

# New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service/

## New Mexico FFA Association

In Cooperation with New Mexico Livestock Board



### GUIDE FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

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**THE REQUIREMENTS WRITTEN HEREIN ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME  
DUE TO ANIMAL HEALTH ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE**

Before entering any New Mexico county or state fair, all in-state junior livestock (cattle, sheep, goats and swine) to be shown must have application of an approved NM Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag by an Extension Agent, FFA Advisor or designated Fair personnel and have a New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB) Form 1 Inspection. NMLB personnel will prepare the Form 1 Inspection for the Show Season at the time of Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag application in the project animal. The Form 1 Inspection Form will serve as a form of ownership for the junior livestock exhibitor.

**\*\*\*The County Extension Agent is responsible for maintaining required records of  
Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag applications\*\*\***

**Youth Exhibitor New Mexico Fair (NMF) Tag will be an official New Mexico State 4-H issued  
USDA 840 series tag.**

**New Mexico State 4-H Issued NMF tags are to be placed in the ear at tagging by a County 4-H  
Agent, FFA instructor, or approved designee. If a scannable 840 tag is currently in the ear,  
then that tag number is to be recorded on official records for project identification. If an  
existing 840 tag is in place that does not scan, then the **original** 840 number is to be recorded  
and the animal will also be tagged with a State 4-H issued, scannable, **840 series tag**  
**(permissible under federal ADT guidelines Citation - 9 CFR 86.4(c) See appendix A.)****

**All exhibitors must meet tagging/validation day requirements set for their county.**

THE NMLB FORM 1 INSPECTION FOR THE SHOW SEASON MUST  
OCCUR BEFORE **JULY 15<sup>th</sup> OF THE CURRENT SHOW SEASON.**

AND

IS VALID UNTIL **OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> OF THE CURRENT SHOW SEASON.**

**Form 1 Inspection charges for New Mexico Livestock Boards services:**

**A) For field inspections of exhibition animals at farm/ranch \$10.00/service charge per Form 1**

**B) For youth exhibition animals congregated at prearranged site \$5.00/service charge per Form 1**

**C) Per Head Fee Schedule:**

|                 |                  |
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| *Cattle & Bison | \$ 0.50 per head |
| *Equine         | \$ 0.50 per head |
| *Sheep & Goat   | \$ 0.16 per head |
| *Swine          | \$ 1.00 per head |

*NMAC 21.32.10.8*

**USDA APHIS VS interstate movement requirements and New Mexico entry requirements must be met  
for all out-of-state livestock entering the state for exhibition at New Mexico fairs *and* for New Mexico  
4- H and FFA project animals being purchased out-of-state.**

**4-H & FFA members are to retain a copy(s) of any Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection(s) for  
their animals for the duration of the current project year.**

#### **CATTLE**

The New Mexico State University (NMSU) Cooperative Extension Service requires that when transporting a project animal, the proof of ownership (NMLB "Form 1" Inspection Certificate) must be available for livestock bearing the **Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag**, whether movement is in-District *or* out-of-District, to provide assurance that all requirements have been met.

*NMSA 77-9*

## **Animal Identification and Health**

- **All in-state show cattle must be branded with a New Mexico-registered brand to comply with the New Mexico brand rule.** *NMSA 77-9-1 through 77-9-63*  
*New Mexico Statutes are available @ <https://www.nmlbonline.com//index.php?id=25>*
- For dairy heifers on loan, or other agreement, from a dairy using the alternative to branding tag: they may be allowed to show without a hot iron brand. They may show with the alternative tag and the Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag. This exception to rule 21.32.2.9, will be allowed because the heifers are still considered in confinement.
- All sexually-intact dairy cattle over 4 months of age must have evidence of a negative Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) test completed within the 120 days before the show.
  - There is recognition of USDA Accredited TB-Free Herd status as evidence for this requirement.
- For traceability, registered beef breeding heifers must be identified by an official breed registry number tattoo or tag. Grade beef breeding heifers must have an approved **NM Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag**.
- Exhibitors of market and breeding cattle purchased out-of-state must comply with USDA APHIS VS interstate movement regulations and New Mexico livestock entry requirements, to include a valid Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) documented with official individual animal identification, evidence of fulfillment of state-specific disease testing requirements and a New Mexico Entry Permit Number.  
For Veterinarians: To obtain a NM Entry Permit Number, call the 24 hour Permit Line 800-432-6889.  
*\*Information from a completed ICVI is necessary to successfully obtain the permit. Please check the NMLB website [www.nmlbonline.com](http://www.nmlbonline.com) for current and/or additional requirements.*

