

# Movement Requirements for Exhibition & Event Animals

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# Definitions

- **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection/Health Papers (CVI):** CVIs are commonly referred to as “health certificates”. This document indicates that an accredited veterinarian inspected, tested or immunized the animals in question as required by the TAHC.
  - Cattle, sheep, goats, equine, swine, exotic livestock and ratites coming into the state or entered in an interstate show must be accompanied by a CVI.
  - Poultry may enter the state or into livestock shows with a CVI inspection or with other documents as described on the “Poultry” page.
  - The certificate is valid for 30 days for all species being exhibited or exhibited and sold.
- **Entry Permit:** This permit is issued by the TAHC and is needed for certain livestock, poultry, exotic livestock and ratites to enter Texas. The permit is valid for 15 days. The entry permit number must be recorded on the CVI. To obtain an entry permit call the TAHC at 512-719-0777, or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777, or email [permits@tahc.texas.gov](mailto:permits@tahc.texas.gov).



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# Type of Event – El Paso County Fair

- 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.



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# Cattle – Interstate Event

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)
  - Cattle must have a valid **CVI prior to arrival to the event or entering the state of Texas.**

## Entry Permit

- Bulls Intact and over 12 months of age required to have entry permit
- “M” branded steers are required to have entry permit.
- Official Identification
  - All cattle must have arrived with official identification (see next slide)
- Tuberculosis (TB) Test
  - Dairy cattle from Texas are not required to be TB tested.
  - Out of State, sexually intact dairy cattle 2 months of age or older are required to have a TB test **60 days prior to entry.**
- Brucellosis Test
  - Unless excepted, cattle are not required to be tested.



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# Lactating Dairy Cattle

- If lactating, dairy cattle must have current, negative test for Avian Influenza Virus for any movement, both Intrastate and Interstate.
- Each lactating dairy cow moving intrastate to a fair, show, or exhibition must have a negative PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test result for Influenza A virus. The results must be from an individual milk sample collected and tested at an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory using a NAHLN approved assay within 7 days prior to movement.
- These animals may return to their home herd using the same negative test result, if the exhibition or show does not exceed 10 days.
- This testing is available to producers at no cost through USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) programs at NAHLN laboratories. Producers may also apply for reimbursement of shipping and veterinary fees for collection of samples. View the [USDA APHIS financial support for producers](#) information to learn more.
- The HPAI dairy testing protocol requires:
  - Sample collection must be performed by a USDA category II accredited veterinarian or a person under the direct supervision of USDA category II accredited veterinarian working for the dairy cattle herd.
  - Milk from each quarter of the individual cow must be pooled together to create a total sample between 3-10 ml of milk.
  - Each lactating dairy cow's sample must be kept individualized. Samples shall not be pooled between cows.



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# Types of USDA Official Identification for Cattle

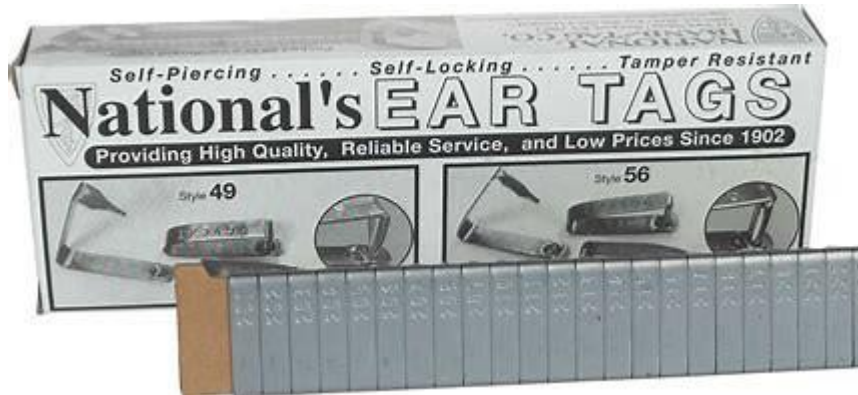
USDA National Uniform Eartagging System  
(NUES) tags  
- Silver metal alphanumeric ear tags

840 Tags - USDA approved 15-digit Animal  
Identification Number (AIN) devices

\*Look for the U.S. Shield!

- “840” series RFID tags
- “840” series non-RFID visual tags

[Allflex USDA Tags | CattleTags.com](https://www.allflex.com/usda-tags)





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# Sheep

- **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)**
  - All sheep are required to arrive with a valid **CVI prior to arrival to the event or entry into the state of Texas.**
- **Official Identification**
  - All sheep are required to have official identification prior to arrival.
    - Scrapie tag
    - USDA approved tag (US Shield)
  - Official Identification (840 tag) will count as a valid scrapie tag. Separate Scrapie tags are no longer required if they have an 840 tag.



- **Testing Requirements**
  - Unless excepted, out of state breeding rams 6 months of age or older are required to have a negative ELISA test for Brucella ovis within 30 days of the event or from a brucella ovis free flock. Results must be included on CVI.



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# Goats

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)
  - All Goats are required to have a valid CVI prior to arrival to event or prior to entry into Texas.
- Official Identification
  - All goats are required to have official identification prior to arrival to event
  - Official Identification (840 tag) will count as a valid scrapie tag. Separate Scrapie tags are no longer required as long as they have an 840 tag.
- Testing Requirements
  - None required by TAHC







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# Swine

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)
  - All swine are required to have a valid CVI prior to arrival to event or prior to entry into Texas.
- Official Identification
  - All swine must have official identification.
- Testing Requirements
  - Breeding swine 6 months of age or older are required to have negative Brucellosis and Pseudorabies, 30 days prior to event/entry.
  - Leptospirosis vaccine is required for breeding swine 30 days before event/entry 30 days. (See brochure for certain strains that are required to be in the vaccine)





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# Poultry

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)
  - All poultry are required to have a valid CVI prior to arrival to event or prior to entry into Texas.
- Permits
  - All poultry entering the state of Texas must have an entry permit issued by TAHC within 15 days prior to entry/event.
- Official Identification
  - Not required by TAHC.



