

Health Requirements

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General Requirements

All livestock exhibitions must apply to the Georgia Department of Agriculture for an exhibition permit. The management of the exhibition is responsible for obtaining the permit. For information call (404) 656-3667. ****Equine exhibitions/shows are exempt from obtaining an exhibition permit; however, equine on the premise must comply with equine health requirements.**

No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds without the proper health records and tests required.

A veterinarian, Georgia Department of Agriculture personnel or other qualified person may be present to examine all livestock prior to exhibition.

An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must show proof of the requirements for the appropriate species.

No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds with visible warts or visible ringworm lesions.

Livestock may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility. If suspected animals are not removed from or return to the show facility, all of the exhibitors entries will be disqualified.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Requirements

All animals being exhibited in any type of livestock show (local, county, area, district, or state) must have an official certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate). The certificate of veterinary inspection must be issued within 30 days of the exhibition with the following exceptions:

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection exceptions will be the following:

1. For Georgia cattle, swine, goats and exotic animals exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, the certificate of veterinary inspection and required tests shall be valid for 4 months (unless specified otherwise by show management).
2. For Georgia sheep exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, a certificate of veterinary inspection must be issued by a veterinarian and must be updated and signed every 30 days during the show season (up to 4 months) by a veterinarian, county extension agent or vocational agriculture teacher. The examiner must sign and record the following statement on the certificate: "to the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease."
3. ****Market swine and market cattle will not require a certificate of veterinary inspection or any testing **provided no breeding livestock are on the exhibition premises (see ** note below).**** Market lambs and market goats will require a certificate of veterinary inspection and individual identification as outlined in the section below entitled "Farm Animal Livestock Requirements". Sheep and goat wethers of any age are not required to be individually identified for exhibition. In addition, all market animals must either be consigned directly to slaughter with no animals from the show ground returning to a farm, or be consigned to another market show with confinement at the original show facility until movement. If market animals will be returning to a farm or if show management requires such, all animals on the show grounds must have proper certificates of veterinary inspection and must satisfy the appropriate test and identification requirements described below in the section "Farm Animal Livestock Requirements".
4. Georgia equine participating in Georgia Equine Shows will not require a certificate of veterinary inspection. (See complete Equine Requirements)

**** Certificate of veterinary inspection is required on all market hogs at the Georgia National Fair as there will be breeding hogs on the premises. No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds without the proper health records and test required.**

A veterinarian or other qualified person may be present to examine all livestock prior to exhibition.

Farm Animal Livestock Requirements

I. CATTLE

A. Brucellosis

1. Georgia cattle have no brucellosis test requirements.

2. Out-of-state cattle must satisfy Georgia import requirements for Brucellosis. (Regulations are contingent on state of origin - call (404) 656-3667 for current regulations).

B. Tuberculosis

- New* 1. DAIRY CATTLE - All dairy cattle six (6) months of age and older must have a negative TB test within sixty (60) days of shipment - REGARDLESS OF THE STATUS OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN.
- New* 2. BEEF CATTLE - Beef cattle originating from a TB free state do not require a TB test. Beef cattle from the following states will require a negative TB test if six (6) months of age or older within sixty (60) days of shipment: California, Michigan, New Mexico, Minnesota.

II. SWINE

A. Georgia swine:

1. All breeding swine 4 months of age and over must have a negative Brucellosis and a negative Pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition except:
 - a. Swine originating from a validated Brucellosis free herd and a qualified Pseudorabies free herd. Validation and qualification numbers and date of last test conducted must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
 2. Market swine:
 - a. Gilts must have a negative brucellosis and a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition unless originating from a validated brucellosis free herd and a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Validation and qualification numbers and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
 - b. Barrows must have a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition unless originating from a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Qualification number and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
 - c. Slaughter swine may be exempt from the certificate of veterinary inspection and the test requirements if they qualify under the "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Exceptions" section described above.

B. Out-of-state swine must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of entry with the entry permit number and individual identification recorded. Test requirements for breeding swine and market swine are the same as "Georgia swine" requirements above.

NOTE: Swine purchased and/or removed from the farm of a validated/qualified herd loses validated/qualified status at the time of transfer and will require the appropriate tests prior to exhibition.

C. Any exhibition of out-of-state swine must have an entry permit number from the Dept. of Agriculture. (Call (404) 656-3667 Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm).

III. SHEEP

A. Georgia and out-of-state sheep must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All sheep, except wethers, must be identified with USDA approved individual animal identification to the flock of origin. Those sheep born after 1/1/02 must be identified to the flock of birth and flock of origin if different. This information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all sheep including wethers: "To the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease."

B. For Georgia 4-H and FFA sheep, see CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS above.

C. *Sheep may be inspected at the show facility for infections and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.*

IV. GOATS

A. Georgia and out-of-state goats must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All goats, except wethers, must be identified with USDA approved individual animal identification to the flock of origin. Those goats born after 1/1/02 must be identified to the flock of birth and flock of origin if different. This information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all goats including wethers: "To the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease."

B. For Georgia 4-H and FFA goats, see CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS above.

C. Goats may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.

V. EXOTIC ANIMALS

A. All exotic animals and all non-traditional livestock entering Georgia must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection identifying each animal with unique permanent individual identification.

B. All llamas, alpacas and camels entering Georgia must be identified by a USDA approved metal ear tag, unique and individual tattoo, notarized photograph, or an electronic identification device (microchip). If electronic identification is used, the consignee is responsible for providing the appropriate reading device for verification. Castrated males are exempt from the individual identification requirements.

An official certificate of veterinary inspection must show proof of the above requirements for the appropriate species.

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