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The term “livestock” refers to those species of animals used for human food and fiber or to those species of animals used for service to humans. Thus, “livestock” includes (but is not limited to) cattle, sheep, New World camelids (llamas, alpacas, vicunas, and guanacos), goats, bison, privately-owned cervids, ratites (cassowaries, kiwis, ostriches, and emus), swine, equine, poultry, aquaculture, and rabbits. However, “livestock” does not include dogs and cats.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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Exhibitors at state, county, and district fairs (along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows) are required to comply with all 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](#). All references to “animals” below include, but are not limited to, animals exhibited by 4-H and other youth, open classes, petting zoos, rodeos, circus animals, racing pigs, pony rides, and exotic animals.

1. **A person who suspects or confirms an animal is either affected by a reportable disease or contaminated with a toxic substance shall immediately report the case to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Animal Industry Division (MDARD AID) by calling 800-292-3939 (daytime telephone) or 517-373-0440 (after hours emergencies).**
2. Livestock with clinical signs of infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease, either at check-in or during the event, shall be removed from the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show. Alternatively, by permission of MDARD AID, such livestock may be isolated on the premises. An accredited veterinarian’s knowledge and advice may be sought out by an exhibitor or exhibition staff to assess an animal for clinical signs of an infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease.
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, bison, farmed deer, goats, and sheep shall bear official United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) identification before they leave their home premises. Swine require official USDA identification prior to being exhibited.
5. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to ensure that all test charts, official identification, and interstate certificates of veterinary inspection or other

movement documents required by this act accompany their animal(s) and that proof of fulfilling these requirements is provided to the director, fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority upon request.

6. A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority shall do all of the following:
 - (a) Notify exhibitors of the official identification, health tests, and [movement documents](#) required for importation into and exhibition in this state.
 - (b) Examine and approve required official identification, certificates of veterinary inspection, test charts, and other required documentation before displaying, exhibiting, or stabling the animals in the exhibition area or before commingling with other animals.
 - (c) Provide shipping arrangements for all exhibited livestock that are to be removed from the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show facility for direct movement to slaughter or to a market for livestock auction as that term is defined in [1937 PA 284, MCL 287.121 to 287.131](#).
 - (d) Notify exhibitors whether poultry vaccinated against infectious laryngotracheitis are allowed in the fair, exhibition, or exposition.
7. A fair or exhibition 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 by an accredited veterinarian, livestock shall, unless exempted, be permanently identified in a manner approved by MDARD AID.
9. Unless otherwise approved or waived by the director, all of the following apply to exhibition facilities:
 - (a) A facility for exhibition of animals shall be constructed in a manner to allow sufficient separation of each exhibitor's animals and to allow for sufficient separation of species. The facility shall be constructed of a material that can be adequately cleaned and disinfected.
 - (b) Animal housing shall be constructed and placed to provide adequate light and ventilation appropriate for the animals being housed.
 - (c) An exhibition facility and associated buildings shall be cleaned and disinfected with a state veterinarian-approved disinfectant used in accordance with label instructions before animals are admitted.
 - Virkon-S
 - Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxides (Accel, Intervention, or Rescue)
 - Bleach (such as Clorox) at a rate of 1:32, which is ½ cup (4 oz.) to one gallon of water. **Do not add ammonia to bleach/water mixture.**
 - Phenolic disinfectants (like Pinesol) for poultry equipment and coops
 - (d) Access to hand-cleansing facilities or hand-sanitizing methods shall be available in close proximity to each building that houses animals.
 - (e) Bedding used by livestock, feed waste, shipping containers, and other animal-associated waste shall be removed from the animal area and disposed of in a timely and responsible manner.
 - (f) An animal shall not be used as a prize at a carnival or a midway activity unless approved by the director.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OUT-OF-STATE EXHIBITORS OF ANIMALS

1. An animal imported for exhibition shall meet the [requirements for importation](#) of the applicable species and shall be accompanied by a copy of an official interstate health certificate or an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection that is issued by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.
2. An animal shall not be diverted to premises other than the destination site named on the documentation that accompanies the animal.
3. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that all test charts, official identification, official interstate certificates of veterinary inspection or other movement documents required by this act accompany the animals of the exhibitor and that proof of fulfilling these requirements is provided to the director, fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority upon request.

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CATTLE AND BISON

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All Cattle and Bison

1. All cattle and bison shall have USDA-approved official identification ear tags.
2. Recommend that all official identification of cattle be recorded at a fair, exhibition, exposition, show, or sale.

Michigan Exhibitors of Cattle and Bison

1. **All in-state cattle and bison moving to a fair, exhibition, show, or sale are required to have an official Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) ear tag.** All cattle and bison must be identified with an official RFID ear tag prior to movement from a premises. Official identification tags are specific to a premises and may not be transferred to other premises or used on cattle not included in the herd on the premises to which the tags were issued.
2. **Modified Accredited Zone (MAZ) and Presque Isle County:** All cattle 15 days of age and older from the MAZ (includes the entirety of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Oscoda counties) and Presque Isle County must also have an approved secondary identification tag. Exhibitors may contact the MDARD AID Atlanta Office at 989-785-5616 or 888-565-8626 for information on these tags.
 - **Movement Requirements for the MAZ and Presque Isle County:**
 - a. All cattle must originate from a herd that is Wildlife Risk Mitigated verified.
 - b. All cattle from a herd in the Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity area of the MAZ must come from a herd that is Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity verified, and the producer has a signed agreement with USDA Wildlife Services to participate in the Targeted Deer Removal program.
 - c. Cattle must comply with one of the following prior to movement:
 - i. Originate from a bovine tuberculosis (TB) accredited free herd, **OR**
 - ii. Originate from a herd that has completed a negative whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to movement, and complete a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement, **OR**
 - iii. Cattle less than 60 days of age may be moved without a bovine tuberculosis test if they originate from a herd that completed a whole herd TB test within 12 months prior to movement.
 - d. **Movement Certificate Requirements:** An official movement certificate must be obtained prior to movement of any cattle from any premises in the Modified Accredited Zone and Presque Isle

County. Cattle being transported must be accompanied by a movement certificate and the movement certificate shall be produced upon the request of a law enforcement officer or MDARD.

