

2024 NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

**Please share this information with the accredited veterinarian issuing paperwork.

If you have questions, please contact the State Veterinarian's Office at (303) 869-9130 or consult our import requirements online <https://www.colorado.gov/aganimals>. For more information on disease prevention and appropriate biosecurity measures, please visit <https://www.colorado.gov/aganimals/fairs-exhibitions-and-shows>.

IMPORTANT ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION UPDATE:

As of March 2013, all cattle moving interstate for exhibition or show events, such as the NWSS, are required to have official individual identification ear tags present in the ear. To avoid potential problems, all U.S. cattle entering the NWSS grounds will be expected to have a USDA Official ID ear tag present in the ear. The following tags are considered official: Orange Metal Official Calhhood Vaccinate (OCV/Bang's) tag, Silver Metal USDA tag, 840 RFID tag, visual/panel 840 ear tag, or an ear tag with the U.S. seal and "Unlawful to Remove" plus a unique animal number. Examples of these tags are below. Cattle without proper identification will have one placed at the discretion of the Colorado State Veterinarian's office and the owner's expense.

Official Cattle Identification Examples:

USDA Orange OCVTag



USDA Silver Metal Tag



Visual and RFID 840-tag

Visual and RFID 840-tag



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SECTION ONE – HEALTH CERTIFICATES & GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All animals entering Stock Show grounds must have a current health certificate issued within the last 30 days. See other testing requirements by species below.
 - a. HEALTH CERTIFICATE/CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - Must be an official form from the state or Province of origin, issued by an accredited licensed veterinarian, which shows that the animals listed meet the health requirements of the NWSS for import into Colorado. The certificates must be filled out legibly and completely. CVI's must accompany animals upon arrival and be turned into Animal Health Officials upon arrival. CVI requirements include:
 - i. All sale animals must have one animal listed per CVI with the CVI original plus three (3) copies.
 - ii. Be issued within 30 days unless the state of origin has a confirmed index case of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) or has any premises under quarantine for VS. If a state has either of these cases, CVI's must be issued within five days of arrival.
 - iii. List required tests, vaccinations, and/or treatments.
 - iv. All animals must be officially identified and listed individually. See official identification options in (2) below.
2. Official Identification by species. Individual official identification must be listed on the CVI. All animals must comply with the federal Animal Disease Traceability rule and be officially identified:
 - a. Cattle: Official USDA-approved unique identification ear tag placed IN the ear; Breed tattoos and brands are not considered official for CVIs in Colorado. Call the Colorado State Veterinarian's office if you need assistance with official ID. Canadian cattle – see specific identification requirements under Canadian cattle.
 - b. Sheep: All sheep, regardless of age or sex, coming to the NWSS must have USDA approved official scrapie identification ear tags that list their flock of origin and individual number. Exhibitors are encouraged to contact their State Veterinarian for current Program requirements.
 - c. Goats: All goats, regardless of age or sex, coming to the NWSS must have USDA approved official identification ear tags or legible tattoo accompanied by a breed registration certificate that list their herd of origin and individual animal number. Exhibitors are encouraged to contact their State Veterinarian for current Scrapie Program requirements.
 - d. Swine: Ear notch. If a purebred animal, registration papers must accompany the ear notch.
 - e. Alpacas/Llamas: Microchip, ear tag, or tattoo and registration number.
3. Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD): All cattle, bison, yaks, llamas, and alpacas must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. One negative test per animal is sufficient per lifetime. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI). Please note: BVD serology or titers are not accepted.

4. All livestock entering this show will be subject to examination by a National Western Stock Show (NWSS) veterinarian or the State Veterinarian's Office upon arrival.
5. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases will be immediately withdrawn from the show.
6. Any animal with visible active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, or multiple warts will NOT be permitted to exhibit.
7. An import permit is required for all bulls, female show cattle that are not brucellosis vaccinated, all sheep & goats, and all pigs. Permits can be obtained by calling the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office with complete shipping information at (303)869-9130.

SECTION TWO - SALE ANIMALS (CATTLE, BISON, YAKS)

"Hill" cattle sales, "Yards" sales, Pen cattle, and Carload cattle. This section does NOT include Junior Market Beef. Requirements listed in section 5.

Regardless of origin, all sale animals must meet the following requirements for transportation from NWSS to any state in the continental United States.

IMPORTANT:

All sale animals must arrive with the proper testing/requirements for Brucellosis, Tuberculosis, BVD, Scabies, Trich, and Anaplasmosis/Bluetongue. See details below.

All sale animals must have ONE (1) animal listed per CVI with the CVI original plus three (3) copies.

