

**STATE FAIR OF TEXAS**  
**ANIMAL HEALTH SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS**  
**Effective: January, 2021**  
**THESE REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.**

The following summary is a condensed version of the Texas Animal Health Commission regulations. The regulations will supersede this summary if there is a dispute between the two. FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact the Texas Animal Health Commission by calling (512) 719-0777 (24 hours) or 1(800) 550-8242, ext. 777, or by writing the TAHC, P.O. Box 12966, Austin, TX 78711-2966.

The State Fair of Texas® Youth Livestock Shows are restricted to intrastate entries. The Pan-American Livestock Exposition® and State Fair of Texas Horse Shows are open, interstate shows, accepting entries of livestock, equine and poultry from within Texas, other states, and other countries.

**Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:** The certificate must indicate that the accredited veterinarian found the animals or fowl to be free of symptoms or evidence of communicable disease and that all tests, immunizations or treatments required by the Commission were completed. For certain diseases, a specific statement may be required indicating disease free status. The certificate is required to accompany animals and fowl entering the State of Texas and Fair Park as stated in the following summary of entry requirements.

**THE CERTIFICATE IS VALID FOR 30 DAYS FOR ALL SPECIES.**

**Prior Entry Permit:** Entry permits are required as noted in the following summary of entry requirements. Permits may be obtained by calling (512) 719-0777 (24 hours) or 1(800) 550-8242, ext. 777, or by writing TAHC, P. O. Box 12966, Austin, TX 78711-2966. The permit for entry is not required when exotic livestock and ratites enter for the exhibition and return to the state of origin. All poultry entering Texas must be permitted.

**CATTLE (BEEF & DAIRY)**

**Texas Origin Breeding Cattle**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. Youth Market and Prospect Steers do NOT require a CVI.
3. All dairy cattle must be identified with official ID and recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
4. Any bulls changing ownership must have a negative trichomoniasis test within 60 days; with an exception of virgin stamp on health certificates (CVI). (Does not apply to exhibition only Bulls)

**Out-of-State Origin Cattle**

1. Must meet the same requirements as Texas Origin Breeding Cattle.
2. Negative tuberculosis (TB) test within 60 days for all sexually intact dairy cattle that are 2 months of age or older or originate from an accredited tuberculosis free herd. In addition, all sexually intact dairy cattle originating from a state or area with anything less than a tuberculosis free state status shall be tested negative for tuberculosis in accordance with the appropriate requirements for states or areas for that status, prior to entry with results of the test recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
3. All bulls entering Texas for the purpose of participating at fairs, shows, exhibitions and/or rodeos and returning to the state of origin, which are more than (12) months of age and capable of breeding may enter the state without testing for trichomoniasis, but shall obtain a permit prior to entry into the state. Bulls permitted for entry into the State of Texas under the provisions of this subsection shall not be commingled with female cattle or used for breeding. Bulls that stay in the state more than sixty (60) days must be tested negative for trichomoniasis with one official Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test.
4. The Permit for Entry is not required when cattle enter for exhibition and return to the state of origin, except for exhibition bulls that do not meet TAHC's Trich entry Requirements.
5. All sexually intact cattle entering Texas for exhibition purposes and originating from Idaho, Montana or Wyoming must be officially identified and must have a statement on the certificate of veterinary inspection that the animals have never resided in the DSA. Types of official identification:
  - a. Official Alpha-numeric USDA metal ear tags (bangs tags)
  - b. Official Alpha-numeric USDA metal vaccination tags
  - c. Official 840 of 900 RFID tags (900 series tags are no longer official if applied to the animal after March 11, 2015)
  - d. Official 840 flap or bangle tags
  - e. Official individual animal breed registry tattoos or brands
  - f. National Dairy Fair Tag or Dairy Herd improvement Association Tag

## **EQUINE**

### **Texas Origin Equine**

1. Negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test (also known as "Coggins Test") within 12 (twelve) months. In state origin equine: foals, under eight months of age, nursing a negative dam are exempt from testing. Test document must be in hand or test results and related information must be shown on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
2. **Pre-Fair:** August 1-September 20, 2019  
Exhibitors showing between the dates of August 1 - Sept. 22, are required to provide a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, ONLY, if a horse originates within a 50 mile radius of a specific location that has been identified/quarantined for Vesicular Stomatitis VS/EHV1. An EIA test is still REQUIRED for all horses.
3. **Fair time:** September 23-October 20, 2019  
A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, current, and issued within 30 days, and an EIA test is REQUIRED.

### **Out of State Origin Equine**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, current, issued within 30 (thirty) days or a current, valid equine interstate passport or equine identification card, issued within 6 (six) months.
2. Must meet the same requirements as for Texas Origin Equine.

## **GOATS**

### **Texas Origin Goats & Out of State Origin Goats**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. Texas - All sexually intact exhibition goats must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program eartag prior to entry, except registered goats with a registration tattoo and accompanied by registration papers.
3. Out of State – All exhibition goats must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program eartag prior to entry, except registered goats with a registration tattoo and accompanied by registration papers along with a scrapie premise ID number.

