SPECIES:** Animals shall originate from herds or flocks that meet the testing and health requirements of the State of Connecticut. State livestock inspectors may request proof of compliance with state requirements. No herd or flock under quarantine order shall move or be exhibited. All animals & poultry MUST have permanent ID (ear tag, tattoo, leg band, wing band or microchip plus a reader or EIA certificate).
2. **CATTLE:\*** All cattle MUST have a health certificate issued within 60 days of their first show from an accredited veterinarian stating that the animal is in good health and free of infectious, contagious and/or communicable diseases.
3. **HORSES:\*** All horses MUST have a negative Coggins or ELISA test within 12 months prior to their show date and be accompanied by such certificate. It is highly recommended that horses be vaccinated against EEE & WNV within 6 months of their first show date.
4. **SHEEP:\*** All sheep MUST have official USDA-approved identification and be accompanied by health certificates issued within 60 days of their first show by an accredited veterinarian stating that sheep are in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious and/or communicable disease and are not from scrapie exposed flocks.
5. **GOATS:\*** All goats MUST have official USDA-approved identification and be accompanied by health certificates issued within 60 days of their first show by an accredited veterinarian stating that goats are in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious and/or communicable disease and are not from scrapie exposed flocks.
6. **SWINE:** Swine that originate from Connecticut herds must be tested for brucellosis and pseudorabies on a yearly basis. All swine MUST have a health certificate issued within 60 days prior to the first show by an accredited veterinarian. If the swine are purchased from a tested herd, a bill of sale from the Connecticut producer MUST be presented to the state veterinarian's office before a CT Exhibition Test card will be issued to the new owner.
7. **POULTRY:** Poultry originating within the state MUST come from healthy flocks with no evidence of contagious or infectious disease. All birds must be inspected, identified and be accompanied by written proof (CT Flock Test card or CT veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab Report) that verifies that the breeding flock or the individual birds listed on the report were blood-test negative for Salmonella pullorum within 365 days of the show date. Concurrent Avian Influenza testing of the flock and/or individual birds is strongly recommended. Poultry vaccinated within 30 days with a live virus vaccine will be prohibited from showing. All cages or crates MUST be cleaned and disinfected after each show. **Doves, pigeons and waterfowl are exempt from testing requirements, but must be identified by leg band or wing tags.**
8. **LLAMAS:** Llamas that originate within the state must have a health certificate issued within 30 days of the first show by an accredited veterinarian, listing the permanent

identification (ear tag, tattoo or microchip and a reader must be available for the microchip) and stating that the animal is in good health and free of obvious signs of infectious disease.

#### C. OUT OF STATE ANIMALS:

1. **ALL SPECIES:** Animals shall originate from herds or flocks that meet the testing and health requirements of the State of Connecticut and MUST be accompanied by health certificates and test charts as indicated below. No animals from herds or flocks under quarantine order shall enter into the state. All animals and poultry MUST have permanent identification (ear tag, tattoo, leg band, wing band, microchip and a reader or EIA certificate). **All animals and birds (except horses) must have an exhibition permit no. on the health certificate. Call 860-713-2504 for a permit number. All out of state animals and birds offered for sale must meet Connecticut Importation Regulations.**
2. **CATTLE:\*** All Cattle MUST have health certificates issued within 30 days of the first show, by an accredited veterinarian, test charts and vaccination certificates where applicable. All cattle over 3 months of age MUST have a negative TB test within 12 months prior to show date. Cattle under 3 months of age may go on the dam's TB test chart if the dam was tested for TB within the past 12 months and a copy of the results are provided. All brucellosis vaccinated female cattle over 18 months of age and all bulls and non-vaccinated female cattle 6 months of age and older must have a negative brucellosis test within 12 months prior to their first show date. Steers and spayed heifers are exempt from brucella testing.
3. **HORSES:\*** All horses MUST have a health certificate issued within 30 days of their first show date by an accredited veterinarian. All horses MUST have a negative AGID(Coggins) or ELISA test for EIA within 12 months prior to their show date and be accompanied by such certificate. It is highly recommended that horses be vaccinated against EEE & WNV within 6 months of their first show date.
4. **SHEEP:\*** All sheep must have official USDA -approved identification and be accompanied by health certificates issued within 30 days of their first show date by an accredited veterinarian stating that the sheep are free from contagious and infectious disease and are not from scrapie-exposed flocks.
5. **GOATS:** All goats MUST have official USDA- approved identification and be accompanied by health certificates issued within 30 days prior to the first show by an accredited veterinarian stating that they are free of contagious disease and are not from scrapie-exposed herds. All goats MUST originate from brucellosis and TB free herds. Goats over 3 months old MUST test negative to TB and brucellosis within 12 months of their first show date. Kids under 3 months of age may go on the dam's test chart if the dam was tested within the past 12 months and a copy of the results is provided. Wethers are exempt from brucellosis testing.
6. **SWINE:** Swine that are 3 mo. of age and older MUST be negative to brucella and pseudorabies tests and have a health certificate stating such within 30 days of their first show date by an accredited veterinarian. Barrows are exempt from brucellosis testing but MUST have a negative pseudorabies test. Swine under 3 mo. of age MUST originate from a brucellosis free and pseudorabies qualified herd and the herd test dates and qualified herd numbers MUST be on the health certificate.
7. **POULTRY:** All poultry MUST be identified and test negative for salmonella pullorum within 12 months prior to their first show date and be accompanied by a certificate. All poultry MUST comply with the Department of Agriculture avian influenza requirements by originating from AI-Free flocks or be tested for AI within 30 days of entry and have a certificate. No poultry from areas of any state having avian influenza may enter CT. Poultry vaccinated within 30 days with a live virus vaccine will be prohibited from showing. All cages and crates MUST be cleaned and disinfected before and after each show. **Doves, pigeons and waterfowl are exempt from testing requirements, but must be identified by leg band or wing tags.**
8. **LLAMA:** All llama must have a negative axillary TB test within 12 months and a negative brucellosis test within 12 months of entry, and a health certificate issued within 30 days of the first show by an accredited veterinarian, listing the permanent identification and test results.

**NOTE:\*** All cattle, horses, and sheep shall have a rabies vaccination given by a veterinarian with a vaccination certificate signed by the veterinarian that gave the vaccination indicating the name of the vaccine and the serial number and the date the vaccination expires. If it is the animal's first rabies vaccination, it MUST be given at least 30 days prior to their first show date. All animals at Connecticut Fairs exposed to the public MUST comply with Connecticut's "Emergency Order Concerning the Vaccination or Alternative Confinement of Certain Animals." Animals not meeting approved rabies vaccination requirements should be displayed in a manner where the public would not be exposed to saliva from that animal. **CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED SIGNS or RIBBONS** will be acceptable. Signs should say: "CT RABIES ADVISORY NOTICE DO NOT FEED OR TOUCH THE ANIMALS"