3. **Movement Requirements for the Accredited Free Zone (TB Free Zone)—excluding Presque Isle County:** This zone includes the remainder of Michigan outside of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, Oscoda, and Presque Isle counties. For movement, no bovine tuberculosis testing or movement certificates are required prior to movement.

Out-of-State Exhibitors of Cattle and Bison

1. Cattle imported into Michigan for exhibition shall be accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) prepared by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.
2. Cattle imported into Michigan for exhibition shall have USDA-approved official identification ear tags and the official ear tag numbers must be recorded on the interstate CVI.

There are no bovine TB or brucellosis testing requirements or brucellosis vaccination requirements for cattle or bison being imported into Michigan from states or areas officially designated as Tuberculosis Accredited Free and Brucellosis Class Free by USDA. If you are interested in bringing cattle into Michigan from states or areas that do not have these designations, please contact MDARD AID at 800-292-3939 prior to entry.

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Michigan Bovine TB Requirements by County

MAZ (Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Oscoda) and Presque Isle*

	ID	What TB Testing is Needed to Move**		Movement Certificates	Annual Surveillance Testing
		Wildlife Risk Mitigated (WRM)†	Non-WRM		
14 Days and Younger	RFID required - Secondary ID not required.	Must have had a whole herd test (WHT) within 12 months.		Required for all movements except direct to Northern Michigan Livestock (NML) on sale day.	All herds, except approved Freezer Beef, must annually test all: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cattle 12 months of age and older • Non-natural additions of any age • Cervids 6 months of age and older that have contact with cattle
15 - 59 Days	RFID with an approved Secondary ID is required.	Negative TB test within 60 days and originate from a herd that has had a whole herd TB test within 12 months.			
60 Days and Older	For herds approved by MDARD as Freezer Beef, RFID is required and Secondary ID is not required. Movement is direct to slaughter only.	Steers or spayed heifers only need to have a negative TB test within 60 days prior to movement. *All of the requirements detailed in this column will become effective for Presque Isle County beginning January 1, 2021 .			
Cattle Going to Slaughter	*These requirements are effective for Presque Isle County when TB testing after July 1, 2020 , and for movement certificates after July 1, 2021 .	No additional testing requirements.		*This requirement is effective for Presque Isle County beginning July 1, 2020 .	*These requirements are effective for Presque Isle County beginning January 1, 2021 .

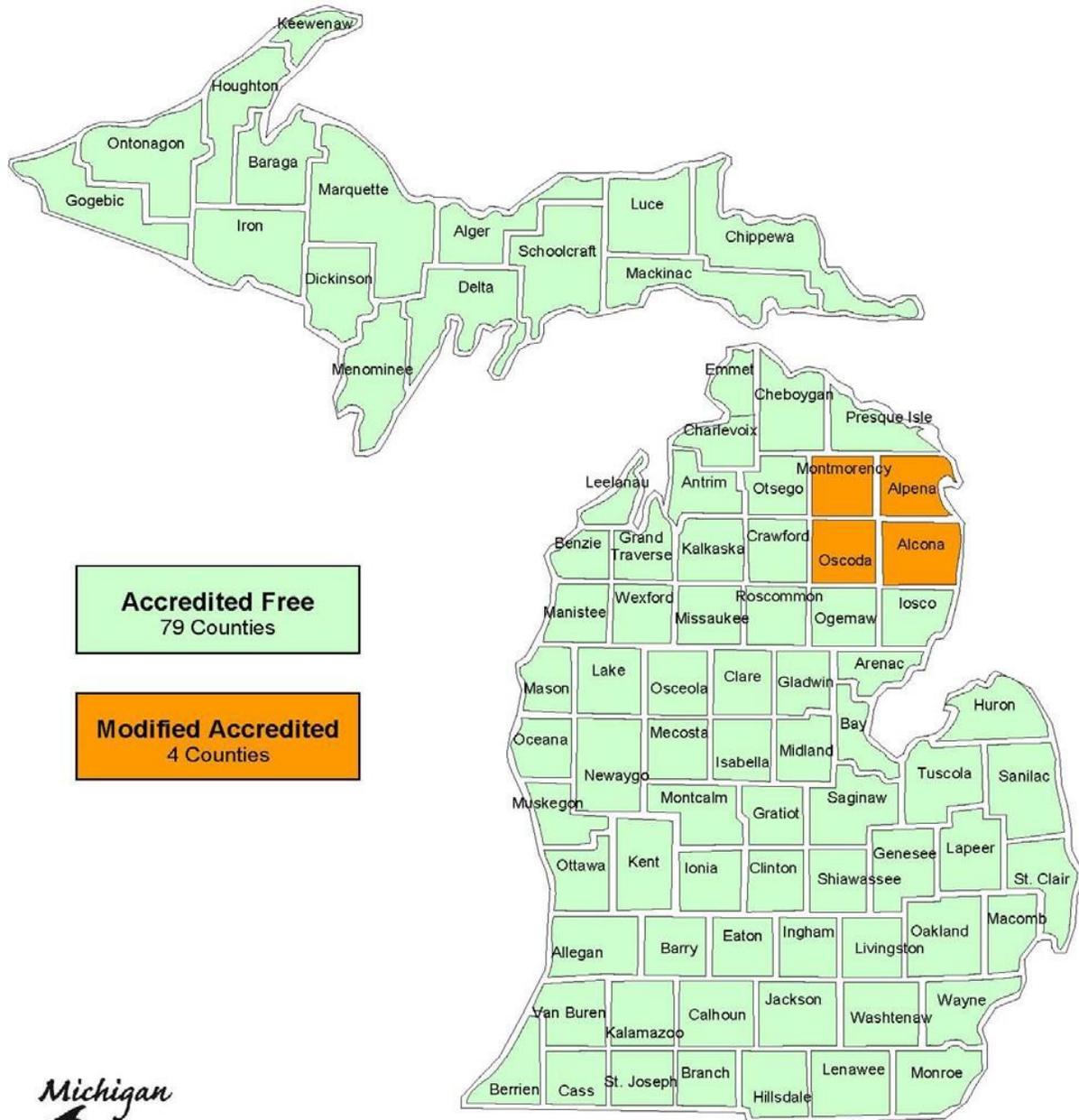
** USDA TB accredited herds are exempt from movement testing requirements. Freezer Beef herds must be approved by MDARD.

