

2025 NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

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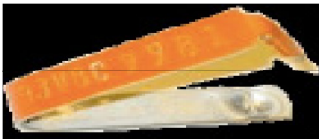
If you have questions, please contact the State Veterinarian's Office at (303) 869-9130 or consult our import requirements online <https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/import-requirements>. For more information on disease prevention and appropriate biosecurity measures, please visit <https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/fairs-exhibitions-and-shows>.

IMPORTANT ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION UPDATE:

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 Calvhoo Vaccinate (OCV/Bang's) tag or Silver Metal USDA tag placed prior to November 5th, 2024; 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, with a unique number, 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: All exhibition cattle, regardless of age or sex, are required to have Official USDA-approved unique identification ear tag placed IN the ear; Breed tattoos and brands are not considered official for CVIs in Colorado. Call your 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 scrapie 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: The identification method must meet Animal Disease Traceability requirements (official USDA ear tag, breed registration tattoo with breed registration papers accompanying CVI to the state office, microchip, registered ear notch).
 - e. Alpacas/Llamas: 840 Microchip, 840 RFID ear tag, or silver "brite" ear tag.

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.

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
2. BRUCELLOSIS Females
 - a. Official Calthood Vaccination (OCV) is required as some states require this for entry.
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. 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.

6. 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.
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. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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:
 - i. CAN freeze brand or hot iron brand placed high on the right hip. Alternatively, a tattoo bearing the letters "CAN" applied to the inside of the left ear is also acceptable.
 - ii. Official Identification: Two official Canadian ear tags, (one RFID tag and the other a visual only tag with the same official animal number) are required.
 - b. Canadian Bison coming to NWSS for sale must have all of the following:
 - i. Official Identification: Two official Canadian ear tags, (one RFID tag and the other a visual only tag with the same official animal number) 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
2. BRUCELLOSIS –
 - a. Animals coming from the Designated Surveillance Areas of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming must have:
 - i. A negative Brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entry into Colorado or originate from a USDA certified free herd.
 - ii. Females must be Officially Calfhood Vaccinated (OCV).
3. TUBERCULOSIS

- a. No test required, unless they are coming from Michigan. 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.
- 3. TUBERCULOSIS – No test required.
- 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. 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. TRICHOMONIASIS - Exhibition bulls are exempt from testing if no potential breeding contact will occur while in Colorado.
- 4. IDENTIFICATION - Canadian cattle coming to NWSS for exhibition and returning to Canada must have:
 - a. CAN freeze brand or hot iron brand placed high on the right hip. Alternatively, a tattoo bearing the letters "CAN" applied to the inside of the left ear is also acceptable.

Official Identification: Two official Canadian ear tags, (one RFID tag and the other a visual-only tag with the same official animal number) are required.

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.

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 animals 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 Veterinarian’s Office for current Program requirements.
 - a. Goats that have a legible tattoo must be accompanied by a registration certificate showing a 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.

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:
 1. Be issued within 30 days.
 2. **Rabies vaccination:** Dogs over three months of age must have proof of current rabies vaccination including date of vaccination, vaccine manufacturer, and serial number.

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