U.S. ORIGIN - COLORADO OR OUT OF STATE ORIGIN

1. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE INCLUDING OFFICIAL ID PLUS
 - a. Import permits for all bulls
2. BRUCELLOSIS Females
 - a. Official Calfhood Vaccinated (OCV) with a legible vaccination tattoo.
AND
 - b. Females 24 months of age and over must test negative within 30 days prior to sale date or be from a certified free herd.

Bulls

 - a. Bulls six months of age and over must test negative within 30 days prior to sale date or be from a USDA certified free herd.
3. TUBERCULOSIS – All breeding animals must be tested and negative within 60 days prior to sale date or be from a USDA accredited herd. If from a USDA accredited herd, list the last whole herd test date. If the animals are coming from Michigan, please visit our website at www.colorado.gov/aganimals or call the Colorado State Veterinarian's office at (303) 869-9130 for complete testing details.
4. BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA (BVD) – Must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. One negative test per animal is sufficient per lifetime. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI).

Please note: BVD serology or titers are not accepted.

5. SCABIES – All animals must have been officially treated for Scabies by the following: treated with an Ivermectin or Ivermectin-like product(s) at required dose, according to label directions, between 1 and 10 days prior to arrival on NWSS grounds. If sold, some states of destination may require additional treatments. NWSS veterinarian(s) will address if required.
6. 6. TRICHOMONIASIS – All sale bulls 12 months of age or older shall have a negative individual PCR T. fetus test within 30 days prior to entry to the NWSS. No female contacts after negative trich test.
7. ANAPLASMOSIS AND BLUETONGUE – A test is optional within 30 days of sale date, as animals may sell to some eastern states that require a negative test for either or both diseases.

CANADIAN ORIGIN SALE ANIMALS

1. A CANADIAN VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE AND IMPORT PERMIT from Colorado State Veterinarian's office (303) 869-9130.
 - a. Import permit for non-OCV vaccinated heifers/cows
 - b. Import permits for all bulls
2. BRUCELLOSIS
 - a. Females
 - Females 6 months of age and over must be tested and negative within 30 days prior to sale date or be from a certified free herd.

OR

 - Be Official Calfhood Vaccinates (OCV) with a legible vaccination tattoo. This would occur if the heifer was vaccinated in the U.S., then moved to Canada. If OCV vaccinated, females over 24 months must be tested and negative within 30 days prior to sale date.
 - b. Bulls
 - Bulls six months of age and over must be tested and negative within 30 days prior to sale date or be from a certified free herd.
3. TUBERCULOSIS –All animals must be tested and negative within 60 days prior to sale date and/or be from an accredited herd. If from an accredited free herd, then list last whole herd test date.
4. BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA (BVD) – Must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. One negative test per animal is sufficient per lifetime. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI). Please note: BVD serology or titers are not accepted.
5. SCABIES – Animals must have been officially treated for Scabies by the following: treated with an Ivermectin or Ivermectin-like products at required dose, according to label directions, between 1 and 10 days prior to arrival on NWSS grounds. If sold, some states of destination may require additional treatments. NWSS veterinarian(s) will address if required
6. TRICHOMONIASIS – All sale bulls 12 months of age or older shall have a negative PCR T. fetus test within 30 days prior to entry to the NWSS. Some states may require bison to be tested.
7. ANAPLASMOSIS AND BLUETONGUE – A test is recommended within 30 days of sale date, as animals may sell to states that require a negative test for either or both diseases.
8. IDENTIFICATION - Canadian cattle coming to NWSS for sale must have all of the following:
 - a. Canadian cattle coming to NWSS for sale must have all of the following:

- CAN freeze brand or hot iron brand placed high on the right hip. The characters shall be a minimum of 2"x 2" and shall not exceed 3"x 3".
- Official RFID.
- If Canadian cattle intended for exhibition are then sold, the Colorado Brand Commissioner shall be notified of this sale. The animal shall be CAN branded high on the right hip before leaving the NWSS grounds.
- Canadian Bison coming to NWSS for sale must have all of the following:
 - Official RFID
 - CAN freeze brand or hot iron brand placed high on the right hip OR if not branded two corresponding official Canadian RFID ear tags (one of which is transmitting) are required.

