

Fair, Festival & Purebred Sale Regulations & Recommendations 2026



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**West Virginia
Department of Agriculture
Animal Health Division**

WEST VIRGINIA FAIRS, FESTIVALS, AND PUREBRED CONSIGNMENT SALES HEALTH REQUIREMENTS 2026

This is an official interpretation of regulations promulgated under the authority of Chapter 19, Article 9 of the State Code of West Virginia. This applies to fairs, festivals and shows.

- All livestock imported into the State of West Virginia for fairs, festivals, and shows shall be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection approved by the livestock health official of the State of origin. A copy of the approved Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall be forwarded to the Director of the Animal Health Division, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Capitol Building, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, and should be in his possession (5) five days prior to the arrival of livestock.
- Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspections (CVI) is good for 30 days. **All out of state cattle must have official identification listed on the health certificate.**

Any animal showing signs of a potential infectious or contagious disease will not be allowed to participate in the event.

- Note: Cattle and goats from other states with disease outbreaks may be required to secure a special permit from the Director of Animal Health Division, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, phone number (304) 558-2214, before being admitted into West Virginia.

ALL LIVESTOCK MUST MEET THE STATE OF DESTINATION HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AS TO MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS. SOME VARIATION IS FOUND IN HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AMONG THE SEVERAL STATES.

Official ID is a requirement for interstate movement for cattle, swine, sheep and goats.

FAIR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR CATTLE

All out-of-state cattle must be accompanied by an Official CVI with Official Identification listed. Health certificates are good for 30 days. Nursing Animals – move with Dam. No CVI is required but must be listed on dam's CVI. All out of state cattle must have official identification listed on the health certificate.

TUBERCULOSIS IN CATTLE

Cattle to be exhibited at West Virginia fairs, festivals, and shows must meet one of the following requirements:

From West Virginia:

No test required, if herd is not under quarantine for tuberculosis

From Other States:

- (1) From Bovine Tuberculosis Free State – No test required. Interstate CVI is required. All out of state cattle must have official identification listed on the health certificate.
- (2) From other than Bovine Tuberculosis Free State:
 - a. If originating from an accredited TB free herd – No test required, or
 - b. If herd of origin has had a complete negative herd test within 12 months - No test required, or
 - c. All other bovine require a negative TB test within 60 days of show.
 - d. Nursing calves may be shown on dam's negative CVI. All out of state cattle must have official identification listed on the health certificate.

BRUCELLOSIS IN CATTLE

Cattle to be exhibited at West Virginia fairs, festivals, and shows must meet one of the following requirements:

From West Virginia:

No test required, if herd is not under quarantine for brucellosis.

From Other States:

- (1) From Brucellosis Free State – No test required. Interstate CVI is required.
- (2) From other than a Brucellosis Free State:
 - a. Official Brucellosis vaccinates under 24 months (beef) and 20 months (dairy) of age from a herd not under brucellosis restrictions – No test required, or
 - b. Originating from a Certified Brucellosis Free herd – No test required, or
 - c. Complete herd test within one year before the show – No test required, or
 - d. A negative brucellosis test within 30 days. Nursing calves may be shown on the dam's negative CVI. All out of state cattle must have official identification listed on the health certificate.

LEPTOSPIROSIS - CATTLE

* Recommended: Vaccinations for *L. canicola*, *L. icterhaemorrhagiae*, *L. hardjo*, *L. pomona* and *L. grippotyphosa*, are to be seriously considered.

CATTLE PUREBRED SALES

WV Cattle-No testing required.

Out of State Cattle

- Require current CVI dated within 30 days and official ID. Official ID must be listed on CVI.

- Cattle from USDA- Classified free states either for Tuberculosis or *Brucella abortus* do not require testing.

- Any bull over 18 months must be PCR negative for trichomoniasis within 60 days. Testing must be documented on CVI. Virgin bulls 18 months and younger are exempt.

