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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Livestock Exhibitors at ND State Fair  
**FROM:** Ethan Andress, DVM and Beth Carlson, DVM  
State Veterinarian and Deputy State Veterinarian  
**DATE:** June 29, 2023  
**RE:** Livestock Inspection at the State Fair

Veterinarians from the Animal Health Division will be available for inspections beginning at 3 pm on July 20<sup>th</sup>. All cattle, sheep, swine, and goats must be inspected prior to unloading. There will be at least one veterinarian available on the grounds during the hours below. Please note the shortened inspection hours this year. If exhibitors are planning to arrive outside the listed hours, it is their responsibility to reach out in advance to ensure that someone will be available when they arrive. Contact numbers for each date are below. Animals may NOT be unloaded directly into tie-outs before being inspected. Also, please note that animals with warts or other conditions will be removed from the grounds. (see highlighted policy)

Date	Inspection Hours	Veterinarian	Contact #
Thursday, July 20th	3:00 pm-10:00 pm	Dr. Beth Carlson	701-220-5194
Friday, July 21st	8:00 am-7:00 pm	Dr. Beth Carlson	701-220-5194
	11:00 am-10:00 pm	Dr. Andrea Grondahl	701-595-1121
Saturday, July 22nd	8:00 am-5:00 pm	Dr. Beth Carlson	701-220-5194
	10:00 am-10:00 pm	Dr. Sarah Bailey	701-202-6251
Sunday, July 23rd	8:00 am-4:00 pm	Dr. Sarah Bailey	701-202-6251
Monday, July, 24th	4:00 pm-9:00 pm (goats only)	Dr. Ethan Andress	701-220-0092
	9:00 pm-11:00 pm (swine, sheep, beef)	Dr. Ethan Andress	701-220-0092
Tuesday, July 25th	7:00 am-12:00 pm (all, incl. dairy)	Dr. Ethan Andress	701-220-0092
	7:00 am-12:00 pm	Dr. Gerald Kitto	
All Other Days	by appointment only	Minot Vet Clinic	

From noon on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, Nathan Boehm, Livestock Field Investigator (701-220-9352), will be on site to assist the Species Superintendents and the Fair Veterinarian with any animal health issues. Rabbits, poultry, and horses may be penned upon arrival. They will be viewed while penned and a more detailed inspection will be performed if deemed necessary.

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**RE:** Animal Health Requirements at the State Fair

Once again, the State Veterinarian's office will be providing livestock inspection services at the North Dakota State Fair. All animals must be inspected prior to unloading; please see enclosed memo regarding inspection times. In an effort to minimize the number of animals which are asked to leave the fair, the following information is being distributed. Please share with individuals in your area that may be planning to exhibit livestock at the State Fair.

- **Animals affected by skin disorders prior to the fair should seek veterinary care ASAP to ensure the best prognosis for attendance**
- **Warts should be addressed prior to coming to the fair. Animals with warts will be not be allowed. Warts will NOT be allowed to be removed on the fairgrounds.**

The State Fair is a livestock exhibition which showcases superior animals. Animals which are not in ideal condition do not represent agriculture at its finest and diminish the public's perception of agriculture. Additionally, it is important to protect all livestock in attendance by minimizing the risk of exposure to contagious disease. As such, animals that appear to be affected by a contagious disease or that are exhibiting any condition affecting their health or comfort, in the professional opinion of the inspecting veterinarian, will not be permitted on the fairgrounds. Decisions by the inspecting veterinarian on-site are final.

- Any animal with evidence of contagious, infectious disease will be dismissed from the fairgrounds immediately. This includes animals showing signs of localized disorders such as club lamb fungus, ringworm, or other dermatophytosis (infectious skin condition), and warts, as well as systemic diseases of the respiratory or gastrointestinal system, such as pneumonia or diarrhea.
- Any animal with an obvious physical defect or deformity, including, but not limited to prolapses, open sores, eye lesions, lameness or other physical injury, shall be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

Depending on the condition, exhibitors may be given the opportunity to seek a veterinarian off the fairgrounds for treatment. If properly treated, the livestock may be approved for readmission if the state veterinary staff sees the treatment as satisfactory and is given a written receipt from

the offsite veterinarian. The written receipt must include the veterinarian's name, contact information, treatment plan, and signature.