SECTION THREE - SHOW OR EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS (CATTLE, BISON, YAKS) OUT OF STATE ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS - SHOW OR EXHIBITION

1. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE INCLUDING OFFICIAL ID PLUS
 - a. Import permits for all bulls and for females not brucellosis vaccinated.
2. BRUCELLOSIS – No animals from a Brucellosis quarantined herd are permitted entry. Animals may enter the show if they qualify for Brucellosis in one of the following ways:
 - a. Originate from a herd not under quarantine in a Brucellosis Class Free State. Animals coming from the Designated Surveillance Areas of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming must have both:
 - A negative Brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entry into Colorado or originate from a USDA certified free herd.
 - Be Officially Calvhod Vaccinated (OCV)
 - b. Originate from a Brucellosis USDA certified free herd. Certification number/date of test recorded on the CVI.
 - c. c. Be Officially Calvhod Vaccinated (OCV) with a legible tattoo and ear tag. Information should be properly recorded on CVI.
3. TUBERCULOSIS
 - a. Beef cattle or bison from herds not under quarantine or current investigation for tuberculosis originating from tuberculosis USDA accredited free-State or area or USDA accredited free herd may enter without a test, unless they are coming from Michigan.
 - b. If the animals are coming from Michigan, please visit our website at www.colorado.gov/aganimals or call the Colorado State Veterinarian's office at (303) 869-9130 for complete testing details.
4. BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA (BVD) – Must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. One negative test per animal is sufficient per lifetime. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI). Please note: BVD serology or titers are not accepted.
5. TRICHOMONIASIS – Exhibition bulls are exempt from testing if no potential breeding contact will occur while in Colorado.

IN STATE/COLORADO ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS - SHOW OR EXHIBITION

1. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE
2. BRUCELLOSIS - No test required. Must be from a herd not under quarantine or investigation.
3. TUBERCULOSIS – No test required. Must be from a herd not under quarantine or investigation.
4. **BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA (BVD) – Must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. One negative test per animal is sufficient per lifetime. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI). Please note: BVD serology or titers are not accepted. See additional sheet for BVD testing labs available.**
5. TRICHOMONIASIS – Exhibition bulls are exempt from testing if no potential breeding contact will occur while in Colorado.

CANADIAN ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS - SHOW OR EXHIBITION

1. A CANADIAN VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE AND IMPORT PERMIT from Colorado State Veterinarian's office (303) 869-9130.
2. BRUCELLOSIS – Animals must not be from a herd under Brucellosis quarantine, and they must have a negative test within 30 days of the show for animals 6 months of age or older.
3. TUBERCULOSIS - Cattle or bison must originate from herds not under quarantine or current investigation for tuberculosis and must have a negative test within 60 days of the show for animals 6 months of age and older.
4. **BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA (BVD) – Must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. One negative test per animal is sufficient per lifetime. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen- capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI). Please note: BVD serology or titers are not accepted.**
5. TRICHOMONIASIS - Exhibition bulls are exempt from testing if no potential breeding contact will occur while in Colorado.
6. IDENTIFICATION - Canadian cattle coming to NWSS for exhibition and returning to Canada must:
 - a. Have a legible CAN ear tattoo or CAN brand.
 - b. Official RFID ear tag or CAN brand.
 - c. Return directly to Canada or to the state they originated in prior to coming to the NWSS. If an animal is sold that was originally intended for exhibition only, the Colorado Brand Commissioner shall be notified of this sale.
The animal shall be CAN branded high on the right hip before leaving the NWSS grounds.

SECTION FOUR - OPEN BREEDING SHEEP AND GOAT REQUIREMENTS

EXHIBITORS WITH EWES AND NANNIES THAT ARE CLOSE TO KIDDING ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO LEAVE THOSE ANIMALS AT HOME. IF THOSE ANIMALS LAMB OR KID OR SHOW SIGNS OF BIRTHING WHILE AT THE SHOW, THEY WILL BE ISOLATED AND/OR POSSIBLY ASKED TO LEAVE THE GROUNDS. SCRAPIE FLOCK CERTIFICATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, CONTACT NWSS LIVESTOCK OFFICE TO MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPARATION OF YOUR ANIMALS.

1. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE
2. EXAMINATION - All sheep and goats will be subject to re-examination before stalling. Sheep and goats with lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of wool/hair and/or sores that are not completely healed (with wool/hair regrowth) will not be permitted to exhibit. If signs of dermatitis, lesions, and/or fungus (ringworm) are visible, such animal will immediately be removed from the NWSS grounds.
3. BRUCELLA OVIS – All rams, 6 months of age or older, shall be ELISA test negative for Brucella Ovis within 30 days prior to arrival at NWSS. Rams from a Brucella Ovis Free Flock will have result charts attached to the CVI including the date of test, USDA approved official identification ear tag, test results, and name of approved laboratory.
4. SCRAPIE – All sheep and goats, regardless of age or sex, coming to the NWSS must have USDA approved official scrapie identification ear tags that list their flock/herd of origin and individual animal number.