† In the Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity (EWB) area, producers must have a verified EWB plan and participate in the Targeted Deer Removal (TDR) program to ship cattle other than directly to slaughter.

Other Affected Counties - Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Otsego, Ogemaw, and Roscommon

	ID	Surveillance Testing
Cattle Moving Anywhere	RFID	150 randomly selected herds will be required to have a whole herd TB test. Herds will be selected annually beginning in April 2020. Testing will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cattle 12 months of age and older • Non-natural additions of any age • Cervids 6 months of age and older that have contact with cattle

Michigan Bovine Tuberculosis Zones



Accredited Free
79 Counties

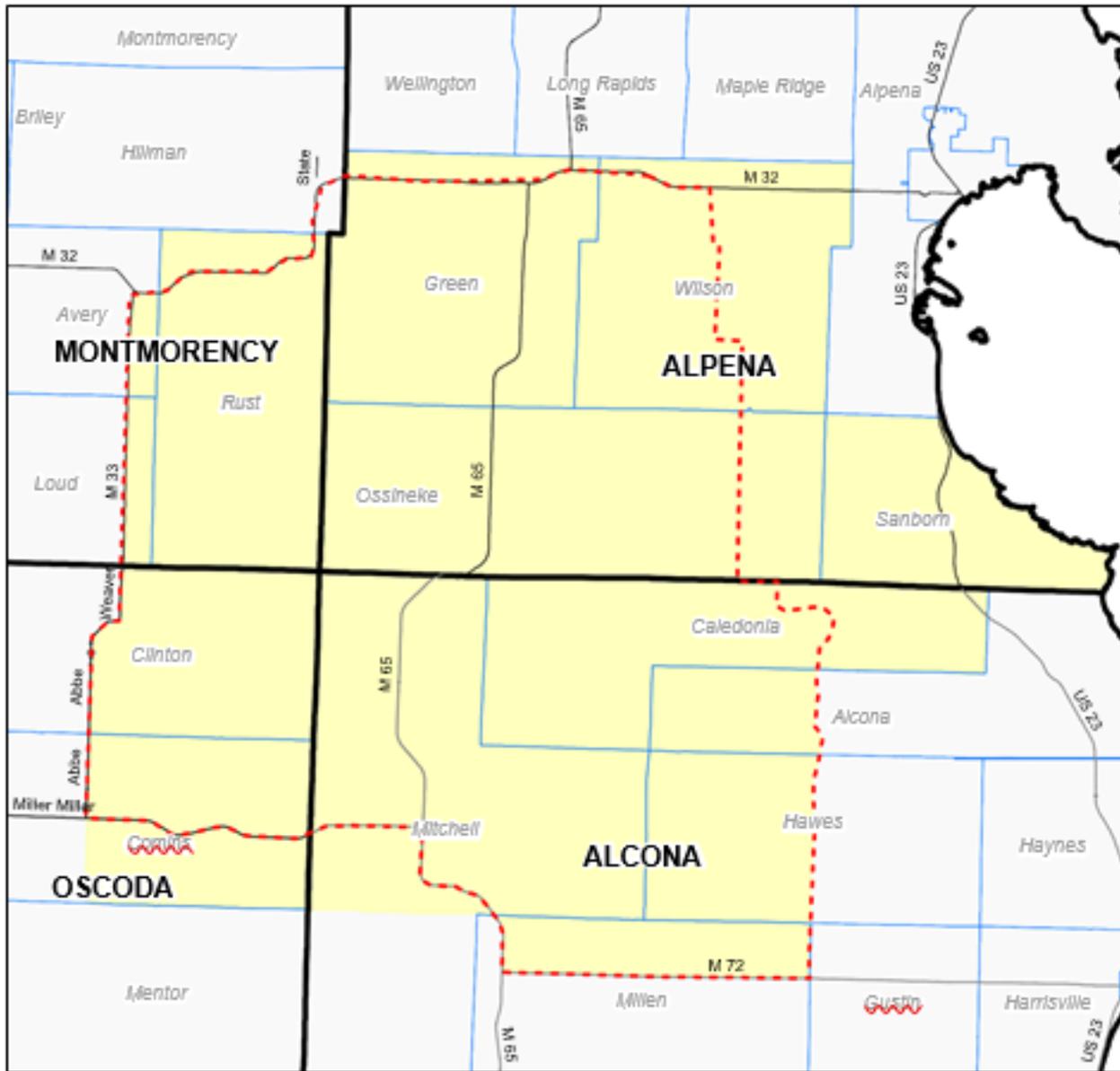
Modified Accredited
4 Counties



These zones are and have been in effect since October 13, 2014.