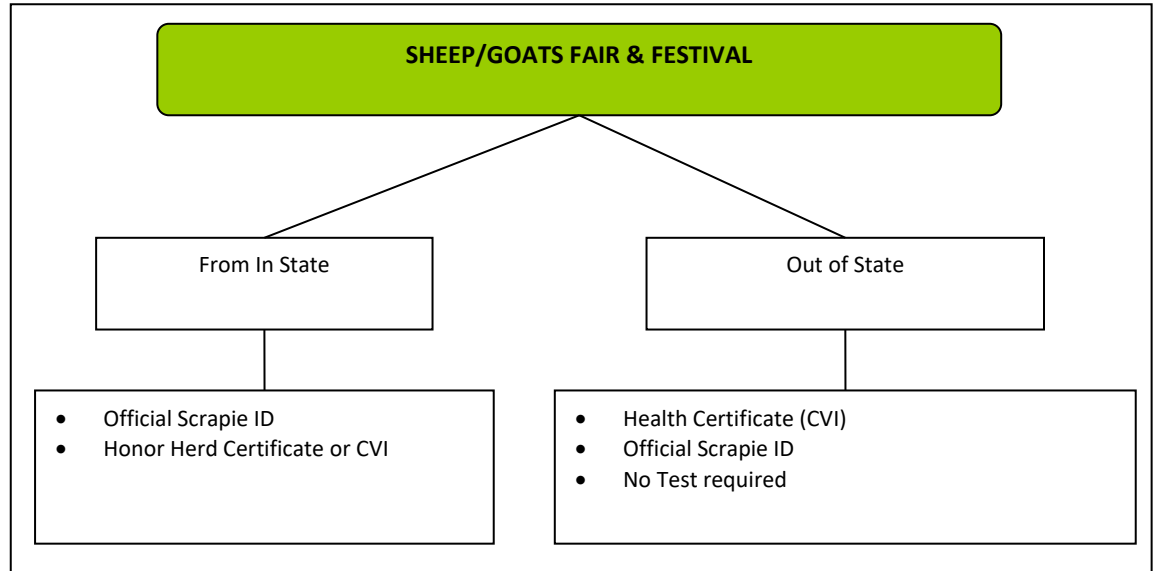
Recommend call Animal Health at 304-558-2214 prior to movement in case of disease outbreaks that could cause changes for WV requirements.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SHEEP/GOATS

All out-of-state and breeding sheep/goats must be accompanied by an Official CVI good for 30 days. In state breeding sheep/goats must have an Official CVI or a West Virginia Honor Flock/Herd Certificate. USDA regulation states that you must have an official Scrapie ID and the ID# must be listed on the CVI. All sheep/goats will be inspected by West Virginia Animal Health Officials.

TB & BRUCELLOSIS FOR SHEEP/GOATS

No test required.



HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SWINE

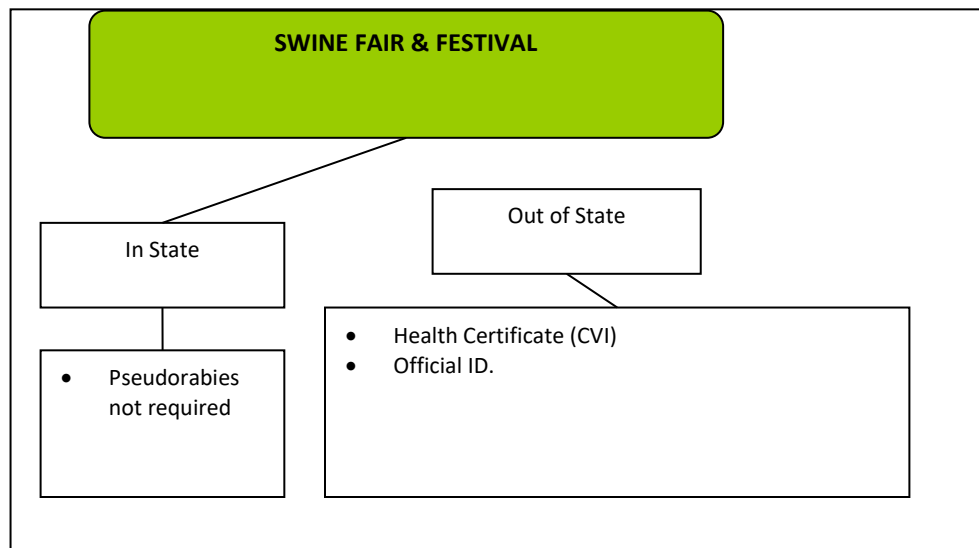
All out-of-state swine must be accompanied by an official CVI good for 30 days and official ID.