## **SHEEP AND GOATS**

The New Mexico State University (NMSU) Cooperative Extension Service requires that when transporting a project animal, the proof of ownership (NMLB "Form 1" Inspection Certificate) must be available for **Youth Exhibitor Fair Tagged** livestock in transit, whether movement is in-District *or* out-of-District, to provide assurance that all requirements have been met. *NMSA 77-9*

**IMPORTANT: The owner and the county Extension Agent are responsible for maintaining records of exhibition animal USDA Scrapie tag numbers, the approved NM Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag, and the permanent official tattoos of youth exhibition animals.**

**To obtain USDA Scrapie Tags contact:**

**New Mexico Livestock Board**  
**2105 Osuna Rd. NE, Building South**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87113-3203**

**(505) 841-6161**

## **Animal Identification and Health**

- **All sheep and goats must bear a NMLB-registered tattoo, which is a tattoo the NMLB registers as a brand.** *NMSA 77-9*
  - **4-H/FFA members may tattoo project animals with either:**
    - a) **their own New Mexico Master Brand Number**
    - or**
    - b) **the 4-H Brand Tattoo "4H" in the Left Ear**
    - or**
    - c) **the FFA Brand Tattoo "A" in the Right Ear**
- All sexually-intact sheep and goats to be shown in fair market or breeding classes must bear an official USDA Scrapie tag in the ear.  
*Exception: Registered breeding goats may use a legible breed registry tattoo in lieu of a Scrapie tag.*

## **Interstate Movement of Sheep and Goats**

Sheep and goats purchased as project animals **or** moved interstate to be shown at New Mexico fairs and shows must have:

- An Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI)

- issued within the thirty (30) days before entry into New Mexico
- documenting the official USDA Scrapie identification tag herd/flock number and official individual animal tag number(s)  
*\*Documentation of the breed registry number(s) of registered goats on the ICVI is acceptable in lieu of a Scrapie tag(s).*
- documenting the New Mexico Entry Permit Number.  
For Veterinarians: To obtain a NM Entry Permit Number, call the 24 hour Permit Line 800-432-6889.  
*\*Information from a completed ICVI is necessary to successfully obtain the permit. Please check the NMLB website [www.nmlbonline.com](http://www.nmlbonline.com) for current and/or additional requirements.*

#### **ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR BREEDING SHEEP AND GOATS**

- **All sexually-intact sheep and goats must be permanently identified with an approved form of official identification (ID).** 9 CFR 79.2 and 9 CFR 79.3, 21 NMAC 32.2.8.3, 21 NMAC 32.4.12 and 21 NMAC 32.4.17
- **Implantable microchips are not approved official identification for cattle, sheep, goats and swine.** *\*See Exception under Pygmy Goats*
- All exhibition breeding sheep and goats must have a form of approved official individual animal identification. Types of approved official individual animal identification for breeding sheep and goats include:
  - USDA Scrapie Tag
  - New Mexico-registered Master Brand Number tattoo **OR** breed registry tattoo
  - An approved NM Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag for the current project year
- **The USDA Scrapie tag and the approved NM Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag are official individual animal identification associated with a specific project animal for life.**  
*Removal of official individual animal identification is prohibited by federal law. 9 CFR 86.3*

#### **REGISTERED SHEEP AND GOATS:**

##### **1) Registered breeding sheep must have:**

- A USDA Scrapie tag applied to the ear and a permanent legible breed registry tattoo in the ear, if a breed registry tattoo is required by the breed registry.
- An approved NM Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag may be applied to the ear or attached to a neck chain worn by the animal during check-in and during the show.

