

General Rules and Regulations

Interpretation of Rules

1. The Tennessee Valley Fair management reserves to its Executive Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incidental to the Fair.

Delivery of Exhibits

2. The Fairgrounds will be open for the reception of exhibits beginning Wednesday prior to opening day of the Fair. **Check individual departments for dates and times exhibits will be received.**

Care of Exhibits

3. The Executive Director of the Fair shall have supervision and control of all exhibits and exhibitions during the Fair, whether in the buildings, arena or grounds, and reserves the right to prescribe the dimensions and regulate the position of all signs, to control the distribution of advertising matter and generally to direct the arrangement of articles on exhibition so far as same may be necessary to secure harmony and attractive appearance. All instructions shall come from him or through authorized officials.

Removal of Exhibits

4. At the conclusion of the Fair, the exhibitor must claim and take charge of their exhibit and supervise its removal. Exhibitors need to check individual department/classes for dates and times of removal. Early removal must be approved by the superintendent of the department.

Pedigrees and Health Requirements

5. No animal can be entered or exhibited as purebred unless the same has been recorded in the recognized books or record by their respective breeds, and exhibitors must produce certificates of registry at the request of the superintendent in charge any time during the Fair. See pages 10-11 for regulatory requirements.
6. TN Department of Agriculture Regulatory Services-Animal Health guidelines will be enforced. Any animal not meeting these regulations will be refused entrance or will be asked to leave. Entry fees will not be refunded. An accredited veterinarian will be available during check in.

Stalls and Pens

7. Stalls and pens will not be reserved unless application is accompanied by the required fee (if applicable). All applications for stalls or pens should be sent directly to Tennessee Valley Fair, either previous to or at the time entries are made. Stall and pen assignments will be made by the Department Superintendents.

Stall and Pen Fees

8. The following fees, per exhibit, will be charged for livestock

Stalls 4ft. wide for Open Beef & Open Dairy	\$13.00
Pens 6ft. x 6ft. for Open Sheep	\$12.00
Pens 6ft. x 6ft. for Junior Sheep	\$ 5.00
Goats (per head)	\$ 7.00
Fleece (each)	\$ 3.00
Poultry (each)	\$ 1.00
Rabbit (each)	\$ 2.00

Check Each Department For Late Entry Fee Charges

Exhibitors will purchase the number of stalls or pens to fill their needs. No extra stalls or pens will be free. Due to limited stall and pen space, early entries will be given priority. Please see Open Sheep Show Rules and Regulations regarding acceptance of entries. Stalls will be assigned to bona fide exhibitors only. Parties subletting stalls without permission of the Livestock Show Superintendent will thereby forfeit the same and stalls so forfeited will be subject to reassignment.

Show Ring

9. The Superintendents of the Livestock Departments will exclude entries from all competition should there be an embarrassing or unnecessary delay on the part of the exhibitors bringing the animals into the show ring.
10. Any person who shall enter stock or occupy a stall or pen therewith, and shall fail to show the same in the lot entered except on special permission of the Departmental Superintendent, shall be required to pay a penalty of not less than \$15 for each offense, and the stock so entered shall not be removed from the grounds until the fine is paid.

Judges and Awards

11. Exhibitors may not show more than two entries in any one lot of cattle or sheep unless otherwise noted.
12. The right is reserved to withhold the prizes awarded in every case in which it shall appear to the Fair that the regulations have not been complied with, or that fraud or deception has been attempted or when the article or animal is not worthy, and its decision shall be final and binding on all parties.
13. Judges are especially instructed not to award premiums to any animal or article because of its presence. It must be individually worthy. It is not the policy of the Fair to encourage indifferent production of any kind, or to distribute premiums equally among exhibitors, and no premium shall be awarded to any animal or article that does not possess high intrinsic merit.
14. When animals or articles are not deemed worthy, judges will refuse to award premiums, whether or not there is competition in the classes.
15. The single judge will be selected with the utmost care and, as far as possible, will be of national repute. The Fair, however, reserves the right to substitute the three-judge system should circumstances arise where it would prove of mutual benefit to the exhibitors and the Fair, and also to substitute other judges in the place of judges named.
16. Judges will apply to the Superintendent in charge of the department in which they are to act in all cases of doubt or difficulty.
17. Regard will be had to symmetry, size, form, action, constitution, vigor and general characteristics of the various breeds with reasonable allowance for age; due regard will also be paid to carriage, style and general refinement that denotes high breeding, points which while not weighing in the scale of points, add value to animals when being sold for breeding purposes. In groups encouragement will be given to uniformity of breed types.