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs) must be presented for out of state animals; CVIs are not required for any North Dakota animals. Additionally, all cattle and swine for exhibition which travel across state lines must be officially identified, including steers and barrows.

Livestock exhibitors at the state fair should present copies of all veterinary prescriptions for medications that have been given to market animals to the species superintendent, and any livestock medications brought to the fair must bear a prescription label.

All sheep and goats, other than wethers <18 months of age, must be identified with a scrapie tag or breed registration tattoo accompanied by registration papers in the current owner's name. If not properly identified, they will not be allowed to unload at the fair.

**Poultry will be exhibited at the State Fair in 2023 unless a case of avian influenza is identified in Ward County in privately owned birds within 30 days prior to the fair.**

This information also appears in the State Fair catalog, but hopefully distributing it through multiple channels will allow more exhibitors to be made aware of it and prevent disappointment and inconvenience, should their animal be affected by one of the conditions above. Thank you for your assistance in getting the word out!

# LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR RULES & INFORMATION

*- Please read carefully -*

*Anyone in violation of Fair regulations may be eliminated from competing at State Fair.*

## **INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTERING:**

- Entries must be made on the furnished entry blanks or online at [ndstatefair.fairwire.com](http://ndstatefair.fairwire.com) online entry is the preferred method. All entries need to be filled out properly and given all information asked. **Write legibly.** Be sure to give the name and address of owner or owners and division and class numbers in which the animal is to be entered, as printed in the premium list.
- **Entries will close July 6 at 5pm.** Only entries received by the July 6 deadline will receive their passes in the mail, if any were requested. For any entry after the deadline that requested passes, the passes can be picked up at the NDSF office **prior** to fair or at Gate F during the fair. Entries may be made after the deadline by paying triple the normal fees. **Entries will not be received after 5pm on Friday, July 14.** Stall requests can be made on entries however are not guaranteed. No alteration in stalls allowed unless permitted by superintendent.
- Entries must specify the name of animal, its age, sex and description, and if purebred, also state breed, registered number. Certificate of registry must be furnished to the superintendent on demand except in case of very young animals where certificates and registry numbers will not be required. Please bring copies of registration papers. Failure to present registration papers may result in forfeit of premiums.
- Animals must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner or owners, except get of sire and produce of dam, and should any prove to be otherwise entered, premiums awarded them will be forfeited to the Fair. Affidavit of ownership may be required and must be produced if demanded.
- No animal will be allowed to enter in more than one division or class except in groups or herds. Exhibitors may not enter more than two entries in any one class number.
- All exhibitors are expected to read the IAFE Code of Ethics. Submission of entry implies acceptance of and compliance with these conditions and regulations.
- Canadian exhibitors at par for entry and stall fees, compliments of ND State Fair

## **EXHIBITOR RULES WHILE ON FAIRGROUNDS:**

- Stalls and pens must be kept open for inspection by visitors from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. Exhibitors should have a representative in charge during those hours.
- All animals competing for premiums must be brought out when called by the superintendent of the department. Failure to do so will result in forfeit of all premiums due such exhibitor.
- All exhibitors are responsible for the welfare of their animals. Exhibitors are expected to provide adequate feed, water, bedding and housing for the comfort of their animals. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make arrangements for appropriate care if they are unable to be present. We encourage the humane treatment of animals and abuse will not be tolerated. The comfort and safety of the animal must be addressed throughout the show. Non-stressed animals will perform better for the handler. Exhibitors are expected to handle their animals in a gentle and calm manner and not create undue excitement in the vicinity of other livestock or persons.
  - Hay, straw, and wood chips will be available on the grounds at a reasonable charge. Cash only, no credit.
- Animals not entered for competition or exhibition will not be allowed in exhibition barns.

