

**AG EXHIBITOR INFORMATION**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**NOTE: All premiums will be mailed within ten days of the show.**

The following are some general information for livestock exhibitors that will assist you in planning your trip to the show. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Director of your show.

1. **Livestock barns** - Barns measure 40' x 200' and have open sides (no walls), except for barn #6, which is enclosed. Barn #6 houses the small animals (rabbits, cavy, etc) and poultry. Although barns are well ventilated, since it is August, you are encouraged to bring fans and 50' extension cords.

**There will be no food or drink allowed in livestock barns 1-6, the livestock show arena, the milking parlor, or any other structure in the agricultural area which contains livestock, poultry or animals of any kind.** All 4-H members and their families are required to follow these rules. Any 4-H members or family members who disobey these rules will be subject to the following:

Offense #1: Removal of 4-H passes for children and parents, withholding of premiums, and a penalty charge of \$250.00.

Offense #2: Penalty charge of \$500.00 and removal of exhibitors' animals from Fairgrounds.

Any open show exhibitor or family member who disobeys this rule will be subject to the following:

Offense #1: Withholding of premiums and a penalty charge of \$250.00.

Offense #2: Penalty charge of \$500.00 and removal of exhibitors' animals from Fairgrounds.

This year the rules will be enforced. It will be the responsibility of 4-H leaders and open show directors to monitor their groups.

Judges are permitted to have bottled water in the livestock show area during their show. Bottles must have cap when not in use.

2. **Your Housing** - If you plan to stay overnight, there are a number of motels within 20-30 minutes. (See back cover for listing) Be sure to make a reservation soon. There are also a number of "hook-ups" for campers or RV's. If you plan to camp, please indicate it on your application so we can reserve a spot for you.
3. **Security** - Gates on the ends of the barns are closed during the night and security personnel patrol the fairgrounds.
4. **Restrooms & Showers** - A reserved restroom and shower facility are available for exhibitors. They are located adjacent to the Agricultural Food Booth.
5. The New Jersey State Fair® is not responsible for omissions or printing errors
6. All exhibits must remain on display at the Fairgrounds until 7:00 pm on Sunday, August 15th, unless otherwise noted.
7. **Dog, Pet, and Exotic Animal Policy** - Dogs, Pets, and Exotic Animals – None allowed with the following exceptions:
  - a.) When they are a part of an approved exhibit, show or display and are controlled
  - b.) Handicapped persons requiring trained and controlled animal assistance
  - c.) Livestock exhibitors
  - d.) Horse Show exhibitors
  - e.) Concessionaires/carnival living area.

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO LEAVE YOUR PET IN A CAR OR SIMILAR VEHICLE.**

Permits must be filed for the above exceptions for the full time the animal will be on the grounds. The Dog, Pet and Exotic Animal permit may be found on the Exhibitors page of our website. Please send permits with your entries, when possible. Otherwise, you must file permits with your department chairperson. You will be given a copy as proof of filing. Please come to the Agricultural office in the Administration building to pick up your copy.

**Rules for the preceding exceptions**

1. The PERMIT must be presented by the person controlling the animal at the request of any fair official or representative.
2. All animals must be on a leash or confined at all times and controlled by an adult. Animals used for Fair approved demonstrations (i.e.-accompanying carriages, herding sheep, etc.) may be unrestricted while they are doing their performance, but must be controlled by an adult.
3. Animals must remain in the specific area they are cleared to (i.e.-horse stall or trailer area, cow or sheep barn, etc.)
4. Animals must not be walked around the other parts of the Fair Grounds nor in the vicinity of a crowd in their area or near any food concessions.
5. Handicapped persons requiring trained and controlled animal assistance (i.e.-Seeing Eye dogs) may be excused from rules 2,3, and 4, but must have a permit.
6. Animal's owner is responsible for clean-up of all wastes generated by the animal(s).

## NJ STATE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Any exhibitor showing at the The New Jersey State Fair<sup>®</sup>, Sussex County Farm & Horse Show must be in compliance with the New Jersey Division of Animal Health recommendations for New Jersey fairs, shows and sales. All animals must be free from infectious or contagious diseases. The recommendations made are in keeping with good management practices to minimize the risk of disease introduction and spread, with specific recommendations for Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) prevention. New Jersey Department of Agriculture's (NJDA) Animal Health staff along with veterinarians, farmers, and producers is encouraged to remain vigilant for any signs of unusual diseases in an animal, flock, or herd.