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Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Boundary



Legend

- Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Zone
- DMU 452
- County Boundary
- Township Boundary
- State Hwy



Map Created By: Emily Sewell,
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SHEEP

All Sheep

1. All sheep exhibited in Michigan shall be identified with an official United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) scrapie program identification tag.
 - a. USDA Scrapie Tag: Free metal scrapie tags are available on a limited basis through the USDA Veterinary Services-Michigan office at 517-337-4705.
 - b. An official neck strap or collar can only be used on animals that cannot be ear tagged due to absent or injured ears. Tagging in the tail web is unacceptable by the USDA.
 - c. 840 Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Ear Tag: Only specific types of RFID tags are approved for use in sheep and goats. Round RFID tags approved for sheep and goats are lighter and smaller in size than similar tags designed for other species. Using RFID tags approved for other species is not considered official ID for sheep and goats.
 - d. Microchip (EIDs): Use of microchips is strongly discouraged. This is not an accepted form of official ID for slaughter animals. There are many requirements to use a microchip as the sole official ID. For more details, contact the USDA Michigan office at 517-337-4705.
 - e. Tattoos are not accepted as a form of official identification for sheep at fairs and exhibitions in Michigan.
2. Do not remove official ID prior to weigh-in or showing. It is illegal to remove official USDA identification.

Michigan Exhibitors of Sheep

See general requirements for sheep. There are no specific in-state movement requirements.

Out-of-State Exhibitors of Sheep

Sheep imported into Michigan for exhibition shall be accompanied by a CVI prepared by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.

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GOATS

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All Goats

1. All goats shall be identified with official United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) scrapie program identification.

Official ID is:

- a. USDA Scrapie Tag: Free metal scrapie tags are available on a limited basis through the USDA Veterinary Services-Michigan office at 517-337-4705.
 - b. Legible Tattoo: Official breed registration tattoo (a copy of the registry certificate listing the tattoo must accompany the animal). Tattoos are not accepted as a form of official ID for slaughter animals.
 - c. An official neck strap or collar can only be used on animals that cannot be ear tagged due to absent or injured ears. Tagging in the tail web is unacceptable by the USDA.
 - d. 840 Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Ear Tag: Only specific types of RFID tags are approved for use in sheep and goats. Round RFID tags approved for sheep and goats are lighter and smaller in size than similar tags designed for other species. Using RFID tags approved for other species is not considered official ID for sheep and goats.
 - e. Microchip (EIDs): Use of microchips is strongly discouraged. This is not an accepted form of official ID for slaughter animals. There are many requirements to use a microchip as the sole official ID. For more details, contact the USDA Michigan office at 517-337-4705.
2. Do not remove official ID prior to weigh-in or showing. It is illegal to remove official USDA identification.

Michigan Exhibitors of Goats

See general requirements for goats. There are no specific in-state movement requirements.

Out-of-State Exhibitors of Goats

1. Goats imported into Michigan for exhibition shall be accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) prepared by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.
2. At this time, there are no tuberculosis testing requirements for out-of-state goats.

3. Goats entering this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements regarding brucellosis:
 - a. Goats entering Michigan for exhibition purposes only and returning to their state and premises of origin following the exhibition have no brucellosis test requirement.
 - b. Goats entering Michigan to remain in Michigan must meet the brucellosis test requirement as follows:
 - i. Goats more than six months old, except wethers, shall test negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days before importation, with the official results of the test recorded on the official CVI by the accredited veterinarian preparing the certificate, **OR**
 - ii. Goats must originate directly from a herd that is certified brucellosis-free and be recorded on the official CVI by the accredited veterinarian preparing the certificate.

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EQUINE

All Equine

1. All equine, except foals less than six months of age and nursing their dam, must present proof of a negative test to Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), (Coggins Test), conducted within the previous 12 months. An official EIA laboratory report constitutes such proof. Blood samples for EIA testing must have been collected by a USDA accredited category II veterinarian.
2. An owner of an equid or an organization sponsoring an event involving equids may require an official EIA test for the equids involved in an equid group activity or that are commingling with or in proximity to other equids.

Michigan Exhibitors of Equine

See general requirements for horses.

Out-of-State Exhibitors of Equine

1. Equine imported into Michigan for exhibition shall be accompanied by an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) prepared by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.
2. The interstate CVI must include the identification of each animal. Examples of identification include:
 - a. Digital photograph
 - b. Electronic identification (ex. ISO compliant microchip)
 - c. Detailed description (name, age, sex, breed, color, markings, and other types of markings such as scars, brands, tattoos, etc.)
3. All equine, except foals under six months of age and nursing their dam, being moved into the state must test negative to an official EIA test within the previous 12 months. The date, name of laboratory, accession number, and the results of the latest EIA test must be documented on the interstate CVI.
4. Quarter Horses must have a negative equine piroplasmiasis (EP) test, specifically c-ELISA for Theileria equi within 12 months, if coming to Michigan for racing, training for racing, or stabling for racing.

The date of test, negative result, and type of test must be provided on the CVI. Blood samples for EP testing must be collected by an accredited veterinarian and tested at an approved USDA laboratory.

