

# Texas Animal Health Commission



# TAHC Movement Requirements for Exhibition Animals

## Important:

- These regulations were valid as of August 21, 2019.
- Check with the TAHC to determine whether amendments or additional regulations have been adopted since the publication of this document.
- Check in advance with fairs, livestock shows, exhibitions and events to determine if they have additional health requirements.
- Website: <http://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html>

## Definitions

**Interstate Show:** The TAHC considers shows, fairs, or exhibitions to be *inter*state if they permit livestock and poultry from other states to enter for show or exhibition and be held or exhibited in common facilities with Texas origin livestock and poultry of the same species.

**Intrastate Show:** The TAHC considers shows, fairs or exhibitions to be *intra*state if they allow ONLY Texas animals or if they require Texas livestock and poultry of the same species to be housed and exhibited apart from livestock and poultry from out of state.

**Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** In the past, these were usually called “health certificates”. This document indicates that an accredited veterinarian inspected, tested or immunized the animals in question as required by the TAHC. Cattle, sheep, goats, equine, swine, exotic livestock and ratites coming into the state or interstate show must be accompanied by a CVI.

- Poultry may enter into the state or into livestock shows with a certificate of veterinary inspection or with other documents as described on the “Poultry” page.
- The certificate is valid for 30 days for all species being exhibited, or exhibited and sold.

**Entry Permit:** This permit is issued by the TAHC and is needed for certain classes of livestock, poultry, exotic livestock and ratites to enter Texas. The permit is valid for 15 days. *The entry permit will be recorded as a number on the certificate of veterinary inspection.*



# Cattle

## Interstate Show

(Out-of-State & Texas Animals)

### General Requirements:

- 1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Cattle are to have a valid certificate of veterinary inspection that was issued within the past 30 days, if they are to be exhibited, or originate from the DSA\*.
- 2. Trichomoniasis (Trich) Test for Exhibition ONLY:** All breeding bulls must be officially individually identified. Out-of-State bulls 12 months of age and older must be tested within 60 days or be accompanied by an entry permit.
- 3. Trichomoniasis Test for Sale after Exhibition:** All breeding bulls must be individually identified. Non-virgin bulls and virgin bulls 12 months of age and older must be Trich tested within 60 days prior to sale.
- 4. Tuberculosis (TB) Test:** All sexually intact dairy cattle, 2 months of age or older, must have a negative TB test within 60 days prior to entry or originate from an accredited free herd. Test results or accredited herd number must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

All sexually intact beef cattle 18 months of age or older originating from a less than free state or zone status, must have a negative TB test within 60 days prior to entry or originate from an accredited free herd. Test results or accredited herd number must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

**EXCEPTION:** Cattle coming from a state with less than "Free" or "Free Zone" status must contact the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242 ext. 777, prior to movement.

- 5. Brucellosis Test for Exhibition or Exhibition and Sale:** Cattle from Designated surveillance areas in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming are required to meet testing requirements.

## Intrastate Show

(ONLY Texas Animals)

### General Requirements:

- 1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Not required by the TAHC.
- 2. Trichomoniasis Test for Exhibition ONLY:** Not required by the TAHC.
- 3. Trichomoniasis Test for Sale after Exhibition:** Non-virgin bulls and virgin bulls 12 months of age and older must be Trich tested within 60 days prior to sale.  
**EXCEPTION:** Be certified as virgin, by the breeder or his representative, on and accompanied by a breeder's certificate of virgin status (up to 18 months and up to 30 months with owner & veterinarian's signature). \*
- 4. Tuberculosis (TB) Test:** Not required by the TAHC.
- 5. Brucellosis Test:** Not required by the TAHC.

*\*TAHC passed a rule at the August 13, 2019 Commission meeting that only allows breed registered bulls to be certified as virgin 18 months and younger. This rule has not yet gone into effect. The newly adopted rule will be posted on the TAHC website, [www.tahc.texas.gov](http://www.tahc.texas.gov) when it goes into effect.*



# Equine

## Interstate Show

*(Out-of-State & Texas Animals)*

### General Requirements:

1. **No entry permit required.**
2. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Equine from out-of-state must have a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of entry into Texas if they are being exhibited, or exhibited and sold.
3. **Test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA):** Equine from out-of-state must have a negative EIA test within the past 12 months.

**Texas** equine must have a negative EIA test within the past 12 months. The EIA test document, VS Form 10-11 is sufficient proof of testing.

The TAHC accepts all USDA approved methods of testing for EIA. One is the Agar Gel Immunodiffusion test (AGID), better known as the “Coggins” test. Also accepted is the Competitive Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (CELISA). Test results, date of test and name of the laboratory may be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

**EXCEPTION:** The TAHC requires the EIA test on all equine, except nursing foals, under 8 months of age. If a mare and nursing foal are presented together, a negative test for the mare is sufficient.

