

HEALTH REGULATIONS

All health regulations will be strictly enforced, and decisions of the regulatory veterinarian concerning animal health status are final. No animals may be unloaded on the fairgrounds before being checked and approved by the regulatory veterinarian in charge. **ALL LIVESTOCK WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ENTRANCE HEALTH EXAMINATION AT TIME OF CHECK IN AS A PREREQUISITE FOR ENTRY ONTO THE FAIRGROUNDS. ANY ANIMAL NOT PASSING THIS EXAM WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR DISPOSITION BY THE SHOW VETERINARIAN.** All entries shall be inspected prior to unloading between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. **Animals will not be allowed to enter the barns until inspected and passed by health officials. An approval card will be issued after the ENTRANCE HEALTH EXAMINATION and will be required for animals to enter the barns.** **Any and all animals not meeting the entry requirements, unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness, may be refused entry, required to be isolated and/or required to be returned to the farm of origin. During the duration of the Fair, any and all animals of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness or found not to have met entry requirements after entry may be required to be isolated and/or returned to the farm of origin.**

All animals must have a form of identification (ear tag, tattoo, ear notch, or microchip -readers must be supplied by owner) to enter the fairgrounds.

All sheep and goats must comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Sheep and goats without a scrapie tag, or a registration paper with corresponding tattoo or microchip information at the time of check-in will not be allowed. Scrapie Flock ID numbers must be presented at the time of check-in before an approval card can be issued. This number is not the same as the National Premise ID.

All livestock except Horses will require a **State or National Premise ID** prior to showing at the State Fair. No exceptions. For those exhibitors showing multiple species only one premise ID is needed if on the same farm. The Premise ID must be included on the Entry Form at the time it is submitted. If you do not have a premise ID number you can obtain one by printing and filling out the following form <http://www.ncagr.gov/ncfarmid/registrationform.htm>. For more information visit <http://www.ncfarmid.com>.

Drug testing may include, but not limited to, the following drugs: Furosemide; Bumetanide; Boldenone; Nandrolone; Flunixin; Phenylbutazone; Dexamethasone; Isoflupredone; Flumethasone; Methylprednisolone; Azaperone; Acepromazine; Chlorpromazine, and other tranquilizers; Clenbuterol; Balbuterol; Terbutaline; Albuterol; Isoetharine. Paylean is labeled for swine only, Optiflex is labeled for feedlot cattle only. Paylean and Optiflex are **illegal for use in sheep and goats.**

The health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the NC Dept. of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the Show Veterinarian, show committee, and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth or any other signs of contagious disease **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.** Examples of lesions, treatments and prevention strategies, courtesy of NCSU-CVM, can be seen on the NCDA&CS Veterinary Division website: <http://www.ncagr.com/vet/> (click on MSF/SF Health Requirements under the Vet Div Highlights section).

The Fair staff works diligently to prevent diseased animals from entering the fairground, though owners should consider that animals may be exposed to infectious agents while at the Fair. It is a best management practice to keep animals returning from the Fair separate from your animals at home for 2-3 weeks. By isolating exhibited animals for this time you have the opportunity to see if they were exposed to disease and infected while at the Fair.

Drug and Chemical Compounds Policy for All NCDA&CS Sponsored Fairs, Exhibitions, and Events

The use of any drug and/or chemical compound in any manner that is not approved by the FDA, including but not limited to indications and directions on species, age, dosage amounts and/or withdrawal times, is illegal and prohibited.

The owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person must notify the show management prior to admittance into the livestock barns of any animal that is being administered drugs or chemical compounds in accordance with approved FDA guidelines for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal. Acceptance of the animal for exhibition will be at the discretion of the livestock superintendent and the show veterinarian and will depend on such factors as the nature of the drug or chemical compound and justification by an accredited veterinarian with a valid client-patient relationship. Regardless, livestock will not be allowed to exhibit if use of any drugs or chemical compounds will affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and/or absolutely responsible persons will be held accountable for the presence of any violative drug residue from their animal and subject to the disposition as specified below:

1. Findings of proof in intentional use of any drug or chemical compound in a manner described as illegal and prohibited by the Policy on use of Drugs and Chemical Compounds will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all premiums and prizes, market value of the animal (in the case of market animals), and a life-time ban on exhibiting in NCD&CS sponsored events.
2. If proof of intentional use of any drug or chemical compound in an illegal and prohibited manner cannot be found on an animal that has been demonstrated by the above detailed laboratory methods to have the presence of such a substance, a first time offense for a positive test will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all premiums and prizes, market value of the animal (in the case of market animals), and a one-year prohibition on exhibiting in NCD&CS sponsored events by the exhibitor of the positive animal. A second time offense by that exhibitor for any drug or chemical compound in a manner described as illegal and prohibited will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all premiums and prizes, market value of the animal (in the case of market animals), and a life-time ban on exhibiting in NCD&CS sponsored events by the exhibitor of that positive animal.

