

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ANIMALS

Exhibitors at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows are required to comply with all of the statutory and regulatory provisions of the State of Michigan relating to animal health outlined in the Animal Industry Act, 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.701-287.747, and rules promulgated for the implementation and enforcement of the act.

1. **A person who discovers, suspects, or has reason to believe an animal is either affected by a reportable disease or contaminated with a toxic substance shall immediately report the fact, suspicion, or belief to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (daytime telephone: 800-292-3939; after hours: 517-373-0440).**
2. Livestock with clinical signs of infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease shall be removed from the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show or by permission of the director, shall be isolated on the premises.
3. A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority shall have an accredited veterinarian on call whenever there are animals on the premises.
4. All cattle, sheep, goats, swine and privately-owned cervids shall bear official USDA identification before they leave their home premises. Swine require official identification prior to being exhibited.
5. Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock.
6. A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority shall do all of the following:
 - a. Notify exhibitors of health tests and certificates required for importation and exhibition.
 - b. Examine and approve required official animal identification, health certificates, reports, test charts, certificates, or other required documentation before commingling with other animals.
 - c. Notify exhibitors whether or not poultry vaccinated against Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) are allowed in the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority.
 - d. Provide shipping arrangements for all swine exhibited that are to be removed from the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority facility for direct movement to slaughter or a livestock auction market as defined in Licensing Livestock Dealers, 1937 PA 284, MCL 287.121-287.131.
7. A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority may require additional testing or vaccination of animals before entry and during the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show.

8. Whenever an official test is conducted or an official vaccination is administered, livestock shall, unless exempted by the director, be permanently identified in a manner approved by the director.
9. Unless otherwise approved by the director, a facility for exhibition of livestock shall be constructed to allow sufficient separation of each exhibitor's livestock. The facility shall be constructed of a material that can be adequately cleaned and disinfected.
10. An exhibition building or yarding facility shall be cleaned and disinfected with an United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved disinfectant used in accordance with label instructions before livestock are admitted by removing from the premises all manure, litter, hay, straw, and forage from pens, runways, and show rings; and thoroughly disinfecting walls, partitions, floors, mangers, awarding facilities, and runways in a manner approved by the director. For a complete list of disinfectants, please refer to www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo.