State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture 2017 Connecticut Fair and Show Requirements

A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Health certificates signed by an accredited veterinarian and other required testing will be valid for the entire 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 entry by the barn superintendent. Evidence of poor condition or infectious or communicable disease 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 and fairs will not be allowed.
5. Isolate all exhibited animals and poultry upon their return to the farm from other animals and 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 must 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 must have permanent 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.
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 not showing signs of infectious, contagious and/or communicable disease. It is highly recommended that horses be vaccinated against EEE & WNV within 6 months of their first show date.
3. 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 in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious and/or communicable diseases and are not from Scrapie-exposed flocks.
4. SWINE: All swine must have USDA-approved identification and be accompanied by health certificates issued within 60 days of their first show by an accredited veterinarian stating that the swine are in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious and/or communicable diseases and are not from Scrapie-exposed flocks.
5. POULTRY: All poultry must be identified and test negative for Salmonella pullorum within 12 months of the show date and be accompanied by a certificate. All poultry must be vaccinated against Avian Influenza (AI) within 6 months of their first show date by an accredited veterinarian stating that the poultry are in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious and/or communicable diseases and are not from AI-exposed flocks.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All animals for which there is a licensed Rabies vaccine - cattle, horse, sheep, dogs, cats and ferrets - exposed to the public shall be vaccinated against Rabies. Animals not having an approved Rabies vaccination shall not be allowed in a building such that the public would not be in contact or exposed to saliva from those animals and have CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED SIGNS OR RIBBONS stating “CONNECTICUT RABIES ADVISORY NOTICE - DO NOT FEED OR TOUCH ANIMALS”.

On August 4, 2009, the Department of Agricultural adopted regulations for the “Control of Rabies in Public Settings” that will be enforced at Connecticut fairs and public exhibitions. Its provisions include the following for both Connecticut and out of state animals:

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2. Animals not having an approved Rabies vaccination - includes animals for which there is not a licensed rabies vaccine and animals for which there is a licensed rabies vaccine but are under the age of 12 months of age - young animals for exhibition should be vaccinated as soon as possible after 3 months of age. Animals must be separated from the public by sufficient means to avoid direct contact between people and animals, such as a double fence, Plexiglas or other means.

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 a herd or flock under quarantine order shall enter into the State. All animals and poultry must have official permanent identification (ear tag, tattoo, leg band, wing band, microchip, and a reader or ELA certificate). All animals and birds (except horses) must have an exhibit permit number on the health certificates. Call 860-713-2504 or 860-713-2505 for a permit number. All out of state animals and birds offered for sale must meet Connecticut Importation Regulations.