

## Louisiana Regulations as They Relate to Louisiana 4-H and FFA Shows

1. Cattle
  - a. All cattle participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.
  - b. Cattle entering Louisiana shows or fairs should have the following items: **original** health certificate, brucella status, and TB status (if applicable). Brucellosis and/or Tuberculosis test results/status, as well as, the **individual** animal identification (identification number, microchip, brand, or tattoo) must be clearly placed on the health certificate. Below are the following step-by-step guidelines.
  - c. Health Certificate
    1. Health certificate signed by a USDA accredited veterinarian.
    2. Identification (not just their registration number) of each animal should be clearly stated on the health certificate.
    3. Multiple cattle can be listed on one health certificate providing proper identification and test results are stated.
    4. This health certificate is good for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals
    5. This health certificate is good for 30 days from the date of issue for all out of state animals.
  - d. Brucellosis Status (Louisiana Cattle)
    1. Only a health certificate is needed if animal is calf hood vaccinated
    2. Heifer between 4 and 12 months old
      - a. must be calf hood vaccinated.
      - b. Cow or heifer over 12 months of age:
        - i. must have official calthood vaccination or tested negative in the last 60 days or been part of a negative (certified) herd that has been tested with the last 12 months.
    3. animal identification number, herd status results or negative test results must be placed on the health certificate
    4. Louisiana Bull (regardless of age) does not need to be tested.
  - e. Brucellosis Status (all other States)
    1. if it is Class Free state and the animal is just coming in for the show
      - a. Health certificate signed by a USDA accredited veterinarian.
        - i. Identification should be clearly stated on the health certificate.
        - ii. Multiple cattle can be listed on one health certificate providing proper identification and test results are stated.
        - iii. Bulls do not need to be tested.
    2. if it is NOT Class Free
      - a. heifers are between 4 and 12 months old
        - i. they must be calf hood vaccinated.
      - b. cow or heifer
        - i. vaccinated and 2 years old or older

- ii. test for Brucellosis within 30 days of show
    - c. vaccinated and less than 2 years old
      - i. no test is required
    - d. not vaccinated and 1 year or older
      - i. test for Brucellosis within 30 days of show
  - 3. All bulls over 12 months of age need to test negative within 30 days of the show.
  - f. Tuberculosis Status
    - 1. Make sure the state of origin is TB Free.
      - a. If the state is not “TB Free”, TB test the animal (male or female) within 30 days of the show.
      - b. Indicate the negative TB test on the health certificate.
    - g. Each animal brought to the show must indicate on the health certificate the physical location of origin and return destination for 30 days prior to and after the show.
2. Horses
- a. Each horse participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.
  - b. Each horse participating in the event must have a Health Certificate
    - 1. Each horse must have the **original** official health certificate signed by a USDA accredited veterinarian.
    - 2. Identification on the Health Certificate should include the following.
      - a. an accurate, clearly stated description of horse
      - b. clearly written brand, tattoo or microchip number
      - c. **Original** EIA Test Paper
    - 3. Each horse must be accompanied by an **original** negative official test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) (Coggins Test, Swamp Fever Test). The horse must have tested negative within the past year (12 months).
      - a. The original EIA test result paper should contain
        - i. an accurate, clearly stated description of horse
        - ii. clearly written brand, tattoo or microchip number
      - b. This health certificate is good for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals.
      - c. This health certificate is good for 30 days from the date of issue for all out of state animals
  - c. Foals **of any age** must be tested for EIA if traveling to a show.
  - d. It is strongly recommended that the horse be vaccinated for EEE, WEE and West Nile Virus (WNV).
  - e. Each horse brought to the show must indicate on the health certificate or EIA test the physical location of origin and return destination for 30 days prior to and after the show.
3. Poultry
- a. Each bird participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.

- b. Each bird brought to the show must have the following papers
  - 1. An individual health certificate, dated within 60 days of the show, indicating the bird is free of disease and has been tested free of *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* within the last 60 days.
  - 2. VS Form 9-2 (bird or flock) attached to the health certificate
    - a. indicating the bird is free of *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid) dated within 60 days prior to the show
    - b. indicating the flock of origin is under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) and is free of *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid) *dated within the past year*
    - c. Identification of each bird is recommended, for example, by leg or wing band, with the identification listed on the VS 9-2 form
  - c. Each bird brought to the show must indicate on the health certificate the physical location of origin and return destination for 30 days prior to and after the show.
  
- 4. Swine
  - a. Each pig participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.
  - b. Each pig needs to be individually and permanently identified as to the herd of origin by ear tag, ear notch, or tattoo (unless prohibited by federal regulation).
  - c. Each pig participating in the event must have the following papers:
    - 1. Health Certificate
      - a. Each pig needs to have an official, original health certificate, signed by a USDA accredited veterinarian.
      - b. This health certificate is good for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals.
      - c. This health certificate is good for 30 days from the date of issue for all out of state animals.
  - d. Brucellosis Status
    - 1. Louisiana Swine: Each pig brought to the show from Louisiana must have proof of direct shipment from a farm of origin in Louisiana dated within 60 days prior to the show. Proof of origin can be indicated on the health certificate.
    - 2. Out of State Swine: Each pig brought to the show from out of state must have one of the following papers dated within 30 days prior to the show. Results or proof of origin may be indicated on the health certificate.
      - a. an official, negative test for Brucellosis
      - b. Or, proof of origin from a Brucellosis-free herd



- a. Each goat needs to have an official, original health certificate, signed by a USDA accredited veterinarian.
- b. This health certificate is good for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals.
- c. This health certificate is good for 30 days from the date of issue for all out of state animals.
- c. Scrapie tag identification
  1. each goat must have an official USDA Scrapie tag in its ear
  2. an animal identification number must be placed on the official health certificate
- d. a microchip may substituted for a Scrapie tag
  1. a microchip reader for that microchip must accompany the animal
- e. a tattoo may be substituted for a Scrapie tag
  1. flock tattoo number in the right ear or tail web with a unique animal identification in the left ear or tail web must be noted on the health certificate
- f. Each goat brought to the show must indicate on the health certificate the physical location of origin and return destination for 30 days prior to and after the show.

A health certificate (certificate of veterinary inspection), issued within the time frame of the show requirements, and should be performed by a licensed, USDA-accredited veterinarian. The health certificate should clearly identify the animal (any tag, tattoo, brand, microchip), species, breed, and gender. It should clearly state that the animal has had all the required disease testing and/or vaccinations and the signature of the owner or responsible party. In addition, it must indicate that the animals are in good health and appear free of disease at the time of the examination.

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