

# General Requirements for Youth Exhibitions & Events

It is the shared responsibility of the agriculture industry to promote the health of livestock and prevent foreign animal diseases. These requirements are in place to quickly and effectively review the movement and disease status of animals and to help mitigate health risks. This compliance guide is provided to assist in ensuring exhibitors meet general Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) exhibition requirements.

## Intrastate vs. Interstate Shows:

**Intrastate Event:** The TAHC considers shows, fairs, rodeos, events or exhibitions to be intrastate if they ONLY allow Texas animals to enter or if they require Texas livestock and poultry of the same species to be housed and exhibited separately from livestock and poultry from out of state.

**Interstate Event:** The TAHC considers shows, fairs, rodeos, events or exhibitions to be interstate 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.

- If a show allows out of state animals, in-state exhibitors must also meet the same interstate requirements.
- Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs) are required by the USDA and TAHC when movement across state lines occurs.
- When attending out of state events, requirements to enter back into the state must be met.

## Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):

Often referred to as a health certificate, CVIs help document animal health information for a single movement.

- Animals bought at an out-of-state sale must have proper documentation (CVI, entry permit, etc.) to return to the state.
- A complete and specific physical location must be recorded, not a PO Box or the show name.
  - The “show circuit” designation is not allowed.
- CVIs are only good for 30 days or a single location (point A to point B).
- Information on CVI or official documents must not be altered or changed.
- Dates must be correct. Ensure veterinarians include the date when issuing.

## Official Identification (ID):

Official test records or CVIs must only record official forms of ID as animal identification.

- Official devices bear the official US shield.
- Exhibition animals moving interstate or at an interstate show are required to have official ID.
- Official ID cannot be removed once applied.
- Validation tags are not considered official identification, at this time.
- Ear notches, tattoos, or brands are only accepted as official identification in registered animals.

## General Exhibition Reminders:

- Individual shows may have additional requirements that must be met. Check with each show or event in advance.
- It is the responsibility of show personnel to ensure all entry requirements have been met prior to allowing an animal on the premises. The TAHC can help provide training but will not always be at the gate checking paperwork.
- Practicing good biosecurity before, during, and after the show is important to protecting all animal health.
- Testing is an important requirement for those attending stock shows and events. Check the specific species requirements and complete all testing prior to the show.
- Start early, do not wait until the week before the show to test. The list of reasons for delays is endless and timely to show season, and shipping samples can be very unpredictable. Use the correct forms to help expedite the process.
- FFA chapters and 4-H groups that have a school farm facility may consider getting a premise I.D. in order to purchase 840 series RFID tags and to obtain scrapie tags specifically for those facilities. To get a premise I.D., call 512-719-0733.

This is not a complete list of TAHC exhibition or movement requirements. Visit Title 4, Texas Administrative Code, Part 2 for official requirements or call the TAHC Program Records Department, 512-719-0777, to determine additional requirements.