Cattle - Dairy and Beef

Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth, or any other signs of contagious disease **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.**

All cattle from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 60 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and registration, tattoo, or ear tag numbers.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the cattle listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge.
4. Information relating to brucellosis.
 - A. Those cattle which are native to North Carolina need not be tested. (Native meaning those cattle which were born in North Carolina or which have met North Carolina import requirements.)
 - B. Cattle originating from any certified Brucellosis free herd, regardless of the state of origin, may enter North Carolina, provided the following information is recorded on the official certificate.
 - (1) the individual identification of each animal;
 - (2) the herd certification number;
 - (3) the date of the last herd test; and
 - (4) a permit when otherwise required in the rule.
 - C. Cattle imported from a Class Free State shall originate from a herd not under quarantine and need not be tested.
 - D. Cattle imported from a Class A State shall originate from a herd not under quarantine and pass a negative official blood test within 60 days of entry into North Carolina.
 - E. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Rule, a Brucellosis test is not required for steers or spayed females and no test prior to entry into the state is required of:

- (1) Cattle under eight months of age;
- (2) Dairy heifers under 20 months of age officially vaccinated against Brucellosis; and
- (3) Heifers of the beef breed less than 24 months of age and officially vaccinated against Brucellosis.

5. Information relating to tuberculosis

A test for tuberculosis is not required for cattle which are native to North Carolina. Any cattle over 6 months of age not originating from a Tuberculosis Free state shall be required to have an official tuberculosis test within 60 days of entry, unless from an accredited herd.

Swine

Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth, or any other signs of contagious disease **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.**

Swine from out-of-state exhibitors (including market hogs) must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 60 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian, or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including age, sex, breed, and any registrations, ear tag, or ear notch numbers.
3. A statement by the veterinarian attesting that the swine listed are not infected with, or have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge.
4. Statement by the veterinarian that all breeding swine in the consignment originate from a PRV Stage IV or V state or a Validated Brucellosis-Free and Qualified Pseudorabies-Free Herd. The herd validation qualification numbers must be listed. This requirement does not apply to market hogs.

Goats & Sheep

Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth, or any other signs of contagious disease **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.**

Goats and sheep from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 60 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and any registration, tattoo, microchip or ear tag numbers.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the goats listed are not infected with, or have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge. The health certificate shall contain a statement that the flock of origin has not had Scrapie diagnosed within the past 42 months. All goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program Guidelines. Call 1-866-USDA TAG (873-2824) or 919 855-7707 for more information.
4. Any animal showing evidence of suspicious fungal lesions must have a signed veterinarian's statement on the health certificate with the date and type of treatment.
5. Dairy sheep and goats over six (6) months of age and sexually intact imported from out of state must have a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to import. All imports over six (6) months of age must have a negative tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to import unless they originate from a certified and accredited herd or are consigned for immediate slaughter. **The brucellosis and tuberculosis testing requirements shall not apply to goats entering the state only for exhibition purposes from states that are USDA Tuberculosis Accredited-Free and Brucellosis Certified free, when accompanied by an official health certificate. Such animals shall remain in the state for exhibition purposes for no more than 30 days from the date of issuance of the health certificate.

Llama

Notice for out-of-state entries: Llamas must have a health certificate issued within 30 days of the show.

OTHER ANIMALS ENTERING THE FAIRGROUNDS

Any animal of the above species entering the fairgrounds regardless of their purpose of entry must meet the requirements that are listed above for that species. All equidae, six months old and older, must be accompanied by an official negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia within 12 months of entering the fairgrounds. This includes equidae in pony rides, exhibits, petting zoos, and competition events.

Animals categorized as exotic in North Carolina include bison, buffalo and all other bovidae (other than domestic cattle), camelids (llama, alpaca, camel), must be accompanied by a health certificate issued within 60 days by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The certificate must show individual identification. Animals from out-of-state must have negative test results for brucellosis within 30 days and tuberculosis within 60 days for all animals six months old and older. (Llamas, vicunas, alpacas, and guanacos are exempt from Tuberculosis and brucellosis testing.) The certification statement "The herd of origin has had no brucellosis or tuberculosis diagnosed within the past 12 months", must be included on the certificate. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth, or any other signs of contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.

NO DOGS ALLOWED ON GROUNDS

CAMPING ON FAIRGROUNDS

<http://www.ncstatefair.org/facilities/camping.htm>

Sites are first come, first serve. No advance reservations taken. If you have questions call (919)612-6767.

EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

Only vehicles operated by the Fair management will be allowed in the barn area.

The Fair management will use diligence to ensure the safety of livestock entered for exhibition or display, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for loss, injury, theft or damage by fire, lightning, wind, or any other agency, to such livestock on exhibition or display.