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SWINE

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All Swine

1. All swine shall be identified with official USDA identification. **Note: Tattoos are not accepted as an official form of identification for swine at fairs and exhibitions in Michigan.**
2. **Swine at a fair, exhibition, exposition, or show that develop a fever of 105°F or greater must be immediately reported to MDARD AID at 800-292-3939 (during business hours) or 517-373-0440 (if after hours).**
3. Importation of swine vaccinated against pseudorabies is prohibited.
4. Importation of swine fed or exposed to raw garbage is prohibited.
5. A person shall not bring swine into this state from facilities where slaughter swine are handled, like auction sales or other collection facilities.
6. A person shall not import feral swine or any crosses of feral swine. “Feral swine” are defined as Eurasian or Russian Boars (*Sus scrofa* Linnaeus), Russian Boar crosses, or any swine that have lived part of their life as free roaming or not under the husbandry of man.
7. Russian Boars (*Sus scrofa* Linnaeus) and hybrids of Russian Boars are invasive species and possession of these animals is prohibited by state law. Questions about individual animals should be directed to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at 517-284-9453.

Michigan Exhibitors of Swine

All swine shall be identified with an official USDA identification (see options below). **Note: Tattoos are not accepted as official identification for any pigs at fairs/exhibitions in Michigan.**

Official Identification Options:

- National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) ear tag.
- Animal Identification Number (AIN) 840 ear tag.
- Ear tag with the 7-character federal premises identification number (PIN) or 6 to 8-character state location identification number (LID) of the premises of where the pigs originated, and a unique management ID number imprinted by the manufacturer.
- Pet Mini Pigs: When the mini pig’s size does not permit an ear tag, or when they are not part of a breed registry, the minipig may be identified with a microchip.

Out-of-State Exhibitors of Swine

1. Swine imported into Michigan for exhibition shall be accompanied by an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) prepared by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin and must have official identification.
2. All swine shall be identified with official USDA identification. Official identification must be recorded on the CVI. **Tattoos are not accepted as an official form of identification for swine at fairs or exhibitions in Michigan.**

Official Identification Options:

- National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) ear tag.
 - Animal Identification Number (AIN) 840 ear tag.
 - Ear tag with the 7-character federal premises identification number (PIN) or 6 to 8-character state location identification number (LID) of the premises of where the pigs originated, and a unique management ID number imprinted by the manufacturer.
3. Required Testing: Pigs that are considered *high-risk pigs* (see definitions below) must test negative for pseudorabies (PRV) and brucellosis within 30 days prior to importation. The testing information must be recorded on the CVI.

High-Risk Pigs:

- Pigs located in feral swine areas with management practices that allow for possible exposure, directly or indirectly, to feral pigs.
- Pet pigs that live indoors with their owners, are located in feral pig areas, and are allowed outdoors unattended, which allows for possible exposure (directly or indirectly) to feral pigs.

Low-Risk Pigs:

- Pigs continuously managed and housed in facilities and with practices that prevent exposure to high-risk or feral pigs.
- Pet pigs that live indoors with their owners, are not located in feral pig areas, and have a very low probability of exposure to feral pigs.

There is no PRV or brucellosis testing required for pigs meeting the definition of low-risk pigs.

- Instead, the following statement must be written on the interstate CVI: "These pigs meet the definition of low-risk pigs."

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POULTRY

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All Poultry

1. Includes the following: Chickens, guinea fowl, turkeys, waterfowl, pigeons, doves, peafowl, and game birds.
2. All poultry (except waterfowl, pigeons, and doves) shown at public exhibitions or expositions in Michigan shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - a. Originate directly from a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean flock and must present official documentation (a VS form 9-2 or 9-3 that is issued within 90 days of the exhibition) of flock status to the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority.
 - OR**
 - b. Have a negative official test for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid within 90 days before the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Salmonella pullorum-typhoid test status.
 - OR**
 - c. At check-in, if not part of an NPIP flock or tested within 90 days before the event, individual birds must test negative for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid at the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show prior to being caged and housed with other poultry.
 - d. **All birds, regardless of age, must follow the requirements for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid testing.**
3. Feed and water containers provided for exhibition coops shall be new or properly cleaned and disinfected.
4. To prevent disease spread among exhibited poultry, feed and water containers shall not be removed from the coop except for the purpose of cleaning.
5. An exhibition coop shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before and after each exhibition.
6. Primary enclosures shall provide adequate lighting for the poultry and for proper inspection of evidence of transmissible diseases.
7. Cage litter and bedding must be clean and shall be replaced daily, or as often as needed.

8. A shipping crate used for the shipment of birds by common carrier may not be used as an exhibition coop. Shipping crates shall be cleaned and disinfected on the day of arrival after the birds have been removed for exhibition and before being used again. Unless otherwise necessary, shipping crates shall not be stored in the exhibition area.
9. A bird should not be handled except by the exhibitor, attendant, fair veterinarian, MDARD staff member, or judge after the bird is placed in an exhibition coop.

Michigan Exhibitors of Poultry

See general requirements for poultry.

Out-of-State Exhibitors of Poultry

1. All poultry and other birds imported into Michigan for exhibition shall be accompanied by an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) from the state of origin or a "Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks, and Poults" (VS form 9-3 issued within 90 days of the exhibition) for participants in the National Poultry Improvement Plan.
2. Poultry vaccinated for infectious laryngotracheitis (ILT) shall not be imported into this state unless vaccinated using one of the following vaccines:
 - Vectormune®FP LT
 - Vectormune®FP LT+AE
 - Vectormune® HVT LT
 - Innovax® LT

Note: The interstate certificate of veterinary inspection must clearly identify the type of ILT vaccine used.