Exhibitors are encouraged to contact their State Veterinarian for current Scrapie Program requirements.

- a. Goats that have a legible tattoo must be accompanied by a registration certificate showing tattoo from the respective goat breed association in place of USDA approved scrapie identification ear tags.

SECTION FIVE - JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

MARKET STEER AND CATCH-A-CALF:

1. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE
2. BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA (BVD) – Must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. One negative test per animal is sufficient per lifetime. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI). Please note: BVD urology or titers are not accepted.

SWINE:

1. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE. For more information on swine disease prevention and biosecurity:
<https://www.colorado.gov/aganimals/fairs-exhibitions-and-shows>

LAMBS AND GOATS:

1. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE
2. EXAMINATION- All sheep and goats will be subject to re-examination before stalling. Sheep and goats with lesions of ringworm with resulting wool/hair and/or sores that are not completely healed (with wool/hair regrowth) will NOT be permitted to exhibit. If dermatitis, lesions and/or fungus (ringworm) is visible, such animal will immediately be removed from the NWSS grounds.
3. SCRAPIE – All sheep and goats, regardless of age or sex, coming to the NWSS must have USDA approved official scrapie identification ear tags that list their flock/herd of origin. Exhibitors are encouraged to contact their State Animal Health Officials for current Program requirements.
4. Goats that have a legible tattoo must be accompanied by a registration certificate showing tattoo from the respective goat breed association in place of USDA approved scrapie identification ear tags.

SECTION SIX - Llama, Alpacas, Poultry, and Dogs

ALPACA / LLAMA REQUIREMENTS

1. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE
2. BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA (BVD) – Must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. One negative test per animal is sufficient per lifetime. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI). Please note: BVD serology or titers are not accepted.
3. SCABIES - All animals must have been officially treated for Scabies by the following: treated with an Ivermectin or Ivermectin-like products at required dose, according to label directions within 30 days prior to arrival on NWSS grounds.

POULTRY REQUIREMENTS

These animals will be subject to inspection upon arrival and/or during the show by the State Veterinarian's Office. For information, please call NWSS at 303-299-5559. Any birds showing signs of illness or parasites will not be allowed in the showroom and entry fees will not be refunded.

1. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY (CVI) INSPECTION MAY BE REQUIRED DEPENDING UPON DISEASE EVENTS AT THE TIME OF THE SHOW. AT THIS TIME, THE COLORADO STATE VETERINARIAN'S OFFICE PLANS TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION THROUGH THE POULTRY SUPERINTENDENT AS POULTRY PARTICIPANTS REGISTER FOR THE NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW.
2. PULLORUM-TYPHOID – All out of state poultry must have a negative Pullorum-Typhoid Test within 60 days prior to entry if the flock is not a participating NPIP flock. If poultry is from a participating NPIP flock, a current VS Form 9-3 is required.
3. NO POULTRY FROM A QUARANTINED FLOCK may enter Colorado.

COMPETING AND SALE DOGS REQUIREMENTS

1. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - Must be an official form from the State of origin (NOT a USDA 7001 form), issued by an accredited licensed veterinarian, which shows that the animals listed meet the health requirements of the NWSS. The certificates must be filled out legibly and completely. CVIs must accompany animals upon arrival and be turned in to Animal Health Officials upon arrival. Each CVI must:
 - a. Be issued within 30 days.
 - b. List the dog's current rabies vaccination and date of next booster

BVD TESTING LABS

For BVD testing, please contact one of the following BDVD Laboratories:

AgSource Labs - 208-324-7511 - Jerome, ID

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Cattle Stats - 405-607-4522 - Oklahoma City, OK

Central Florida Large Animal Veterinary Services - 407-892-2034 - St. Cloud, FL

Central States Testing, LLC - 620-675-8640 - Sublette, KS

Colorado Department of Agriculture Animal Health Lab - 303-869-9230 - Broomfield, CO

Colorado State University Diagnostic Lab - 970-297-1281 - Ft. Collins, CO

Colorado State University Rocky Ford Diagnostic Lab - 719-254-6382 - Rocky Ford, CO

Colorado State University Western Slope Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory - 970-2430673 - Grand Junction, CO

D's Diagnostic Services - 903-681-5075 - Lehigh, OK

Henderson Ranch Labs - 660-438-7105 - Warsaw, MO

Integrated Dairy Services - 254-445-3985 - Dublin, TX

Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory - 785-532-5650 - Manhattan, KS 66506

Rocky Creek Veterinary Services - 704-546-2210 - Olin, NC

SEK Genetics - 800-443-6389 - Galesburg, KS

Verden Veterinary Clinic - 405-453-7321 - Verden, OK