### Specific signs that may indicate exposure to an infectious or toxic agent include:

1. Excessive discharges from body orifices
2. Off-feed or weight loss
3. Skin lesions including blisters, pustules or discoloration around animal's mouth, nose, teats or hooves
4. Abnormal behavior; excessive vocalization, depression
5. Excessive urination, excessive salivation; excessive tearing
6. Lameness, off balance, falling down, difficulty rising; circling, partial or complete paralysis
7. Muscle tremors, seizures
8. Sneezing, open mouthed breathing, gasping for air, nasal discharge, coughing, difficulty breathing
8. Diarrhea, vomiting, constipation, excessive dry manure
10. Twisting of head and neck
11. Foaming at mouth or nose
12. Head pressing, stargazing, no menace response, uneven pupil sizes
13. Drooping wings, feather or hair loss, excessive loss of mane and tail hairs
14. Partial to complete drop in egg production, production of thin-shelled eggs
15. Swelling of tissues around eyes, neck or legs; cloudiness of eyes
16. Abortions, still births, weak neonates
17. Abnormal body temperature
18. Unusual ticks or maggots
19. Staggering, falling or central nervous system disorders.

If you observe any of the above symptoms or suspect a disease transmission, contact your veterinarian, NJDA's State Veterinarian at 609-292-3965 or USDA's Veterinary Services at 609-259-8387 IMMEDIATELY.

All animals will be inspected by an accredited Veterinarian prior to entering the fair. It is the discretion of the veterinarian in charge to allow animals to enter and remain on the fair/show grounds. (PLEASE NOTE: NO animals will be permitted to off load without a health check, if you arrive at a time there is no Vet available you will not be allowed to unload your animals. \*In addition to the regular health papers required by our Fair . . . ALL sheep and goats to be shown at this fair shall also be identified by USDA official identification (ear tag and/or approved registry tattoo) in compliance with the federal regulations regarding the Scrapie Eradication Program.)

Any animals showing obvious clinical signs of warts, ringworm, foot rot, parasites, pink eye, draining abscesses or open wounds must not be exhibited or allowed to remain on the fairgrounds.

A valid (official) certificate of Veterinary (CVI) examination signed by an accredited Veterinarian must accompany LIVE-STOCK. For example Veterinarian Certificate for sheep must state that all livestock originate from a flock observed by a veterinarian and the flock has been found to be free of foot rot, sore mouth, or any other infectious or contagious diseases. All sheep must be individually identified by flock or registration number in the ear and listed on the health certificate. The official NJ Certificate of Veterinarian Examination is valid for 30 days in New Jersey. For bovine, calfhood vaccination is not required for all Northeast animals. All eligible livestock species should be current on rabies vaccination.

Any food animal should have a Drug Use Form accompanying it to the fair. This form will certify that the market animal is free of any medication – which means that the animal has not been treated with drugs, or the animal does not contain a drug for which the withdrawal period has not yet elapsed per label directions. If the animal has received drugs for medications for which the withdrawal period has not yet elapsed, this must be documented on the form. The animal identification, drug name, date(s) of administration, the route of administration and the drug withdrawal time prior to slaughter must be documented.

LIVESTOCK FROM OUT OF STATE entering New Jersey must be in compliance with NJ health requirements & regulations. An official health certificate approved by the state of origin must accompany livestock entering NJ. Animals must also be in compliance with General Requirements, and inspected by an Accredited Licensed Veterinarian approved by the Animal Health Official from the state of origin.

**Animal Health Certificates (AHC) – may only be used for animals native to New Jersey attending New Jersey fairs/shows. An AHC is NOT VALID for interstate shipment of animals.** An AHC can be issued by a veterinarian (prior to the fair/show) and signed by both the veterinarian and the animal owner. Based on his/her knowledge and judgment, the examining veterinarian must indicate on the form whether the AHC is valid for 30, 60, or 90 days from the date of examination. Animals listed on the AHC must be identified by an ear tag, tattoo, or other permanent identification.

**Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs)** - CVIs are completed and signed by veterinarians for animal being transported interstate. (i.e. Pennsylvania to New Jersey) **CVIs are valid for 30 days** from the date of examination. Veterinary Services (VS) Form 9-3 (Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks and Poultry) or Form 9-2 (Flock Selecting and Testing Report) may be used for poultry in lieu of the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. The official CVI shall include the following:

- Complete name and address of exhibitor
- Origin of the livestock
- Complete name and address of the fair/show
- Destination of the livestock
- Description of the livestock. Cattle and swine shall be identified by electronic ID, ear tag, tattoo or registration name and number. Horses shall be identified by physical description and/or tattoo. Sheep and goats shall be identified by USDA approved official identification (ear tag and/or approved registry tattoo). For questions regarding the USDA's Mandatory Identification of Sheep and Goats regulation, or to obtain official identification tags for sheep and goats, call the USDA, APHIS, VS office at (609) 259- 8387. Other livestock shall be identified by ear tag, registration name and number, name and physical description or microchip.
- Statement that the examining veterinarian personally inspected the animals described and found them free from visible symptoms of infectious, contagious and/or communicable disease or known exposure thereto within 30 days of shipment.

**4-H Poultry, Rabbit, or Cavy Health Form** – This form can be used for the species indicated and can be completed by the 4-H leader or other qualified adult within 30 days prior to the exhibition at a 4-H sponsored show or demonstration. Animals listed on a 4-H Poultry, Rabbit, or Cavy Health Form, must be identified by an ear tag, tattoo, or other permanent identification or description (coat color, markings, age, etc...).

Animal Health Certificates and the 4-H Poultry, Rabbit or Cavy Health Forms are available on the web at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/ah/news/fairsshows.html>

### **Specie Specific Health Regulations and Recommendations**

#### **NEW JERSEY CATTLE:**

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or AHC

#### **IMPORTED CATTLE:**

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI
- Shall be negative to a tuberculosis test within 60 days of entry – Cattle from an accredited free State, zone, or herd are exempt from testing.
- Six months of age or over shall be negative to an official brucellosis test within 30 days of entry – brucellosis vaccinated heifers under 14 months of age, steers, and spayed heifers are exempt from brucellosis testing. Cattle to be imported that originate from a certified brucellosis-free herd are exempt from brucellosis testing.
- From states with endemic anaplasmosis or bluetongue must test negative within 30 days prior to entry.

#### **NEW JERSEY SWINE:**

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or AHC

#### **IMPORTED SWINE:**

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI
- Shall be negative to an official brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entry – swine from a validated brucellosis-free state or a validated brucellosis-free herd are exempt from testing
- Shall be negative to an official pseudorabies test within 30 days prior to entry – swine from a pseudorabies State IV or V State/Area or originate from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd are exempt from testing.

#### **NEW JERSEY HORSES:**

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or AHC
- Shall have had a negative official test (AGID or ELISA) for equine infectious anemia (Coggins test) within the past 24 months – horses younger than 6 months and accompanied by a dam that has a negative official Coggins test are exempt from testing.
- That are to change owners via sale, barter, or trade – shall have a negative Coggins test within 90 days prior to exchange.

#### **IMPORTED HORSES:**

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI
- Shall have had a negative official test (AGID or ELISA) for equine infectious anemia (Coggins test) within the past 12 months – horses younger than 6 months and accompanied by a dam that has a negative official Coggins test are exempt from testing.

- That are to change owners via sale, barter, or trade – shall have a negative Coggins test within 90 days prior to exchange.

#### **NEW JERSEY SHEEP:**

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or AHC
- Sexually intact sheep must be identified by USDA approved official identification (approved ear tag, tattoo and/or microchip (owner must provide microchip reader).

#### **IMPORTED SHEEP:**

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI
- Sexually intact sheep must be identified by USDA approved official identification (approved ear tag, tattoo and/or microchip (owner must provide microchip reader).
- From states with endemic Bluetongue must be tested negative within 30 days prior to entry

#### **NEW JERSEY GOATS:**

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or AHC
- All sexually intact registered goats, all sexually intact dairy goats, and sexually intact goats that have been raised on the same premises as sheep must be identified by USDA approved official identification - approved ear tag and/or tattoo. A microchip is also acceptable but it must be a USDA approved device. If a microchip is used for ID, the animal owner must bring the microchip reader to the fair.