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18. The Fair reserves the right to discriminate against both excessive obesity, which cannot be a profitable condition for breeding animals, and excessive leanness, in which condition animals are unfit for exhibition.
19. All animals must be shown and paraded as directed by the Superintendent or Judge, and any exhibitor refusing to comply with instructions of Superintendent or Judge or refusing to give any information required may be ordered from the ring, and stock excluded from the competition.
20. The ages of all animals must be given and satisfactorily verified, if required.
21. Evidence satisfactory to the superintendent of livestock, or the awarding judge, will be required that animals of breeding age shall show evidence of being with, or having dropped young within eighteen months prior to the Fair, and that males are not barren, and no award of premiums shall be made where there is unsoundness in breeding animals, and which is transmittable. The decision of the official veterinarian and judge as to soundness shall be final.
22. Any exhibitor attempting or in any way interfering with the judges during their adjudications will be promptly excluded from competition, and any premiums awarded will be withheld.
23. If any disrespect is shown to an award, or the awarding judges, by the exhibitor or his agent, he shall forfeit all awards made to him, and the superintendent or the official in charge shall report the same to the Executive Director.
24. The decision of awarding judges shall be final, and no appeal will be considered except in case of protest.
25. Judges in the several departments shall give the reasons, if desired, for their decisions, embracing the value and desirable qualities of the animals or articles to which the premiums are awarded. As the one great object of the Fair is to collect valuable information, upon subjects connected with livestock, agriculture and the industrial arts, the judges and superintendents are requested to gather all information possible from exhibitors in their respective departments, and make reports as complete as circumstances will permit. Reports of awards are to be made as early as possible after adjudications.
26. Judges will hand in their list of awards to the Superintendent or their representative as soon as possible and make their extended reports afterwards. Superintendents/Department Heads will hand in the list of awards to the Premium Department as soon as possible. Judges are requested to report fully upon all objects of merit or to make such recommendations as circumstances may suggest, but must not award extra prizes. Judges are requested to note in the judges' book all animals and articles examined by them, whether awarded premiums or not, and sign name.

Protests

27. All protests will be determined by the Executive Committee and must be in writing to the Executive Director, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the grounds for protesting.
28. Protest will not be considered unless they are accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00, which deposit will be forfeited to the Fair in the event the party fails to sustain its protest.

29. Protests against the exhibition of an entry must be filed at least two hours before the lot is judged and will be considered and determined before the judging of said lot.
30. Protests against an award must be filed within 24 hours after show on the day after the award is made, and will be to the Department Superintendent or Director.
31. Parties interested will be duly notified of the time and place for considering protests and given the opportunity to submit evidence.
32. In addition to the right of protest guaranteed above to interested parties, the Fair reserves the right to take cognizance of any fraud, consummated or attempted, and to deal with all reasons implicated therein in such manner within the limits of the Fair as may, from the evidence relating thereto, be deemed just and proper.

Payment of Premiums

33. Premiums in all departments will be paid by check and will be mailed within **three weeks** of the conclusion of the fair. Prize money will be mailed to address shown on the entry form. No claim that prize money has not been paid, or that there was a discrepancy in payment of money won, will be considered if made later than October 20. Checks not cashed within 60 days become void.

Liability

34. The Tennessee Valley Fair expressly refuses to assume any liability for injuries to any person or damage to any property coming upon the grounds of the Tennessee Valley Fair, and no claims for injury to any person or damage to property shall be asserted or suit instituted or maintained against the said Tennessee Valley Fair, its officers, agents, or employees for said cause by any person having privilege to exhibit or license to operate on the fairgrounds or occupying any space thereon, and it is a part of the consideration for each license or privilege granted by the Tennessee Valley Fair that such claims for injury or damage are specifically waived.
35. If any damage or injury or loss to persons or property shall be caused by reason of neglect or willful act of any person, firm or corporation, or their agents, representatives or employees, having license or permit to exhibit or operate a business or occupy space on the Tennessee Valley Fairgrounds, the Tennessee Valley Fair shall in no manner be responsible therefore, and in no case will be subjected to any expenses or liability. All persons causing same or are liable and therefore shall indemnify the said Tennessee Valley Fair.