### **Youth Market Goats**

1. Youth Market Goats are NOT required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

## **LLAMAS (Camelidae)**

Refer to Exotic Livestock and Ratites

## **POULTRY**

### **Texas Origin Poultry**

1. Negative pullorum-typhoid test within 30 (thirty) days or from flocks that meet either the Texas Pullorum-Typhoid Program or the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP).
2. Poultry must originate from areas where reportable avian diseases are not known to have been active within the last 30 (thirty) days.

### **Out of State Origin Poultry**

1. *NO OUT OF STATE POULTRY ENTRIES PERMITTED.*

### **Youth Market Broilers**

1. Youth Market Broilers are NOT required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

## **SHEEP**

### **Texas Origin Sheep**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within 30 (thirty) days.
2. All sexually intact exhibition sheep must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program eartag.

### **Out of State Origin Sheep**

1. Must meet the same requirements as for Texas Origin Sheep.
2. All exhibition sheep must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program eartag prior to entry.
3. Negative ELISA brucella ovis test within 30 (thirty) days for all breeding rams 6 months of age or older. Each ram shall be individually identified with an individual eartag or registration tattoo. This number, along with the test results and name of the approved laboratory and date of test, shall be entered on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

### **Youth Market Lambs**

1. Youth Market Lambs are NOT required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

## SWINE

### **Texas Origin Swine**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current, within 30 (thirty) days listing identification and including a statement that they have not been fed garbage, have not been exposed to pseudorabies, have not been vaccinated for pseudorabies, and have not originated from a premises known to be affected by Novel Swine Enteric Coronavirus Disease(s) (SECD), and have not been exposed to SECD within the last 30 days.
2. Leptospirosis vaccination is required on breeding swine, 6 months of age and older, within 30 (thirty) days with Leptospirosis vaccine containing the following strains: Canicola, Hardjo, Icterohaemorrhagiae, Grippotyphosa, and Pomona.

### **Out of State Origin Swine**

1. Must meet the same requirements as Texas Origin Swine.
2. Permanent Identification is required on all swine except swine designated to slaughter.

### **Youth Market Swine**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is desirable, but not required for this terminal show. All youth market swine entering the grounds must be in good health and disease free.

## EXOTIC LIVESTOCK AND RATITES

Exotic Livestock are defined as grass-eating or plant-eating, single hooved or cloven-hooved mammals that are not indigenous to this state and are known as ungulates, including animals from the swine, horse, tapir, camel, llama, rhinoceros, elephant, deer, and antelope families.

**Camelidae** are defined as members of the family of animals which include camel, llamas, and vicunas. The domestic members of the genus lama include the llama, alpaca, and guanaco.

**Ratites** are defined as exotic fowl with a flat breast-bone and small or nonexistent wings, such as ostriches, emu, rheas, and kiwi.

**Exotic bovidae** are defined as non-indigenous members of the family of animals which includes water buffalo, gnu (wildebeest), addax, antelope and nilgai (among others).

**Exotic cervidae** are defined as non-indigenous members of the family of animals which includes deer, elk, moose, caribou, reindeer and the sub-family musk deer.

### **Texas Origin Camelidae**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current, within 30 (thirty) days.

### **Texas Origin Ratites**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. Individually identified with an implanted electronic device (microchip), tag or band. The identification will be shown on the certificate of veterinary inspection along with the location and name brand of the implanted electronic device. If an animal has more than one implanted microchip, then the location, microchip number, and name brand of each will be documented on the certificate of veterinary inspection; and
3. Tested and found to be serologically negative for Avian Influenza and Salmonella pullorum-typhoid from a sample collected within 30 days of entry. Birds or hatching eggs must originate from flocks that show no evidence of infectious disease and have no history of Avian Influenza in the past six months.

### **Texas Origin Exotic Bovidae**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. Negative brucellosis test within the past 30 (thirty) days.
3. Negative tuberculosis test within the past 60 (sixty) days.

### **Texas Origin Exotic Cervidae**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. Negative brucellosis test within the past 30 (thirty) days.
3. TWO Negative tuberculosis tests conducted no less than 90 (ninety) days apart the second test must be conducted within 90 (ninety) days prior to the date of movement; and the animals must be isolated from all other members of the herd during the testing period, or;
  - a. Originate from an accredited free herd, or;
  - b. Originated from a qualified herd and have a classified negative 90 (ninety) day tuberculosis test. If the qualifying herd test was administered within 90 (ninety) days of movement, the animal(s) do not require an additional test, or;
  - c. Originate from a monitored herd and have a classified negative 90 (ninety) day tuberculosis test, or;

- d. Be less than 12 (twelve) months of age, originate and were born in accredited, qualified, or monitored herds and have not been exposed to cervids from a lower status.

**Texas Origin Exotic Swine**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. Negative brucellosis test within the past 30 (thirty) days or originate from a validated free herd.
3. Negative pseudorabies test within the past 30 (thirty) days or originate from a qualified free herd.

**Out of State Origin Exotic Livestock and Ratites**

1. Must meet the same requirements as Texas Origin Exotic Livestock and Ratites.

**DOGS**

DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS because of safety and public health regulations. This rule will be strictly enforced and applies to exhibitors and their employees, as well as to State Fair visitors. This rule does not apply to official dog entries in a sanctioned State Fair of Texas competitive and/or entertainment event or to guide dogs for those with sight impairment. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current within 30 days is required to accompany all dogs eligible to enter Fair Park. Certificate must state that the dog has had a rabies vaccination within 1 year.