3. Must meet Salmonella pullorum-typhoid testing requirements listed above under general requirements for all poultry.

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RABBITS

All Rabbits

See general requirements for all animals.

Michigan Exhibitors of Rabbits

See general requirements for all animals. There are no specific in-state movement requirements.

Out-of-State Exhibitors of Rabbits

All rabbits imported into this state for exhibition require an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.

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CAMELIDS

All Camelids

The term “camelid” includes and refers to all New World (llamas, alpacas, vicunas, and guanacos) and Old World (Bactrian, dromedary, and Arabian) camels and llamas.

See general recommendations for all animals.

Michigan Exhibitors of Camelids

See general recommendations for all animals. There are no specific in-state movement requirements.

Out-of-State Exhibitors of Camelids

1. Camelids imported into Michigan for exhibition require an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.
2. Official Identification Options:
 - a. National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) ear tag (metal or plastic).
 - b. Animal Identification Number (AIN) 840 tag.
 - c. [Microchip \(EIDs\)](#). **Note:** Microchips implanted into animals of U.S. origin on or after March 11, 2015, must have a 15-digit number that begins with 840.
3. New World camelids entering this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements regarding brucellosis:
 - a. New World camelids entering Michigan for exhibition purposes only and returning to their state and premises of origin following the exhibition have no brucellosis test requirement.
 - b. New World camelids entering Michigan to remain in Michigan must meet the brucellosis test requirement as follows:
 - i. New World camelids more than six months old, except wethers, shall test negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days before importation. The official results of the test must be recorded on the official CVI by the accredited veterinarian preparing the certificate, **OR**
 - ii. Originate directly from a herd that is certified brucellosis-free and record it on the CVI by the accredited veterinarian issuing the certificate.

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CASSOWARIES, KIWIS, OSTRICHES, AND EMUS

All Large Birds

See general recommendations for all animals.

Michigan Exhibitors of Large Birds

See general recommendations for all animals. There are no specific in-state movement requirements.

Out-of-State Exhibitors of Large Birds

All cassowaries, kiwis, ostriches, and emus imported into this state for exhibition shall be accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.

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CERVIDS (FARMED DEER)

All Cervids

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See below requirements.

Michigan Exhibitors of Cervids

1. Cervids must meet current requirements contained within Act No. 466 of the Public Acts of 1988, as amended, the [Animal Industry Act](#), for movement of privately-owned cervids in Michigan.
2. Within five business days of the movement of privately-owned cervids, the owner shall notify the department of the following information:
 - a. The complete names, telephone numbers, and physical addresses of the consignor and consignee; the address of the premises of the animals to be moved; and the physical destination address if different from the consignee address.
 - b. A description of the animals by breed, sex, age, and individual official identification number, as determined by the director.
3. All live privately-owned cervids moving from one premises to another within this state shall be officially identified with identification approved by the director. Identification shall be in compliance with [Public Act 190 of 2000](#), Privately Owned Cervidae Producers, and the operational standards for registered privately-owned cervid facilities.
4. All live privately-owned cervids six months of age or older moving from one premises to another within this state, except those consigned directly to a state or federally inspected slaughter facility, shall comply with one of the following:
 - a. Originate directly from an official tuberculosis accredited, qualified, or monitored herd (as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture) and be accompanied by a copy of the current official letter from the department verifying herd status; **OR**
 - b. Originate directly from a herd that has received an official negative tuberculosis test of all privately-owned cervids 12 months of age or older and all cattle and goats six months of age or older in contact with the herd within 24 months before movement; **OR**
 - c. Receive an individual negative official test for tuberculosis within 90 days before movement **AND** a negative official whole herd test within 120 months before movement, **AND** be accompanied by a copy of the official

- tests for tuberculosis verifying that testing; **OR**
- d. Be isolated from all other animals until it receives two official negative tuberculosis tests conducted not less than 90 days apart, with the first test conducted not more than 120 days before movement.
5. All live privately-owned cervids **less** than six months of age moving from one premises to another within this state, except those consigned directly to a state or federally inspected slaughter facility, must comply with one of the following:
- a. Originate directly from an official tuberculosis accredited, qualified, or monitored herd (as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture) **AND** be accompanied by a copy of the current official letter from the department verifying the herd status; **OR**
 - b. Originate directly from a herd that has received an official negative tuberculosis test of all privately-owned cervids 12 months of age or older and all cattle and goats six months of age or older in contact with the herd within 24 months before movement; **OR**
 - c. Originate directly from a herd that has received an official negative tuberculosis test of all privately-owned cervids 12 months of age or older and all cattle and goats six months of age or older in contact with the herd within the 120 months before movement **AND** be accompanied by an official permit for movement of privately-owned cervids less than six months of age within this state and remain at the destination stated on the permit until it receives an official negative tuberculosis test when it reaches six months of age, but not more than eight months of age.
6. For purposes of this section, the age of the privately-owned cervids shall be determined by the age placed on the official permit for movement of privately-owned cervids less than six months of age within this state. A copy of the official test for tuberculosis and a copy of the official permit for movement of privately-owned cervids less than six months of age within this state shall be forwarded to the department within 10 days following completion of the testing.
7. Cervids may not move from a facility under quarantine.

Out-of-State Exhibitors of Cervids

Effective April 25, 2002, a moratorium on all live cervid imports is in place. Since 2011, some cervid importation has been allowed on a case-by-case basis. An importation application is available at [MDARD cervidimportation](#).