Miscellaneous

36. These rules apply to all departments, except where noted and should be read by every exhibitor, who should govern himself accordingly. The Fair reserves to itself the sole and absolute right to construe its own rules and regulations and to determine arbitrarily all matters and differences in regard thereto, from which no appeal lies.
37. In the event of conflict of general and special rules, the latter will govern.

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38. All property of every character, whether entered for exhibition, display or sale, or any other purpose, will be taken into the grounds and buildings, and kept entirely at risk of the owner, who assumes all responsibility for any loss, damage, theft, or accident that may occur. Neither the Fair, its officers or agents, will be responsible for any such loss, damage or theft, and it is distinctly understood that exhibitors, concessionaires and all other persons, firms or corporations having property on the grounds and desiring protection from such loss or damage must make their own arrangements therefore.
39. The solicitation of Funds or the Distribution of handbills, political literature, religious pamphlets, or any type of promotional material is prohibited on Fair property, except advertising material handed out from within rented space. No sale of items of any type allowed on Fair property except from rented areas approved by the Executive Director. No solicitation of Funds within rented area unless approved by the Executive Director. No posting of signs or advertising materials will be allowed on the buildings, fences or grounds unless approved in writing by the management.
40. Animals are not permitted on the grounds unless they are part of an authorized show or exhibit. Guide dogs for the disabled are the exception.
41. No alcoholic beverages permitted on grounds.
42. Eating or smoking is not permitted in the barns. **No Cooking Will Be Allowed In The Barns.**

State Aid For Fairs

“From the funds appropriated by the General Assembly of the state of Tennessee for the purpose of aiding fairs in the payment of agricultural premiums, the Tennessee Valley Fair has been allotted its proportionate share by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.”
Julius Johnson, Commissioner

Important Notice to All Exhibitors

The Tennessee Valley Fair is not responsible for the loss, damage or theft of any products associated with any displays or exhibits. It is the responsibility of the individuals associated with the displays or exhibits to take the necessary precautions to be accountable or to secure all items with a high dollar value that are used in any display or exhibit.

Special Notice to Livestock Exhibitors

Parking

Special Notice: To eliminate major parking problems, all trailers and large trucks will be required to park in a designated area near fairgrounds. Area will be guarded, but trailers should be secured at the owner's risk. **Please make livestock deliveries through the Prosser Road Gate (Gate 5).**

Hours of Operation

The Fair will operate for a total of ten days. It will open to the public at 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 11th and will close at midnight Sunday, September 20th.

Cattle Shows

We are planning a two-day Dairy Cattle Show and will release dairy cattle to be followed by a three day Beef Cattle Show. However, the barns will be open to receive dairy cattle on Thursday, September 10th at noon. Livestock may be brought to the fairgrounds and released as specified under each Department and Class. However, all Dairy Cattle should be out of the barns by 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 14th and no Beef Cattle should arrive before noon, Tuesday, September 15th without prior approval of the Livestock Superintendent. Those on show circuit may come earlier and stay longer with the approval of the Fair Association for a cost of \$5.00 per head per day. This will help defer the additional cost of manure removal.

Livestock Entry Deadline: August 28, 2015

Due to the early printing of this Event Schedule, changes, errors, deletions or omissions may occur, in which case the Tennessee Valley Fair reserves the right to construe its own rules and regulations and to decide all matters and differences in regard thereto.

We welcome all our livestock exhibitors and will make every effort to see that your stay with us is pleasant and worthwhile for you!

New for 2015! All Exhibitors please read!

The Tennessee Valley Fair is no longer able to provide hay or straw for Exhibitors to purchase on the fairgrounds. All Exhibitors needing supplies please call the Knox Farmers Cooperative. Payments will be made directly to the Co-Op and supplies delivered to the Fairgrounds on your arrival day. Please see contact information below.