From West Virginia:

Any swine born in West Virginia, and have never left the state, will no longer require pseudorabies testing prior to being shown at any fair or festival in West Virginia.

From Other States:

All swine must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for entry into West Virginia and official ID.



HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES

All out-of-state horses must be accompanied by an official CVI good for 30 days.

From West Virginia:

- Must be uniquely identified, and
- Have a negative Coggins' Test from a USDA approved laboratory within the last 12 months.

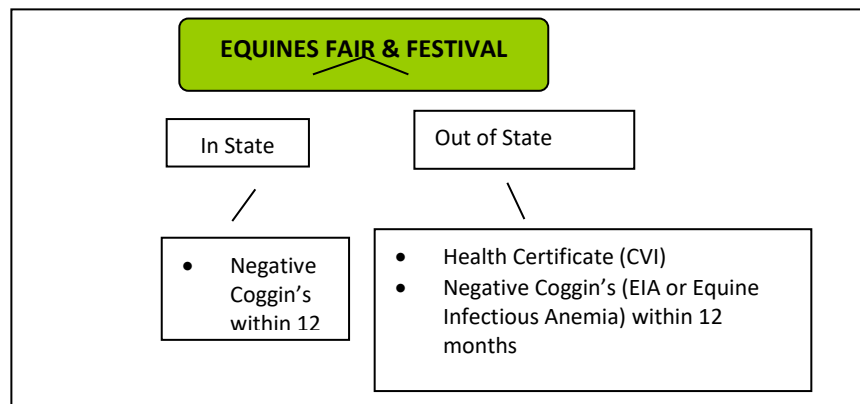
From Other States:

- Must be uniquely identified.
- Accompanied by an approved CVI from the state of origin prior to show or fair, and
- A negative Coggins' Test from a USDA approved laboratory within the last 12 months.

RECOMMENDED EQUINE VACCINATION

Vaccination Programs should at least include: Flu, Tetanus, Eastern & Western Encephalitis, West Nile Virus and Rabies.

NOTE: No animals from any herd or herds under restrictions will be permitted to show or sell. Animal Health Officials of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture reserve the right to examine any animal consigned and exclude animals from the show or sale that exhibit signs of disease.



HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR BIRDS TO BE IMPORTED OR EXHIBITED AT FAIRS, FESTIVALS, OR SHOWS:

- Out of state birds must have a negative Avian Influenza test within 14 days of import/exhibition.
- Birds to be exhibited at fairs, festivals or shows shall be apparently healthy and shall not originate from a flock known to be infected with pullorum/typhoid.
- All birds to be exhibited at West Virginia fairs, festivals and shows shall be accompanied by: 1) A statement by the owner signed on the day of the show stating that the birds have been free of disease for the past 30 days and did not originate from a flock known to be infected with pullorum/typhoid; and 2) A Form 9-2 indicating that the birds have been tested within 90 days of the show, or; 3) A Form 9-3 indicating that they have originated from a pullorum/typhoid clean flock.
- Qualified individuals approved by the Commissioner may perform the pullorum/typhoid test at fairs, festivals and shows.
- The individual who performs the pullorum/typhoid test shall report to the Commissioner on forms provided by the Commissioner the results of these tests within seven (7) days of the testing.
- If any bird submitted by an owner tests positive for pullorum/typhoid, all birds of that owner shall be denied entry into the show.
- The fair management shall keep a record of all birds exhibited at their event. These records shall include the name and address of the exhibitor and the number of birds exhibited.
- No bird will be allowed for exhibit from an area under quarantine.