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NATIVE TO MICHIGAN WILDLIFE OR EXOTIC, CIRCUS, AND ZOO ANIMALS

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All Native Wildlife or Exotic, Circus, and Zoo Animals

1. The term “exotic animal” refers to a species of animal that is not native to the United States.
2. Large carnivores (lions, tigers, cougars, cheetahs, jaguars, leopards, panthers, and bears) on display (mobile zoos) shall meet all the following:
 - a. Be owned by a person who resides in Michigan. **Out-of-state exhibitors cannot import large carnivores into the state of Michigan.**
 - b. **The public cannot have direct physical contact with large carnivores under 20 weeks of age, such as touching, petting, or holding the animals to have photographs taken. Additionally, large carnivores over 20 weeks of age shall be further confined, as to not pose a risk of harming the public.**
 - i. *Exception:* Individuals in possession of a bear on March 26, 2013, or acquiring a business that was in possession of a bear on this date may allow direct contact with bears if the bear is less than 36 weeks of age or weighs 90 pounds or less.
 - c. Be cared for according to the standards in the Animal Welfare Act.
 - d. The person possessing the animals **must** have and maintain a USDA Class C license. Also, within the previous five years, the person must not have had an animal confiscated or been issued one of the following:
 - i. A finally determined direct or critical non-compliance to a civil penalty (including a cease-and-desist order),
 - ii. A monetary penalty, **OR**
 - iii. A license suspension or revocation by USDA Animal Care.
 - e. Not be bred unless licensed by MDARD; or if a black bear, meets [specific requirements](#) of the law.
 - f. Not be sold, except as approved under state law. For information on when large carnivores can be sold, please contact MDARD AID at 800-292-3939.
 - g. The primary purpose of the business is to display animals for education or exhibition purposes.
3. Additionally, contact the Michigan DNR for regulations about animals native to Michigan being exhibited and/or imported 517-284-9453.

Michigan Exhibitors of Native Wildlife or Exotic, Circus and Zoo Animals

See above requirements. With the exception of privately-owned cervids, there are no specific in-state movement requirements for native wildlife or exotic, circus, or zoo animals.

Out-of-State Exhibitors of Native Wildlife or Exotic, Circus, and Zoo Animals

1. Native wildlife or exotic, circus, and zoo animals imported into Michigan for exhibition shall be accompanied by an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.
2. It is illegal to import wild turkeys or turkey hybrids or their eggs, mute swans or their eggs, skunks, raccoons, wild rabbits, and wild hares.
3. If the exotic, circus, or zoo animal is one of the following species, then it must meet the requirements for that species:
 - a. Camels/llamas, cattle and bison, horses, goats, poultry, sheep, and pigs.
4. ***For Elephants:***

Category A Elephants: Elephants that have never had a positive trunk washing, a positive DPP test, or been known to be exposed to *M. tuberculosis* within the past five years.

- For Category A elephants, the CVI must contain the following statement:

“Elephant(s) listed have no known exposure to a *M. tuberculosis* within the past five years, and have never tested positive on the DPP test, nor have they ever received any type of anti-mycobacterial treatment.”
- Additionally, Category A elephants must have the following test:

Negative culture from triple trunk washing done within the last 12 months prior to the date of entry into Michigan. This must be written on the interstate certificate of veterinary inspection.

Category B Elephants: Elephants that have never had a positive trunk washing, but they have had a positive DPP test in the past or have been exposed to *M. tuberculosis* within the past five years.

Category C Elephants: Elephants that have had a positive trunk washing at some point.

If seeking to import a **Category B** or **C elephant**, please contact MDARD AID at 800-292-3939.

5. MDARD AID may require compliance with any of the following prior to the importation of an exotic, circus, or zoo animal species not regulated by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States Department of Interior or the Michigan DNR:
 - a. Physical examination by an accredited veterinarian to be conducted after importation to determine the health status, proper housing, husbandry, and

- confinement of any animal permitted to enter this state.
- b. Negative test results to specific official tests required by the director within a time frame before importation into this state as determined by the director.
 - c. Identification prior to importation in a manner approved by the director.
 - d. A prior entry permit.
6. A native wildlife animal or exotic, circus, or zoo animal species permitted to enter this state shall receive housing, feeding, restraining, and care.
 7. A person shall not import feral swine or any crosses of feral swine into this state for any purpose without permission from the director.
 8. A person shall not own, possess, transfer ownership of, or import wolf dogs, lions, leopards, jaguars, tigers, cougars, panthers, cheetahs, or bears into Michigan, except as approved under state law. Out-of-state exhibitors cannot import lions, leopards, jaguars, tigers, cougars, panthers, cheetahs, or bears into Michigan. For more information, please contact MDARD AID at 517-284-5688.
 9. A permit is required to possess certain native wildlife species. Contact the DNR Permit Specialist at 517-284-6210 for more information.

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CHECKLIST FOR FAIR STAFF

- Report any suspected or probable reportable diseases or toxicities to the State Veterinarian at 800-292-3939 or (if after-hours) at 517-373-0440.
- Remove or isolate any animals with clinical signs of infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease. An accredited veterinarian's knowledge or advice may be sought by the exhibitor or exhibition staff to assess for clinical signs of an infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease.
- Have an accredited veterinarian on call whenever animals are on the premises.
- Ensure that all cattle, bison, sheep, goats, swine, camelids, and cervids have official identification.
- Notify exhibitors of health tests for exhibition.
- Confirm that all animals shown by out-of-state exhibitors are accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) or other approved movement document.
- Notify exhibitors of importation requirements.
- Examine and approve official identification (ID), test charts, movement certificates or CVIs, and/or reports required for exhibition before the animals can be stabled, exhibited, or commingled with other animals.
- Recommend that official ID numbers are recorded for all exhibited animals.
- Ensure that all facilities and equipment are constructed of material that can be adequately cleaned and disinfected.
- Confirm that animal housing is constructed and placed to provide adequate light and ventilation appropriate for the animals being housed.
- Clean and disinfect all facilities and equipment before and after an event.
- Provide adequate water and food to animals.
- Ensure hand-cleansing facilities or other hand-sanitizing methods are in close proximity to each building that houses animals.
- Confirm that animals are not being used as prizes at a carnival or a midway activity unless approved by the director.