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IAFE - International Association of Fairs & Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residue. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, trainer and/or responsible persons for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

In the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medications, this shall be a prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animals shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of the rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of the code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

Tennessee Department of Agriculture Regulatory Services - Animal Health

Summary: Livestock Health Requirements for Fairs & Exhibitions

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I GENERAL:

- A. All stalls, pens, chutes, etc. located on the grounds of fairs and exhibitions shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with a disinfectant approved by USDA, APHIS between each scheduled fair or exhibition.
- B. All livestock (except poultry) which enter fairs and exhibitions shall be accompanied by an official veterinary health certificate with individual permanent identification or sufficient description to identify each animal. Certificates for this purpose shall be valid for ninety (90) days from date of issue. (Tennessee livestock only – out-of-state certificates are valid for thirty (30) days from the date of issue)
- C. No animal showing clinical signs of infectious or communicable disease shall be allowed to enter or remain on premises of fairs or exhibitions. It shall be the responsibility of the manager of each event to assure prompt removal of such animals.

II. Livestock And Poultry Originating Within The State of Tennessee

[Certificates of Veterinary Inspection Valid for a Period of Ninety (90) Days]

- A. Swine: All swine which enter fairs and exhibitions shall be accompanied by an official veterinary health certificate with individual permanent identification or sufficient description to identify each animal.
- B. Cattle: All cattle which enter fairs and exhibitions shall be accompanied by an official veterinary health certificate with individual permanent identification or sufficient description to identify each animal.
- C. Poultry:
 - (1) Sponsors of poultry shows or exhibitions shall notify the Tennessee Department of Agriculture at least thirty (30) days prior to show or exhibition.
 - (2) All poultry assembled at shows or exhibitions shall be accompanied by evidence of a negative test for Pullorum-Typhoid within ninety (90) days; or be tested on-site for Pullorum-Typhoid prior to exhibition following strict biosecurity procedures; or originate directly from a flock which has been certified as Pullorum Typhoid clean under The Tennessee Poultry Improvement Plan.
 - (3) Poultry found not to be in apparent good health shall be removed immediately from any show or exhibition.
- D. Horses & Other Equidae: Horses and other Equidae six (6) months of age and older must have a negative Equine Infectious Anemia test within the preceding twelve (12) months.
- E. Sheep:
 - (1) All sheep imported into or through Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official health certificate with 0080-2-1.02, and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.
 - (2) All sheep that move within the state with the exception of wethers under the age of 18 months that are produced for slaughter only, including for change of ownership, shows, fairs, expositions or slaughter shall be permanently individually identified by a method approved in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.
- F. Goats:
 - (1) Goats imported into or through Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official health certificate and be in compliance with 0080-2-1.02, and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.
 - (2) Goats imported into Tennessee for immediate slaughter to an approved slaughter establishment or to an approved livestock market for sale to a slaughter establishment shall only be required to have a transportation document and be in compliance with Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.
 - (3) All registered breeding goats, goats that have been commingled with sheep, goats for exhibition and dairy goats that move within the state, including for change of ownership, shows, fairs, expositions or slaughter shall be permanently, individually identified by a method approved in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.
- G. Camelids: Camelids must have an official veterinary health certificate as provided in Rule 0080-2-3-.01(1).
- H. Captive Cervidae: Captive Cervidae must have an official veterinary health certificate as provided in Rule 0080-2-3-.01(1).

III. Livestock And Poultry Originating Outside The State Of Tennessee

Livestock and Poultry entering fairs and exhibitions from areas outside the State of Tennessee shall be subject to current Tennessee import requirements. Please contact the state veterinarian's office regarding questions or recent changes to these rules. These interstate requirements are summarized as follows:

- A. All Species (except poultry) - Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection valid for thirty (30) days.
- B. Cattle: Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and additional requirements as follows:
 - (1) Tuberculosis: No requirements except from states having a tuberculosis culture positive in the last twelve (12) months.
 - (2) Brucellosis: Test eligible cattle - Intact male or female cattle eighteen (18) months or older. (Vaccinates and Non-vaccinates)
 - Certified Herds - No test requirements.
 - Class Free States - No test requirements.
 - Class A - Negative test within 30 days.
- C. Swine:
 - (1) Breeding Swine:
 - (a) 30 day negative test for pseudorabies, or
 - (b) Originate from Qualified Negative Pseudorabies Herd, or
 - (c) Originate directly from a herd in a Stage V (Pseudorabies-Free) State, and
 - (d) If four (4) months of age or older:

- (1) Negative test for brucellosis within thirty (30) days, or
- (2) Originate directly from a Validated Brucellosis-Free Herd, or
- (3) Originate directly from a Validated Brucellosis-Free State.
- (2) Feeding Swine: (a) 30 day negative test for pseudorabies, or
 - (b) Originate from Qualified Negative Pseudorabies Herd, or
 - (c) Originate from Pseudorabies Monitored Herd, or
 - (d) Originate from a herd in a Stage III, IV or V state in the National Pseudorabies Eradication Program.
- D. Horses And Other Equines - Animals six (6) months of age or older-negative equine infectious anemia (Swamp Fever) test within twelve (12) months.
- E. Poultry - Originate directly from a Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Flock, or be accompanied by evidence of negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within ninety (90) days.
- F. Sheep:
 - (1) All sheep imported into or through Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official health certificate with 0080-2-1.02, and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.
 - (2) All sheep that move within the state, including for change of ownership, shows, fairs, expositions or slaughter shall be permanently, individually identified by a method approved in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4
- G. Goats:
 - (1) Goats imported into or through Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official health certificate and be in compliance with 0080-2-1.02, and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.
 - (2) Goats imported into Tennessee for immediate slaughter to an approved slaughter establishment or to an approved livestock market for sale to a slaughter establishment shall only be required to have a transportation document and be in compliance with Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.
 - (3) All registered breeding goats, goats that have been commingled with sheep, goats for exhibition and dairy goats that move within the state, including for change of ownership, shows, fairs, expositions or slaughter shall be permanently, individually identified by a method approved in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.
- G Camelidae: Same requirements as for cattle.
- H. Cervidae: Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and additional requirements as follows:
 - (1) Brucellosis: Same requirements as for cattle.
 - (2) Tuberculosis:
 - (a) All cervidae shall originate in herds which have had a negative herd test for tuberculosis within twelve (12) months with a USDA approved single cervical test and individual imported animals shall be negative to the single cervical test within thirty (30) days of entry: or
 - (b) Animals not originating in tested herds as described above must test negative to two (2) single cervical tests at least ninety (90) days apart, the second test conducted not more than thirty (30) days prior to entry.

NOTE: (Contact an accredited veterinarian for further details of import rules.)

- IV. Fair association or exhibition or management shall inform exhibitors of the rules of this chapter, and shall notify the State Veterinarian or his agent of any violations. Exhibitors shall present evidence of compliance with this chapter to the State Veterinarian or his agent upon request.

These rules constitute a minimum legal standard and in no way restrict the right of fair and exhibition managers to establish additional or more stringent requirements.

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Tennessee Department of Agriculture

Special Comments:

1. It is expected that all exhibitors will bring only healthy animals to fairs and exhibitions. All animals are subject to being inspected after arrival at the show facilities and any with clinical signs of contagious disease will be sent home immediately. Certificate(s) of Veterinary Inspection are to accompany the animal(s) to the respective show.
2. Health certificates issued in satisfaction of these Tennessee Fair Regulations shall be good for **90** days for Tennessee livestock only.
3. Certificate(s) of Veterinary Inspection are to accompany all animal(s) to the respective shows with the exception of in-state Tennessee equine six (6) months of age and older must have a negative Equine Infectious Anemia test within the preceeding (12) months. Poultry assembled at shows or exhibitions should be accompanied by evidence of a negative test for Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days, or be tested on-site prior to exhibition following strict biosecurity procedures, or originate directly from a flock which has been certified as Pullorum-Typhoid clean under the Tennessee Poultry Improvement Plan. As part of increased awareness and surveillance for Avian Influenza and other poultry diseases, all bird's physical appearance should be assessed at the time testing is conducted.
4. Any "chick chain" birds that have been commingled with birds of unknown disease status must test negative for Pullorum-Typhoid prior to entry.
5. Please note that exhibition requirements for out-of-state livestock are the same as regular import requirements.
6. **Warts and ringworm are considered contagious and infectious diseases and are permissible exclusions only if considered inactive by the issuing veterinarian and noted as such on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
7. **Scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), footrot, cutaneous fungal and bacterial infections (i.e. club lamb disease, caseous lymphadenitis) are considered contagious and infectious diseases, and are permissible exclusions only if considered inactive by the issuing veterinarian and noted as such on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
8. **Fair officials are responsible** for ensuring that all animals entering fairs for exhibition be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and are in overall good health. Violations should be reported to the state veterinarian or his agent.