## **LIVESTOCK ARRIVAL PROCESS:**

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- Before unloading livestock, a state veterinarian must check all livestock to ensure health and well-being of all animals exhibiting at the ND State Fair. Any animal with evidence of contagious, infectious disease will be dismissed from the Fairgrounds immediately. This includes animals showing signs of localized disorders such as club lamb fungus, ringworm, or other dermatophytosis and warts, as well as systemic disease of the respiratory or GI system.
  - Depending on the disease, exhibitors may be given the opportunity to seek a veterinarian off the fairgrounds for treatment. If properly treated, the livestock entry may be approved for readmission if the state veterinarian staff sees the treatment as satisfactory and is given a written receipt from the offsite veterinarian. The written receipt must include the veterinarian's name, contact information, treatment plan, and signature.
- **Check State Veterinarian Schedule before arrival. See page 15 for schedule**
- Additionally, any animal with an obvious physical defect or deformity, including, but not limited to, prolapses, open sores, eye lesions, lameness or other physical injury shall be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately. Animals exhibiting any condition affecting their health or comfort in the professional opinion of the inspecting veterinarian will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds. Animals who are recovering from localized skin disorders will be permitted if (1) there are no open sores, and (2) hair is beginning to grow back (as determined by inspecting veterinarian).

## **RULES REGARDING THE SHOW:**

- Stock must be in the judging ring promptly after being called. Exhibitors failing to comply with this rule may be barred from competition.
- Judges need not make awards in classes where competition is lacking. In classes where there is but one entry, place will be awarded at the discretion of the judge.
- Only animals that have been awarded first or second place in their proper classes may compete for championship awards. In judging championships, the awards will be made to animals that the judge considers the best type of their breed or class.
- No judge will be allowed to have entries in a division he/she is judging

# HEALTH REGULATIONS

*\*These requirements were accurate as of printing time, but are subject to change should health concerns emerge prior to the Fair*

Before unloading livestock, a state veterinarian must check all cattle, sheep, swine, and goats to ensure health and well-being of all animals exhibiting at the ND State Fair. Poultry, rabbits and horses will be inspected after they are penned. **Any animal with evidence of contagious, infectious disease will be dismissed from the Fairgrounds immediately. This includes animals showing signs of localized disorders such as club lamb fungus, ringworm, or other dermatophytosis (infectious skin conditions) and warts, as well as systemic disease of the respiratory or GI system.** Additionally, any animal with an obvious physical defect or deformity, including, but not limited to, prolapses, open sores, eye lesions, lameness or other physical injury shall be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately. Animals exhibiting any condition affecting their health or comfort in the professional opinion of the inspecting veterinarian will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds. Animals who are recovering from localized skin disorders will be permitted if (1) there are no open sores, and (2) hair is beginning to grow back (as determined by inspecting veterinarian).

**See page 6 for more information regarding the livestock arrival process.**

## **NO. 1 - NORTH DAKOTA LIVESTOCK**

- **Cattle:** Cattle will be checked by the State Fair Veterinarian prior to unloading. No early releases.
- **Goats:** All goats that come to the Fair, with the exception of market wether goats, must have official scrapie identification tags. For goat breeds approved by USDA-APHIS-VS, a 'breed registration tattoo' will be accepted in lieu of a scrapie tag, provided the tattoo is legible and the exhibitor presents a copy of the registration papers listing the current owner. Goats will be checked by the State Fair Veterinarian prior to unloading
- **Sheep:** Sheep will be checked by the State Fair Veterinarian prior to unloading. No early releases. All sexually intact sheep must have an official scrapie tag.
- **Swine:** Swine will be checked by the State Fair Veterinarian prior to unloading. No early releases.
- **Poultry:** All birds must bear a leg or wing band and meet one of the following criteria: 1) Originate directly from an NPIP certified flock, 2) Test negative to S. pullorum within 90 days prior to exhibitions, or 3) Have been purchased from an NPIP source and be accompanied by a Poultry Exhibition Statement of Origin form (SRN 60329). Form is available on the North Dakota Department of Agriculture's website . <https://ndda.nd.gov/division/animal-health/national-poultry-improvement-plan>
- **Rabbits:** Rabbits will be inspected after they are caged.

## **NO. 2 - LIVESTOCK FROM OTHER STATES**

- All livestock will be checked by the State Fair Veterinarian prior to unloading.
- Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) and an importation permit number are required on all food animals from out of state. A CVI is required for horses, but an importation permit is not unless specific disease issues arise which necessitate it.
- Out-of-state livestock must all be officially identified, regardless of age or sex, and will need a certificate of veterinary inspection and permit number from the ND State Board of Animal Health. To obtain the importation permit number, veterinarians should call 701-328-2655. For any livestock being imported from Canada please contact the North Dakota State Board of Animal Health at 701-328-2655 and the USDA - APHIS, Veterinary Services at 701-250-4210.