

**New Mexico Livestock Board
New Mexico State Cooperative Extension Service
New Mexico FFA Association**

GUIDE FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

2011 SEASON

All in-state junior livestock (cattle, sheep, goats and swine) showing at New Mexico fairs must have an NMLB APPROVED fair tag furnished by the NMLB and a Form 1 inspection issued by the NMLB before entering any county or state fair. All out of state livestock must comply with New Mexico import requirements. The Form 1 inspection will be issued at the time the NMLB APPROVED tag is placed in the animal, tags will be issued by the NMLB. The application of the tag will be completed by the extension agent, FFA advisor or fair personnel. All animals must be tagged and inspected no later than July 15th. The purpose of these requirements is to keep on file a record of animals that are commingled at fairs and shows.

CATTLE

- Proof of ownership (NMLB "Form 1" inspection certificate) must accompany the animal when traveling, whether in or out of the district; this is the assurance that all requirements have been met.
- Brands:
 1. All in state show cattle must be branded with a New Mexico registered brand; if the person showing the animal is not the brand's registered owner, a bill of sale and a letter of permission from the brand's owner is required.
 2. Fresh brands are not allowed – the brand must be "peeled and healed".
 3. A freeze brand does not qualify as a New Mexico registered brand.
 4. Cattle may be shown with the originating herd's New Mexico registered brand with a bill of sale and a letter of permission from that brand owner.
 5. Certificates of Brand Exemption are allowed only on registered breeding cattle under that ownership. Steers do not qualify for a Certificate of Brand Exemption.
- All breeding bulls require a negative trichomoniasis test.
- All sexually intact dairy cattle over 4 months of age are required to have a negative TB test. TB tests will be honored for 120 days prior to showing.
- The NMLB approved fair tag is not required for registered breeding show heifers, **only** if they are identified by official breed registry number; either tattoo or tag, for purposes of traceability. Grade heifers will be required to have the NMLB approved fair tag.
- Accredited TB-Free Herd status will be recognized.

SHEEP AND GOATS

- Proof of ownership (NMLB "form 1" inspection certificate) must accompany the animal when traveling, whether in or out of district; this provides the assurance that all requirements are met.
- A NMLB APPROVED fair ear tag provided by the NMLB, a NMLB approved tattoo (tattoo registered with NMLB) and a Form 1 inspection issued by the NMLB.

- Sexually intact sheep and goats must have an official USDA scrapie tag applied to the ear and/or a legible breed registration tattoo.
- This rule applies to all species and breeds entered in junior shows.

HORSES

- Proof of ownership must accompany the animal; either an NMLB "Form 1" certificate of inspection, or a 1-H permanent inspection card.
- A current negative Coggin's test is required (within 12 months) for all out of state horses.
- Any horse arriving from out-of-state must be accompanied by a current health certificate.
- All breeding stallions must be accompanied by a negative Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) test.
- USDA UM&R pertaining to Equine Infectious Anemia states that all horses entered in exhibitions must have a current negative Coggin's test.
- NMLB strongly encourages compliance and recommends that show managers enforce this rule.

SWINE

- Proof of ownership must accompany the animal (NMLB "Form 1" inspection certificate).
- Inspection must be completed prior to July 15th of current year.
- All health and ID requirements must be met.
- All swine from out-of-state must receive an import inspection at destination and must be accompanied by the original or a copy stamped and verified "official" by an NMLB inspector, certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) and import permit.

ADDITIONAL RULES

- 1) No copies or faxed copies of TB test charts (VS Form 6-22) or health certificates will be accepted, unless signed by the veterinarian (who administered the test) in blue ink certifying the copy. The exhibitor must bring these documents to fair check-in.
- 2) NMLB approved regulatory identification is required for all test eligible animals.
- 3) Any clinical signs or evidence of an infectious and/or contagious disease will result in that animals immediate removal from the fair grounds.
- 4) Out of state equine and livestock entries must adhere to New Mexico entry requirements and all current New Mexico fair entry requirements. Please call the NMLB office for state entry requirements.

ANY ANIMAL, ARRIVING AT A SHOW OR FAIR, FOUND NOT TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH NEW MEXICO STATE STATUTES OR LIVESTOCK BOARD RULES WILL BE SENT HOME AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME COMPLIANT FOR FUTURE SHOWS AND FAIRS.

This information is provided only as a guide and may not contain all necessary requirements for livestock bound for exhibits and shows. It is extremely important to consult your 4-H Leader, FFA Advisor, County Agent and your Livestock Inspector for updated information well ahead of your planned date of transport. Be sure to contact the destination fairs and livestock shows for their own rules.

Good luck and congratulations on having fit your animals for the show!

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