### Equine Passport Exception:

This document allows equine to travel on a 6-month passport (example of documents to follow). ***An EIA test document issued within the past 6 months must accompany the passport.***

## Intrastate Show

*(ONLY Texas Animals)*

### General Requirements:

1. **No permit required.**
2. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Not required by the TAHC.
3. **Test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA):** Texas equine must have a negative EIA test within the past 12 months. The EIA test document, VS Form 10-11 is sufficient proof of testing.

The TAHC requires the EIA test on all equine, except nursing foals, under 8 months of age. If a mare and nursing foal are presented together, a negative test for the mare is sufficient.

The TAHC accepts all USDA approved methods of testing for EIA. One is the Agar Gel Immunodiffusion test (AGID), better known as the “Coggins” test. Also accepted is the Competitive Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (CELISA). Test results, date of test and name of the laboratory may be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.



# Sheep

## Interstate Show

*(Out-of-State & Texas Animals)*

## Intrastate Show

*(ONLY Texas Animals)*

### General Requirements:

- 1. No entry permit required.**
- 2. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Sheep and lambs are to have a valid certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days, if they are to be exhibited, or exhibited and sold. The certificate must also state that an exam of the flock and/or premise shows no evidence of exposure to scrapie.
- 3. Brucella Ovis Test:** Breeding rams 6 months of age and older and from out-of-state must have a negative ELISA test for the disease within 30 days prior to being entered in a show, fair or exhibitioin, or they may come from a Brucella Ovis-free flock. The test results or herd number must be written on the certificate of veterinary inspection.  
**EXCEPTION:** Breeding rams originating in Texas are exempt from the Bucella Ovis test requirement if they are held separate from out-of-state sheep.
- 4. Official (Scrapie) Premise Identification:** Official premise identification is required for sheep to be exhibited.

### General Requirements:

- 1. No permit required.**
- 2. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Not required by the TAHC.
- 3. Brucella Ovis Test:** Not required by the TAHC.
- 4. Official (Scrapie) Premise Identification:** All exhibition sheep must have official identification.  
**EXCEPTION:** Sheep castrated and under 18 months of age are not required to have official identification.



# Goats

## Interstate Show

*(Out-of-State & Texas Animals)*

### General Requirements:

1. **No entry permit required.**
2. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Goats are to have a valid certificate of veterinary inspection issued within the 30 days, if they are to be exhibited, or exhibited and sold.
3. **Official (Scrapie) Premise Identification:** Official premise identification is required for goats to be exhibited. The registration tattoo may be used in lieu of the eartag if the registration papers accompany the animals along with a scrapie premise ID number.

## Intrastate Show

*(ONLY Texas Animals)*

### General Requirements:

1. **No permit required.**
2. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Not required by the TAHC.
3. **Official (Scrapie) Premise Identification:** All exhibition goats must have official identification. The registration tattoo may be used in lieu of the eartag if the registration papers accompany the animals along with a scrapie premise ID number.  
**EXCEPTION:** Goats castrated and under 18 months of age are not required to have official identification.



# Swine

## Interstate Show

*(Out-of-State & Texas Animals)*

### General Requirements:

1. **No entry permit required.**
2. **Permanent Identification:** Is required.
3. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Swine must have a valid certificate of veterinary inspection issued within the past 30 days.

#### **Certificate must certify that:**

- A. The swine have not been fed garbage, raw or cooked.
- B. Swine have not been vaccinated for pseudorabies.
- C. Swine have not been exposed to pseudorabies.
- D. SECD statement.

#### **4. Breeding Swine:**

- **Pseudorabies Test:** A test is required for swine 6 months of age or older within 30 days
- **Brucellosis Test:** A test is required for swine 6 months of age or older within 30 days
- **Leptospirosis Vaccination:** Breeding swine 6 months of age or older are to be vaccinated against “lepto” within the past 30 days with the “lepto” vaccine containing these strains: Canicola, Hardjo, Icterohaemorrhagiae, Grippotyphosa and Pomona.

*Vaccination status should be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.*

#### **5. Feeder Swine:**

- **Pseudorabies Test:** No test is required. All States are Stage V (Free)
- **Brucellosis Test:** No test is required. All States are Free.
- **Leptospirosis Vaccination:** No vaccination is required.

## Intrastate Show

*(ONLY Texas Animals)*

### General Requirements:

1. **No permit required.**
2. **Permanent Identification:** Is required.
3. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:** Not required by the TAHC.
4. **Tests and Vaccinations:** All breeding swine shall be tested negative for Pseudorabies and Swine Brucellosis within 30 days prior to change of ownership in Texas. Swine from herds with a current disease-free status are exempt from this test requirement
5. **Terminal Shows:** Texas swine in terminal shows are exempt from all testing and vaccination requirements. All swine from these shows must go directly to slaughter.