All livestock on exhibition must be cared for by the exhibitor (except entries in Special Junior Dairy Cattle Exhibits). **All stalls and pens (except entries in Special Exhibits) will be well bedded one time by the Fair, free of charge.** Thereafter, exhibitors will be required to furnish their own bedding.

The Fair reserves the right to discriminate against both excessive obesity, which cannot be a profitable condition for breeding animals and excessive leanness, in which conditions are unfit for exhibition.

No barren animals will be eligible in breeding classes. **An affidavit that an animal is a breeder must be furnished on request.**

All cattle must be halter-broken. Boars over one year of age must have their tusks removed.

A great educational feature of the Fair is the exhibitions and parades of approved livestock by breeds and ages. Exhibitors refusing for any cause not meeting with the approval of the management to lead out animals for parade will not only forfeit all premiums won, but will be barred from further participation in the Fair, and will be required to remove their stock from the Fairgrounds within six hours after such refusal, and will forfeit any fees paid.

Misrepresentation as to breeding and irregularity in showing will be exposed and any premium won by such exhibitor will be withheld. Certificates of registration must be shown on demand of the Livestock Superintendent.

Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in exhibition animals, including the use of steroids and other drugs, as well as lifting, dyeing or filling under the skin, will be considered fraud and deception.

Drenching will not be allowed except under the direct supervision of a North Carolina licensed veterinarian for a valid medical reason. The North Carolina State Fair Management reserves the right to test the grand and reserve champion of any show, and to conduct other random testing as deemed appropriate. The grand and reserve champions may be sampled at the fair. Exhibitors involved in any such treatment will be barred from exhibition at this Fair, and all Fairs holding membership in the International Association of Fairs and Exposition will be notified.

Exhibitors must keep the space in the rear of their stalls or pens, and the alleyways in the exhibition halls, clear and clean. All litter must be deposited where directed by the Superintendent of Directors.

Animals must be transported to and from the Fairgrounds at the expense of the exhibitor, except for some Junior Exhibitors. The Fair management will not pay any charges for express, freight, or drayage.

Exhibitors are responsible for ascertaining when their stock will be judged. Animals must be in the show ring promptly after being called. Exhibitors failing to comply with this rule may have their animals excluded from competition.

Exhibitors are not allowed to make substitutions between breeds. One substitution may be made within the breed, at approval of superintendent. See exceptions in certain departments.

JUDGES AND AWARDS

NO EXHIBITOR MAY RECEIVE MORE THAN TWO PREMIUM MONIES IN ANY ONE CLASS. However, ribbons will be awarded exactly as the animals are placed by the judge. **EXAMPLE:** An exhibitor makes three entries in a class, and his animals place “First”, “Second” and “Third”. He would receive only the first and second premium monies, but all three ribbons. Then, the owner of the animal placing “Fourth” would receive the third-place premium money and the fourth-place ribbon; and so on down the line.

The decision of the judges will be final, and no appeal will be considered except in the case of protest. The rules of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions govern appeals at the North Carolina State Fair. Protests must be in writing and filed with the State Fair Manager within twenty four hours of the day following the award, accompanied by a protest fee of \$250.00 which will be retained by the fair if the protest is not sustained by an impartial protest committee appointed by the State Fair Manager. No unworthy animal will be awarded a premium. Where there are fewer animals shown in the class than the number of premiums offered, the judge may, at his/her discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the animal or animals deserve.

Where there is only one entry in a class, second premium will be awarded unless in the opinion of the judge the animal is sufficiently meritorious as to justify the full award as provided for.

HERDSMEN’S CONTESTS

Special prizes will be awarded in contests for herdsman, shepherd and caretakers of animals in some livestock departments. All herdsman will automatically be considered entrants and no special entry is required. Judges will be assigned by the Livestock Director. The contests will start at a time designated by each Department.

The following score card will serve as the basis for the judges in the Herdsmen’s contest making their decisions.

Condition and cleanliness of herd or flock.....	20
Cleanliness of stalls/pens and alleyways	20
Signs indicating where the animals are from and who is showing them	20
Educational material or other displays that will interest the general public	20
Courtesy of exhibitors in both the show ring and the barn	<u>20</u>
	100

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

A Junior Showmanship Contest will be held for each species. The premium classes and age breaks for each species are outlined in each Junior Livestock Department. The selection committee will select exhibitors on the following criteria:

Showmanship and Animal Handling	60%
Showman's Appearance and Neatness	15%
Fitting of Animal	<u>25%</u>
	100%

Exhibitors need to enter the appropriate Showmanship class online or by paper entry. Exhibitors are not automatically entered.

GENERAL

Beef animals must have a legible, fully healed tattoo matching its identification papers.