##### **2) Registered breeding goats must have:**

- A permanent legible breed registry tattoo in the ear, on the tail web, or on the flank. A breed registry tattoo may be used in lieu of a USDA Scrapie tag.
- An approved NM Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag may be applied to the ear or attached to a neck chain worn by the animal during check-in and while at the show.
- If the breed registry tattoo is not legible, the owner must have a USDA Scrapie tag and an approved NM Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag attached to a neck chain worn by the animal during check-in and while at the show.

#### **UNREGISTERED SHEEP AND GOATS:**

**Senior (Adult) Open Exhibition Animals** must bear a USDA Scrapie tag and a tattoo with the owner's Master Brand Number.

##### **Unregistered breeding sheep must have:**

- USDA Scrapie tag applied to the ear and a New Mexico Sheep/Goat Master Brand Number permanently tattooed in the ear.
- An approved NM Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag may be applied to the ear or attached to the neck chain worn by the animal during check-in and while at the show.

##### **Unregistered breeding goats must have:**

- A USDA Scrapie tag and a permanent legible New Mexico Sheep/Goat Master Brand Number tattooed in the ear, or on the tail, web or flank. 4-H/FFA members may use the 4-H or FFA brand tattoo.
- An approved NM Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag may be applied to the ear or attached to the neck chain worn by the animal during check-in and the show.
- The USDA Scrapie tag and the approved NM Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag may be applied to the ear or attached to the neck chain worn by the animal during check-in and while at the show.

## **PYGMY GOATS:**

**\*Special Exception:** For Pygmy goats from out-of-state, the Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) must document the individual goat **official identification, which may include** the microchip number and the New Mexico Entry Permit Number.

**Pygmy goats 6 months of age and older** must have:

- A permanent legible breed registry tattoo in the ear, flank or tail web.
- If the entire breed registry tattoo is not legible, the owner must use a USDA Scrapie tag with the breed registry number attached to a neck chain worn by the animal during check-in and the show.

**Pygmy goats less than 6 months** must have:

- A USDA Scrapie tag *with the breed registry number printed in indelible ink on the reverse side of the tag* attached to a collar worn by the animal during check-in and the show.

In addition to the above requirements, goats being shown by Junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, etc.) in the New Mexico Fair Youth Classes must have an approved NM Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag attached to a neck chain worn by the animal during check-in and the show.

## **SWINE**

The New Mexico State University (NMSU) Cooperative Extension Service requires that when transporting a project animal, the proof of ownership (NMLB "Form 1" Inspection Certificate) must be available for **NM Youth Exhibitor Fair tagged** animals in transit, whether the movement is in-District *or* out-of-District, to provide assurance that all requirements have been met. *NMSA 77-9*

### **Animal Identification and Health**

For all swine **purchased in-state**, an official face sheet Bill of Sale from the breeder with documentation of appropriate ear notches must be available for the NMLB Inspector at the time of Form 1 Inspection.

- For all swine **purchased out-of-state**, evidence of compliance with USDA APHIS VS interstate movements regulations and New Mexico Entry Requirements must be available, to include a valid Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) documenting official individual animal identification and a New Mexico Entry Permit Number.

For Veterinarians: To obtain a NM Entry Permit Number, call the 24 hour Permit Line 800-432-6889.

*\*Information from a completed ICVI is necessary to successfully obtain the permit. Please check the NMLB website [www.nmlbonline.com](http://www.nmlbonline.com) for current and/or additional requirements.*

- **The New Mexico Livestock Board requires that youth exhibitors of out-of-state swine purchased at an in-state private treaty sale must receive and retain a copy of the Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for the swine.**
  - The original ICVI or a paper copy of the document must be available while the animal(s) are in transit to the NM premises of destination following the private treaty sale.
  - The original ICVI or a paper copy of the document must be provided to the NMLB Inspector for the required NMLB Import Inspection.
    - If the Import Inspection occurs at the private treaty sale, the NMLB Inspector will officially emboss the Import Inspection and initial the document before movement of animals from the sale.
    - If the Import Inspection occurs at the NM destination premises, the Brand Inspector will review and verify the ICVI (original or paper copy provided at time of private treaty sale) information and officially emboss and initial the NM Import Inspection.

