



2025 INTERSTATE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR FAIR ANIMALS

This document is a supplement to the Animal Health Requirements (AI-202) published for animals exhibited at New York county fairs and the Great New York State Fair. Its purpose is to **summarize** the import requirements that must be met for livestock entering New York destined for fairs. Please carefully review the Animal Health Requirements (AI-202). Note that individual county fairs may require rabies vaccination in species not required by the state. Contact the specific fair for their requirements. Fair contact information is available at www.nyfairs.org. Further assistance can be obtained by contacting the Division of Animal Industry (DAI) at 518-457-3502 or your State Veterinarian's office. You can also go to the following link on our department website for entry requirements:

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/animal-import-export> or <https://agriculture.ny.gov/farming/fairs>

EMERGENCY DISEASE REQUIREMENTS

Due to the ongoing Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak in both cattle and poultry, there are emergency import regulations and test requirements in effect. In addition, there are federal orders for dairy cattle in effect. These emergency conditions and test requirements must be met in addition to the Part 351 fair requirements to be admitted to the Great New York State and county fairs. These conditions may change at any time. It is **STRONGLY** recommended that you frequently review these regulations and federal orders for both poultry and cattle at our website:

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/farming/fairs>

INTERSTATE CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (ICVI)

An interstate CVI is required for cattle, horses, swine, sheep, goats, llamas/alpacas, deer/elk and misc. ruminants moving interstate. Extended Equine CVIs (EECVIs) are acceptable for horses. Note that interstate CVI's must be issued by a Category 2 accredited veterinarian.

A printed copy of the ICVI must be presented for animal check-in.

The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of CVI inspection. During the fair season, from July 1 through Labor Day, interstate CVI's can be used multiple times as long as the initial entrance to a NY fair is within 30 days of CVI inspection and the CVI is initialed by a NYS Agriculture and Markets official at the fair. Once the CVI has been initialed, it can be used for the rest of the fair season if no health issues arise. A change in health status or eligibility of an animal necessitates the generation of a new CVI. All documentation must accompany the animals. Animals not meeting the interstate and/or fair and any applicable emergency import requirements will not be allowed on the grounds. Individual official ID is required on all animals. Animals with incomplete or illegible ID will be rejected. Required rabies vaccination may be included on the health certificate.

HORSES

Horses can enter with a CVI. Horses 6 months of age or older must test negative for equine infectious anemia (EIA). The sample collection date for the **qualifying EIA test must be within 12 months prior to the date of entry to the fair**. The horse must be clearly and completely identified. Rabies vaccination is required for all horses 4 months of age and older on the date of admission to a fair. Vaccination must be within the past 12 months.



CATTLE – SEE EMERGENCY DISEASE REQUIREMENTS ABOVE

All cattle must be identified by an official USDA radio frequency identification (RFID) eartag, commonly referred to as an “840 RFID tag” or equivalent official RFID tag if the animal was tagged in another country.

All lactating dairy cattle must test negative for HPAI within seven (7) days prior to entering a fair or exhibition, including the New York State Fair, county fairs, or other exhibitions. The test must be conducted at a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) lab.

Cattle from all states must be test negative for BVD-PI with results and test date noted on the CVI. For cattle from the New England states, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania, no additional testing (other than the BVD-PI test and HPAI test for lactating dairy cattle) is required. For information on other states, you can contact DAI at 518-457-3971 or check the Department website at <https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/animal-import-export>.

Vaccination for rabies is required for all cattle 4 months of age or older on the date of admission to a fair. Vaccination must be within the past 12 months. Bovine respiratory disease complex vaccination is also required. Vaccinations must be documented.

SHEEP

Sheep can enter with CVI. All sheep must be identified by one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a legible USDA approved registration tattoo or 3) a legible USDA approved flock tattoo and individual animal ID number or 4) electronic implant device (microchip) if the sheep is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program, and/or the electronic implant ID is recorded on the sheep’s registration paper. For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824). The veterinary statement certifying the flock of origin was inspected with no evidence of contagious disease in the flock at the time of inspection is required.

Rabies vaccination is required for all sheep 4 months of age and older on the date of admission to a fair. Vaccination must be within the past 12 months unless a 3- year vaccination has been used. No regulatory tests are required for sheep.

GOATS

Goats can enter with CVI. All goats must be identified by one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a legible USDA approved registration tattoo or 3) a legible USDA approved herd tattoo and individual animal ID number or 4) electronic implant device (microchip) if the goat is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program and/or the electronic implant ID is recorded on the goat’s registration paper. For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824). The veterinary statement certifying the herd of origin was inspected with no evidence of contagious disease in the herd at the time of inspection is required. *Note that individual county fairs may require rabies vaccination.* No regulatory tests are required for goats.

SWINE

Swine can enter with CVI only. Swine must be identified by an official USDA approved ear tag. Radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tags, commonly referred to as “840 RFID tags,” are strongly recommended. *Note that individual county fairs may require rabies vaccination.* No regulatory tests are required for swine.



LLAMAS / ALPACAS

New world camelids attending a New York county or state fair must be accompanied by a CVI with animals individually identified by microchip or official ear tag. They must be test negative for BVD-PI with test date and results noted on the CVI. *Note that individual county fairs may require rabies vaccination.*

DEER/ELK (CERVIDAE)

CWD susceptible cervid species cannot be imported into New York. Non CWD susceptible species require a permit, CVI and proper identification. Prior to importing deer, contact the Cervid Program Manager at 518-457-3502.

POULTRY – SEE EMERGENCY DISEASE REQUIREMENTS ABOVE

Negative avian influenza and pullorum status is required for all poultry entering NY. Out of state poultry must be accompanied by the NPIP flock certificate if the flock is NPIP certified. Otherwise, a CVI is required. Poultry, with the exception of, doves and pigeons, must test negative for pullorum within 90 days prior to importation, if not from an NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Flock. In addition, all poultry must be 1) from a source flock in which 30 birds were tested negative for avian influenza within ten days prior to entry into New York State; or 2) from an NPIP U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean or NPIP U.S. Avian Influenza Clean Flock. For more information, contact DAI at 518-457-3971.

MISC. RUMINANTS

Certificate of veterinary inspection and official USDA approved ear tag. *Note that individual county fairs may require rabies vaccination.*