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# Poultry Cont.

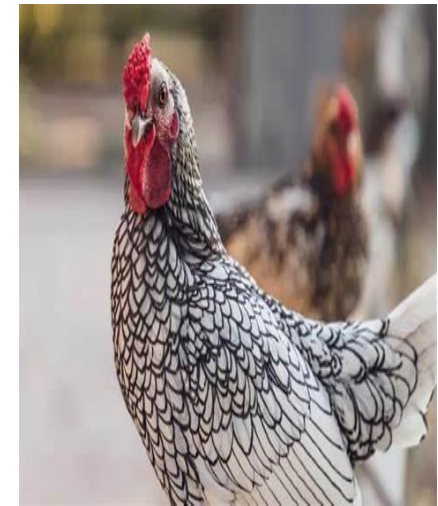
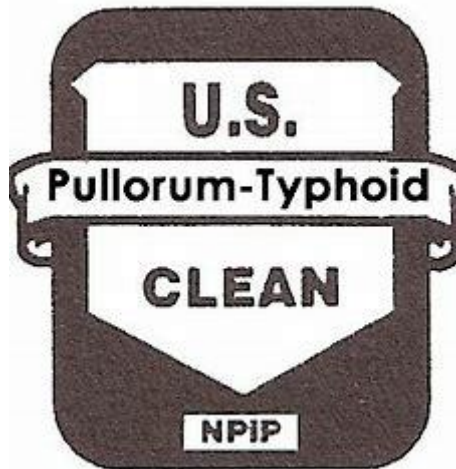
- Testing Requirements
  - Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) Test:
    - Poultry must originate from flocks or hatcheries free of PT or have a negative PT test within 30 days prior to exhibition.
  - Laryngotracheitis (LT) Test:
    - Poultry must originate from areas where LT has not been active for 30 days and must not have been vaccinated with the modified live chick-embryo origin LT vaccine or the modified live MG-attenuated vaccine.
  - Avian Influenza (AI) Test:
    - All poultry must have negative AI flock test or individual bird test for AI 30 days prior to event.



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# Poultry Cont.

- If Poultry comes from an NPIP (National Poultry Improvement Plan) flock with NPIP seal, the exhibitor is only required to test for Avian Influenza at Interstate shows.





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# CVI Requirements

- Valid for 30 days
- CVI's are Point A (1 premise) to Point B (1 premise)
  - Point A: the physical address the animal is leaving from
  - Point B: the event in which you are going to
    - Point B can not have two locations listed, only one. If two locations are listed, the CVI is not valid
  - Some CVI's offer a Point C
    - If the CVI has a Point C destination, for example going back to the Point A premise, a certified Veterinarian must sign off on the CVI at the point B destination in order for the CVI to be valid to the point C premise.
- Official Identification
  - All official identification numbers must be on the CVI
    - For swine we recommend having ear-notches corresponding with the official ID tag number.



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# CVI Requirements Continued

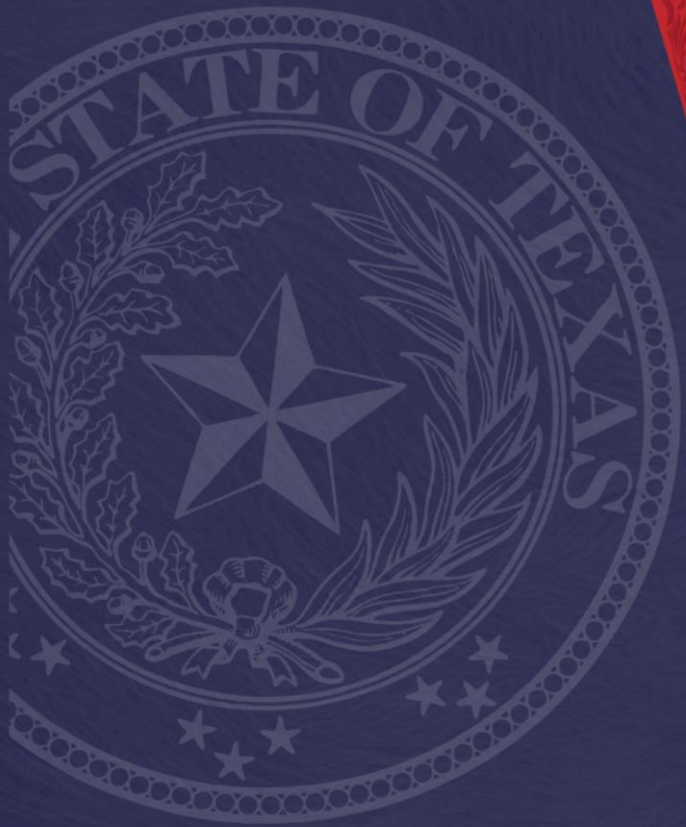
- Number of animals listed on the CVI
  - You can arrive with less animals than listed on the CVI but not more
  - You can not bring an animal that is not listed on the CVI.
  - All official identification numbers must match the animals present.



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# Important Contacts

- Contact for CVI requirements for Veterinarians.
  - 512-719-0777
  - 1-800-550-8242 ext. 777
- TAHC Permit Office
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