## **EQUINE**

The New Mexico State University (NMSU) Cooperative Extension Service and the New Mexico Livestock Board require that when transporting an equine project animal out-of-district, the proof of ownership (NMLB "Form 1" Inspection Certificate) or a "Form 1-H" Permanent Equine Transportation Permit, must be available for the animals in transit to provide assurance that all requirements have been met. *NMSA 77-9*

- Equine presented for sale or change of ownership at the Junior Livestock Sale shall have evidence of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia ("Coggins") test obtained within the twelve (12) months before the date of the sale. A paper copy of the *Equine Infectious Anemia Test* (Form 10-11) for the specific horse will suffice for evidence of a negative EIA status.

- Exhibitors of all out-of-state horses must have evidence of compliance with USDA APHIS interstate movement regulations and New Mexico equine entry requirements, to include:
  - 1) A properly completed Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) from the state-of-origin obtained within the thirty (30) days before movement into the state.
  - 2) The veterinarian must document on the ICVI:
    - Official individual animal identification by one of the following methods:
      - Name, age, breed, color, gender, distinctive markings and other permanent forms of identification (i.e., brands, tattoos, scars, cowlicks)
      - Electronic identification in compliance with ISO 11784/11785
      - the **physical address** of the premises of origin and the **physical address** of the premises of destination (P.O. Box Numbers are not acceptable).
    - Evidence of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia ("Coggins") test obtained within the twelve (12) months before movement into the state.  
*The EIA test laboratory report (VS Form 10-11) must be attached to the ICVI.*
- A New Mexico Entry Permit Number.  
For Veterinarians: To obtain a NM Entry Permit Number, call the 24 hour Permit Line 800-432-6889.  
*\*Information from a completed ICVI is necessary to successfully obtain the permit. Please check the NMLB website [www.nmlbonline.com](http://www.nmlbonline.com) for current and/or additional requirements.*

Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) continues to be an infectious viral disease of concern in the US. The USDA Equine Infectious Anemia Uniform Methods & Rules (UM&R), which outlines minimum standards for detecting, controlling and preventing EIA, provides as a control procedure that "*all equines offered for entry into exhibitions or competitive events provide proof to event officials of a negative EIA test as documented on an EIA laboratory test form (VS Form 10-11).*"

***The New Mexico Livestock Board strongly recommends that fair/ horse show managers require evidence of a current negative Equine Infectious Anemia test (Coggins Test) for all horses (originating both in and out-of-state) entering the fair or show grounds.  
\*\*Check with management of your local fair or show for specific requirements for the event\*\****

## **Additional Equine Importation Requirements**

### **Stallions**

- "**Exhibition Only**" must be written on the ICVI to indicate that the stallion is entering New Mexico for a limited time only for exhibition and is not entering the state for breeding or sale,  
**OR**
- Documentation of negative Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) test obtained within thirty (30) days of movement  
Send EVA laboratory results to the attention of the State Veterinarian [NMLB FAX Number (505) 841-6160] before requesting a NM Entry Permit Number;  
**OR**
- Documentation of EVA vaccination following receipt of a negative EVA laboratory test.

## **Importation of Horses from Canada**

Owners importing horses from Canada for movement into New Mexico should contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) for any special requirements for horses to reenter Canada from New Mexico. Veterinarians can obtain the *United States Origin Health Certificate for the Export of Horses from the United States to Canada* (VS Form 17-145) and the *United States Origin Health Certificate (Form VS 17-140)* from USDA APHIS VS (telephone 505-761-3160) or online at [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewIC?ref\\_nbr=201010-0579-013&icID=2093](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewIC?ref_nbr=201010-0579-013&icID=2093) .

