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**Louisiana Regulations for 4-H and FFA Shows**

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**A. Key Notes**

1. **An official health certificate is required for entry into all Louisiana livestock shows. In-state health certificates are valid for 60 days from issue and out-of-state certificates are valid for 30 days.**
2. **Official ID as defined in the new USDA Animal Disease Traceability rule must be used to identify animals on health certificates. Official ID accepted in Louisiana is listed under each species.**
3. **Health certificates may be checked at shows by LDAF personnel.**
4. **Regulatory personnel may be walking through barns and checking animals.**
5. **Premises registration is recommended. LDAF is registering farms or animal locations for disease traceability purposes only. A Premises Identification Numbers (PIN) may be obtained by contacting the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Veterinary Health Division at 225-925-3980 or by going to the website at [www.ldaf.state.la.us](http://www.ldaf.state.la.us). Follow the Premises ID links.**
6. **Horses must have 2 things: current (within 12 months) negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test results written on a valid health certificate OR the VS 9-10 test chart (commonly called a Coggins test) and a valid health certificate.**
7. **Poultry must have 2 things: a current (within 2 months *unless your flock is participating each year in the NPIP annual testing program*) negative salmonella pullorum/typhoid test written on a valid health certificate or the NPIP form VS 9-2 and a valid health certificate. See exception for broilers under species requirements.**
8. **Clarification is needed on the definition of Official Health Certificate.**
  - a. **LDAF has guidelines for intrastate movement to Louisiana 4-H and FFA Shows so for movement within the state, LDAF will require the following:**
    1. **Original or copy of a valid health certificate**
    2. **One consignor per certificate, such as county agent, with multiple families per certificate is allowed if writing is legible and animals are individually identified**
    3. **More than one species per certificate is allowed if writing is legible and animals are individually identified**
  - b. **USDA has guidelines for interstate movement so livestock moving from out-of-state to Louisiana shows will require the following:**
    1. **Original health certificate**
    2. **One consignor per certificate**
    3. **One species per certificate**

## B. Species Requirements

### 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 must have the following: valid health certificate with the official animal identification clearly written on the health certificate.
- c. Health Certificate
  1. Must be signed by USDA Category II accredited veterinarian
  2. Official identification (not just the registration number) of each animal should be clearly stated on the health certificate
  3. Official ID accepted for cattle in Louisiana includes: metal ID tags (silver Brite tags or orange OCV tags), RFID tags, official breed registry tattoos, and official breed registry brands
  4. Multiple cattle may be listed on one health certificate providing proper identification is clearly stated
  5. This health certificate is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals.
  6. This health certificate is valid for 30 days from the date of issue for all out-of-state animals.
- d. **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. All horses participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.
- b. Horses entering Louisiana shows or fairs must have the following: valid health certificate with the official animal identification clearly written on the health certificate and a negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test.
- c. Health Certificate
  1. Must be signed by USDA Category II accredited veterinarian
  2. Official identification (not just the registration number) of each animal should be clearly stated on the health certificate
  3. Official ID accepted for horses in Louisiana includes: accurate physical description, electronic ID (microchip), or digital photo
  4. Multiple horses may be listed on one health certificate providing proper identification is clearly stated
  5. This health certificate is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals.
  6. This health certificate is valid for 30 days from the date of issue for all out-of-state animals.
- d. EIA Test
  1. Each horse must have a negative official test for EIA (Coggins Test) within the past year
  2. Test results may be written on the health certificate by the veterinarian or the VS 9-10 test chart should accompany the horse
  3. The EIA test chart should contain an accurate, description of the horse and also for Louisiana horses a permanent id such as microchip number, brand, or tattoo

- e. Foals must be tested for EIA by one (1) year of age if traveling to a show.
  - f. It is strongly recommended that the horse be vaccinated for Equine Encephalitis (EEE, WEE, VEE), West Nile Virus (WNV), and Equine Herpes (EHV1)
  - g. **Each horse 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.**
3. Poultry
- a. All poultry participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.
  - b. Poultry entering Louisiana shows or fairs must have the following: valid health certificate with the official bird identification clearly written on the health certificate and a negative test for *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid)
  - c. **\*NOTE:** Broilers only need a health certificate because flocks of origin have all been tested and NPIP certified salmonella free.\*
  - d. Health Certificate
    - 1. Must be signed by USDA Category II accredited veterinarian
    - 2. Official identification of each bird should be clearly stated on the health certificate
    - 3. Official ID accepted for poultry in Louisiana includes: leg bands or Group Identification Number (GIN)
    - 4. Multiple birds may be listed on one health certificate providing proper identification is clearly stated
    - 5. This health certificate is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals.
    - 6. This health certificate is valid for 30 days from the date of issue for all out-of-state animals.
  - e. Salmonella Test (individual bird or flock)
    - 1. Each bird must have a negative test for *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid) dated within 60 days prior to the show, **or**
    - 2. The flock from which the bird originates must be certified *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid) free under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) within the past year
    - 3. Test results or flock NPIP certification status may be written on the health certificate by the veterinarian or the official Form VS 9-2 should accompany the bird
    - 4. Identification of each bird is recommended by leg band with the identification listed on the VS 9-2 form.
  - f. **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. Swine entering Louisiana shows or fairs must have the following: valid health certificate with the official swine identification clearly written on the health certificate
  - c. Health Certificate
    - 7. Must be signed by USDA Category II accredited veterinarian

8. Official identification of each pig should be clearly stated on the health certificate
  9. Official ID accepted for swine in Louisiana includes: official metal eartags, official swine tattoos, or ear notching
  10. Multiple pigs may be listed on one health certificate providing proper identification is clearly stated
  11. This health certificate is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals.
  12. This health certificate is valid for 30 days from the date of issue for all out-of-state animals.
- d. Each pig 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.**
5. Sheep and Goats
- a. Each sheep and goat participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.
  - b. Sheep and goats entering Louisiana shows or fairs must have the following: valid health certificate with the official sheep or goat identification clearly written on the health certificate
  - c. Health Certificate
    1. Must be signed by USDA Category II accredited veterinarian
    2. Official identification of each sheep or goat should be clearly stated on the health certificate
    3. Official ID accepted for sheep and goats in Louisiana includes: official USDA Scrapie eartags, breed registry tattoos, or electronic implants (microchips)
    4. Multiple sheep and goats may be listed on one health certificate providing proper identification is clearly stated
    5. This health certificate is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals.
    6. This health certificate is valid for 30 days from the date of issue for all out-of-state animals.
  - d. Each sheep and 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.**
- C. Biosecurity should always be practiced at livestock shows. Make sure you wash your hands frequently or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner after sneezing or contact with animals. Also make sure manure is not spread by footwear or equipment to minimize the spread of infectious diseases such as Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv). And always notify your veterinarian or show personnel if your animal becomes ill.
- D. Premises registration is strongly recommended for animal disease traceability. Premises Identification numbers may be obtained by contacting the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Veterinary Health Division at 225-925-3980 or on the website at [www.ldaf.state.la.us](http://www.ldaf.state.la.us) at the Premises ID link.