#### **IMPORTED GOATS:**

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI
- All sexually intact registered goats, all sexually intact dairy goats, and sexually intact goats that have been raised on the same premises as sheep must be identified by USDA approved official identification - approved ear tag and/or tattoo. A microchip is also acceptable but it must be a USDA approved device. If a microchip is used for ID, the animal owner must bring the microchip reader to the fair.
- All goats to be imported shall be negative to an official tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to entry. Goats from an accredited-free state or zone or from an accredited herd shall be exempt from testing.
- For an accredited herd, the CVI shall include the date on which the herd of origin was last tuberculin tested, and a statement by the accredited veterinarian that the goats to be imported were:
  - included in the most recent test of the herd of origin and testing with negative results occurred within one year prior to the date of movement OR that
  - they are natural additions to the herd.
- All goats to be imported four months of age or over shall be negative to an official brucellosis test within 30 day prior to entry. Wethers shall be exempt from brucellosis testing.
- For a certified brucellosis free herd, the CVI shall include the date on which the herd of origin was last brucellosis tested, the type of test performed, the accession number and the name of the laboratory, and a statement by the accredited veterinarian that the goats imported were:
  - included in the most recent test of the herd of origin and testing with negative results occurred within one year prior to the date of movement OR that
  - they are natural additions to the herd.

**Please note:** In lieu of brucellosis testing, the State Veterinarian will allow goats that do not originate from brucellosis free herds to attend New Jersey fairs/shows **IF** the owner contacts the New Jersey Division of Animal Health at 609 292-3965 between 8:45-4:30 M-F to obtain a permit number to be included on the CVI. Owners will need to provide the following information:

- Name of owner
- National Premise Identification number or scrapie identification number
- Address of premises of origin
- Address of premises of destination
- Number of goats to enter into New Jersey
- Date of movement.

#### **NEW JERSEY LLAMA (includes all species of the genus Lama)**

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or AHC

#### **IMPORTED LLAMA**

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI
- Shall be tested negative for Bluetongue within 30 days prior to entry
- Shall be negative to an official tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to entry. Camelids to be imported that originate from an accredited-free state or zone shall be exempt from testing.

- All camelids to be imported six months of age or over shall be negative to an official brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entry. Neutered male camelids are exempt from testing.

#### **NEW JERSEY POULTRY:**

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI, AHC, VS Form 9-2 or 9-3, or a 4-H Poultry, Rabbit, or Cavy Health Form
- All poultry, including exhibition, exotic, and game birds (including ostrich, emu and rhea but excluding waterfowl) going to public exhibitions in New Jersey shall originate from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, OR All poultry over 4 months of age shall have an individual Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days prior to the exhibit.
  - Turkeys shall be blood tested at more than 12 weeks of age
  - Game birds shall be tested when more than 4 months of age or upon reaching sexual maturity, whichever comes first
  - Ostrich, emu, rhea and cassowaries shall be blood tested when more than 12 months of age. All ostrich, emus, rhea and cassowaries less than twelve months shall originate from Pullorum-Typhoid negative flocks.
  - All birds less than four months of age shall originate from Pullorum-Typhoid negative flocks (the individual test is not valid for birds in this age group)

#### **IMPORTED POULTRY:**

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or VS Form 9-2 or 9-3
- All poultry, including exhibition, exotic, and game birds (including ostrich, emu and rhea but excluding waterfowl) shall originate from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, OR all poultry over 4 months of age shall have an individual Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days prior to the exhibit. See testing information below:
  - Turkeys shall be blood tested at more than 12 weeks of age
  - Game birds shall be tested when more than 4 months of age or upon reaching sexual maturity, whichever comes first.
  - Ostrich, emu, rhea and cassowaries shall be blood tested when more than 12 months of age. All ostrich, emus, rhea and cassowaries under twelve months shall originate from Pullorum-Typhoid negative flocks.
- All birds less than four months of age shall originate from Pullorum-Typhoid negative flocks (the individual test is not valid for birds in this age group).
- All poultry and hatching eggs originating from areas or counties with confirmed cases of Avian Influenza must obtain a permit number for entry. This number must appear on the original health certificate or VS Form 9-2 or 9-3 issued by an accredited veterinarian. Permits may be obtained by contacting the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health, at (609) 292-3965, Monday-Friday, 8:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

**Please check with your veterinarian for any updated tests that are required by the New Jersey Department of Animal Health.**

### **IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct 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. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

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 animals 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 residues. This act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainers and/or absolutely responsible person 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 from 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. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be 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 approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, all procedures of said collection and preservation transfer to the laboratory, and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate. 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 animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or 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 official 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. 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 this 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, 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 this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this 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 Expos* 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, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by this code. It is further a consent that an 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.