**Requirements and restrictions for horses entering Canada may be accessed through the following link:**  
[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ca\\_eq.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ca_eq.pdf)

**Equine exhibitors, their veterinarians, and horse show officials should be aware that the occurrence of disease incidents of significance in the State may result in alterations in the State Equine Entry Requirements.**



## Occurrence of diseases or conditions that may lead to changes in entry requirements may include:

- 1) **Equine Herpes Virus -1 (nEHV-1 also known as Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy)** – An increase of cases associated with this highly contagious and sometime fatal disease has been seen over the past several years across the U.S. Good biosecurity practices while exhibiting animals and prompt reporting when clinical signs are observed is essential.
- 2) **Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV):** New Mexico periodically experiences incidents of VSV, an important vector-borne viral disease that affects multiple species of animals. Incidents of VSV in the state impacts movement of livestock from specific premises, the state and the country.
- 3) **Equine Piroplasmiasis (EP):** Equine Piroplasmiasis, a vector-borne parasitic disease of equids, is a foreign animal disease to the US. Should a case be detected, there will be restrictions imposed by many states on horses returning to their states of origin.
- 4) **Ear ticks:** Past incidents of horses with ear ticks, some leading to fatal neurologic disease, after return home from exhibitions in New Mexico have been reported. Horse show management should ensure that all horse stalls and surrounding areas are treated with acaracides before exhibition horses arrive on the show grounds.

## ADDITIONAL RULES

- Photocopies or faxed copies of a *Tuberculosis Test Record* (VS Form 6-22) or Interstate Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) are only acceptable at fair check-in if signed in blue ink by the Accredited Veterinarian, who performed the tuberculosis test or prepared the ICVI, certifying the document as a copy. The exhibitor must have all required documents at check-in.
- At fair check-in, any animal with clinical signs or evidence of an infectious and/or contagious disease may be denied entry to the fairgrounds.

***The New Mexico Livestock Board strongly encourages fair management  
to engage the services of a NM-licensed Veterinarian  
for check-in evaluation of exhibition animals at fair grounds.***

- During the fair, any animal with clinical signs or evidence of an infectious and/or contagious disease may be isolated in a secure location away from other animals until an examination is done by the fair attending veterinarian and a determination is made for potential removal of the animal from the fairgrounds.  
*See NMSA 77-3-1 to 77-3-19*
- New Mexico livestock entry requirements and New Mexico fair entry requirements apply to all out-of-state livestock. To obtain current NM livestock entry requirements go to <https://www.nmlbonline.com/index.php?id=7> or contact NMLB personnel (505) 841-6161.

**EXHIBITORS, OF ANY ANIMAL ARRIVING AT A SHOW OR FAIR NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NEW MEXICO STATE STATUTES OR LIVESTOCK BOARD RULES, WILL BE SUBJECT TO CITATION.**

## **ELIMINATION OF EXHIBITORS AND THEIR ANIMALS FROM COMPETITION FOR INFRACTIONS OF FAIR OR EXHIBITION RULES IS AT THE DISCRETION OF FAIR OFFICIALS.**

This guidance document may not contain all necessary requirements for livestock bound for specific fairs, exhibitions and shows. Refer to exhibition rules and requirements for each fair and livestock show to ensure compliance with fair-specific or show-specific requirements. Contact show officials for clarifications.

Youth exhibitors should consult their County Agent or FFA Advisor for other information and event updates well ahead of the show and planned date of transport to an event.

Consult New Mexico Livestock Board personnel with questions on applicable New Mexico Statutes.

Consult personnel at the NM State 4-H Office with questions on youth livestock exhibitions.

Call (575)646-3026 or visit <http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/>

Prepare your livestock and yourself for a successful exhibition season. Good luck! Sincerely,

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## **Appendix A.**

Citation - 9 CFR 86.4(c)

A visually and electronically readable ear tag may be applied to an animal that is already officially identified with one or more non-EID official ear tags and/or a non-EID official vaccination ear tag used for brucellosis. The person applying the new visually and electronically readable ear tag must record the date the ear tag is applied to the animal and the official identification numbers of both official ear tags and must maintain those records for 5 years.