# Poultry

## Interstate Show

*(Out-of-State & Texas Animals)*

### General Requirements:

- 1. Entry Permit:** Poultry entering Texas to be exhibited, or exhibited and sold, must have an entry permit issued by the TAHC within the previous 15 days.
- 2. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Poultry must have a valid certificate of veterinary inspection issued within the past 30 days if they are to be exhibited, or exhibited and sold.
- 3. Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) Test:** Poultry must have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 30 days or originate from a flock that meets either the Texas Pullorum-Typhoid Program or the National Poultry Improvement Plan, prior to being shipped. Test results or flock number must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- 4. Laryngotracheitis (LT):** Poultry must originate from areas where Laryngotracheitis has not been active in the past 30 days, and poultry must not have been vaccinated with the modified live chick-embryo origin LT vaccine and no modified live MG-attenuated vaccine.
- 5. Avian Influenza (AI):** Poultry must have either a negative flock or individual bird test for avian influenza within 30 days prior to entry.

## Intrastate Show

*(ONLY Texas Animals)*

### General Requirements:

- 1. Permit:** Not required by the TAHC. (ONLY Texas-origin poultry are accepted at *intrastate* shows.)
- 2. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Not required by the TAHC.
- 3. Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) Test:** Same as for *interstate* shows.
- 4. Laryngotracheitis (LT):** Same as for *interstate* shows.
- 5. Avian Influenza (AI) Test:** Not required by the TAHC
- 6. Terminal Shows:** Must be accompanied by a certificate of source which identifies the flock of origin. All poultry from these shows must go directly to slaughter.





# Exotics

## Definitions

- **Camelidae:** includes camels, llamas and alpacas.
- **Exotic Bovidae:** non-indigenous members of the family of animals which includes water buffalo, gnu (wildebeast), addax, antelope, nilgai, and others
- **Exotic Cervidae:** non-indigenous members of the family of animals such as deer, elk, moose, caribou, reindeer and sub-family musk deer.
- **Ratite:** includes ostriches, emus and rhea.
- **Exotic Livestock:** non-indigenous, single-hooved or cloven-hooved animals known as ungulates, including animals from the swine, equine, rhinoceros, elephant, deer and antelope families

## Interstate Show

*(Out-of-State & Texas Animals)*

### General Requirements:

- 1. Entry Permit:** Exotics from the definitions above, must have an entry permit issued by the TAHC within 15 days before entering Texas for exhibition and sale.
- 2. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Exotics from the definitions above must have a valid certificate of veterinary inspection issued within the past 30 days for exhibition, or exhibition and sale.
- 3. Cervidae:** More stringent entry requirements have been developed and adopted for species susceptible to chronic wasting disease (CWD). These include black-tailed deer, reindeer, elk, elk hybrids, red deer and Sika deer. **Contact the TAHC Central Office at 1-800-550-8242 for specific requirements.**  
  
White-tailed deer and mule deer are not considered to be exotic to Texas. White-tailed deer and mule deer are prohibited from entry into Texas at this time by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).
- 4. Exotic Bovidae:** Exotic bovidae must have a negative test for *brucellosis* within the past 30 days and a negative TB test within 60 days prior to exhibition.
- 5. Camelidae:** No test required by the TAHC.
- 6. Exotic Cervidae:** See TB test requirement:

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## Intrastate Show

*(ONLY Texas Animals)*

### General Requirements:

- 1. Permit:** Not required by the TAHC. No out-of-state exotic livestock are accepted at intrastate shows.
- 2. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Not required by the TAHC.
- 3. Exotic Swine Brucellosis and Pseudorabies Test:** Not required by the TAHC.
- 4. Ratites - Veterinary Responsibility:** The veterinarian must also declare the ratite is free of external parasites and has no clinical evidence of contagious or communicable diseases, and to the veterinarian's knowledge, have not been exposed to a contagious or communicable disease.
- 5. Tuberculosis (TB) Test:** Texas origin and out-of-state cervidae are dependent on the type of herd from which the cervidae originated.  
  
Cervidae entering require two tuberculosis tests which were conducted no less than 90 days apart; the second test was conducted within 90 days prior to date of movement; and that the animals were isolated from all other members of the herd during the testing period; or,
  - Originate from an accredited free herd;
  - or;

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# Exotics cont.

## Interstate Show

*(Out-of-State & Texas Animals)*

7. **Exotic Swine:** Exotic swine must have a negative test for swine brucellosis and swine pseudorabies within 30 days prior to entry or originate from a validated and qualified herd.
8. **Ratites:** Each ratite (bird) must be individually identified with a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), permanently attached tag or an implanted electronic device. Information regarding the microchip number, brand name and location where it is implanted in the bird must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
  - Ratites must have a negative Salmonella pullorum-typhoid test within 30 days prior to entry.
  - Ratites must have a negative Avian Influenza (AI) test within 30 days prior entry and originate from flocks that show no evidence of infectious disease and have no history of AI in the past 6 months.

## Intrastate Show

*(ONLY Texas Animals)*

- Originate from a qualified herd and have a classified negative 90-day tuberculosis test. If the qualifying herd test was administered within 90 days of movement, the animal(s) do not require an additional test; or;
- Originate from a monitored herd and have a classified negative 90-day tuberculosis test; or;
- Be less than 12 months of age, originate and were born in accredited, qualified, or monitored herds and have not been exposed to cervids from a lower status.