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CHECKLIST FOR ANIMALS

HORSES:

- Proof of negative test for EIA (Coggins Test) within the last 12 months, except foals under six months of age and nursing their dam.
- Quarter Horses must have a negative EP test, specifically c-ELISA for *Theileria equi* within 12 months, if coming to Michigan for racing, training for racing, or stabling for racing.
- Interstate CVI if exhibitors are coming from out-of-state.
- Must be identified via a complete description, electronic identification, or digital photograph if coming from out-of-state, generally on the Coggins Test chart.

GOATS:

- Must be identified with official USDA scrapie program identification.
- Interstate CVI if exhibitors are coming from out-of-state.
- Must meet brucellosis testing requirements if coming from out-of-state and staying permanently in Michigan.

SHEEP:

- Must be identified with official USDA scrapie program identification. **Tattoos are not an accepted form of official ID for sheep at fairs and exhibitions in Michigan.**
- Interstate CVI if exhibitors are coming from out-of-state.

SWINE:

- Must be identified with official identification. **Tattoos are not accepted as an official form of identification for swine at fairs and exhibitions in Michigan.**
- Swine at a fair, exhibition, exposition, or show facility with a fever >105°F is reportable to MDARD AID at 800-292-3939 or after-hours at 517-373-0440.
- Interstate CVI if exhibitors are coming from out-of-state.
- No Russian Boars (*Sus scrofa* Linnaeus) and hybrids of Russian Boars can be imported or exhibited.

POULTRY:

- Meet pullorum testing requirements.
- If birds come to the fair untested for pullorum, they must test negative for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid before being caged and housed with other poultry.
- Interstate CVI or a “Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks, and Poults” (VS form 9-3 issued within 90 days of the exhibition) if exhibitors are coming from out-of-state.
- Do not share feed and water containers between birds in different enclosures.

CATTLE:

- Must be identified with official USDA ID.
 - For Michigan cattle, this is a RFID ear tag.
- Meet tuberculosis testing requirements for movement within Michigan (see table on [page 9](#)).
- Interstate CVI if exhibitors are coming from out-of-state.

CERVID:

- Must be identified with official USDA ID and additional unique individual ID.
- Meet tuberculosis testing requirements.

NATIVE WILDLIFE OR EXOTIC, CIRCUS AND ZOO ANIMALS:

If exhibiting large carnivores (bears, cheetahs, cougars, leopards, lions, jaguars, panthers, and tigers), an exhibitor:

- Must be a resident of Michigan. **Out-of-state exhibitors cannot import large carnivores into Michigan.**
- Must be primarily presenting the animals to the public for education or exhibition purposes.
- Shall be currently licensed with USDA Animal Care.
- Must not have had an animal confiscated, been issued a finally determined direct or critical non-compliance to or a civil penalty (including a cease-and-desist order), a monetary penalty, or a license suspension or revocation by USDA Animal Care within the prior five years.

- Shall not sell large carnivores in Michigan, unless selling to another exhibitor licensed with USDA Animal Care.
- Shall care for animals in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act.
- The public cannot have direct physical contact with large carnivores, under 20 weeks of age, such as touching, petting, or holding the animals to have photographs taken. Additionally, large carnivores over 20 weeks of age, shall be further confined as to not pose a risk of harming the public.
 - Exception: individuals in possession of a bear on March 26, 2013 or acquiring a business that was in possession of a bear on this date, may allow direct contact with bears if the bear is less than 36 weeks of age or weighs 90 pounds or less.
- Interstate CVI if exhibitors are coming from out-of-state.
- Contact DNR about any animals native to Michigan being imported.
- Category A Elephants need proof of negative culture for *M. tuberculosis* via a trunk washing within 12 months prior to importation **and** have the required statement that the animal(s) has/have not been exposed to or treated for *M. tuberculosis* and have never tested positive on the DPP test.
 - Category B & C Elephants: Contact MDARD AID at 800-292-3939.

OTHER ANIMAL EXHIBITS:

- Interstate CVI if coming from out-of-state.
- Petting zoo and rodeo animals must comply with all health and identification regulations.
- Equids used in petting zoos, rodeos, or pony rides must have proof of negative tests for EIA (Coggins Test) within the last 12 months.
- Dogs 12 weeks of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies by an accredited veterinarian if coming from out-of-state.
- Ferrets 12 weeks of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian.
- Ferrets 8 weeks of age or older must be currently vaccinated against distemper if coming from out-of-state. Ferrets under 6 weeks of age must not be imported into Michigan unless imported with their mother.

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

DNR: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

EIA: EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA

ID: IDENTIFICATION

ILT: INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS

CVI: CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (HEALTH CERTIFICATE)

EP: EQUINE PIROPLASMOSIS

EWB: ENHANCED WILDLIFE BIOSECURITY

MDARD: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

MAZ: MODIFIED ACCREDITED ZONE

NUES: NATIONAL UNIFORM EARTAGGING SYSTEM

PIN: PREMISES IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

PRV: PSEUDORABIES

RFID: RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICE

TB: TUBERCULOSIS

USDA: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WRM: WILDLIFE RISK MITIGATED

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