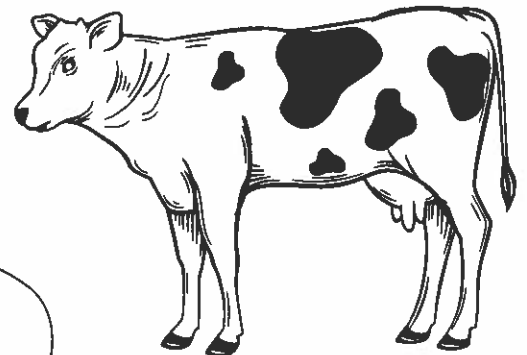
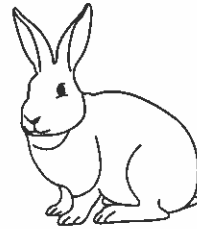
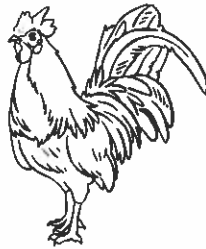
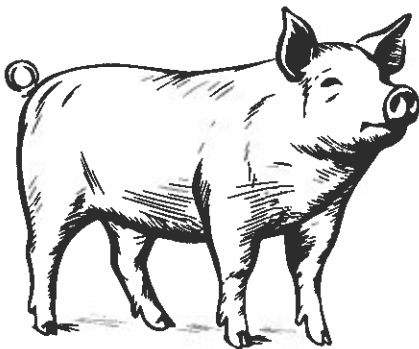
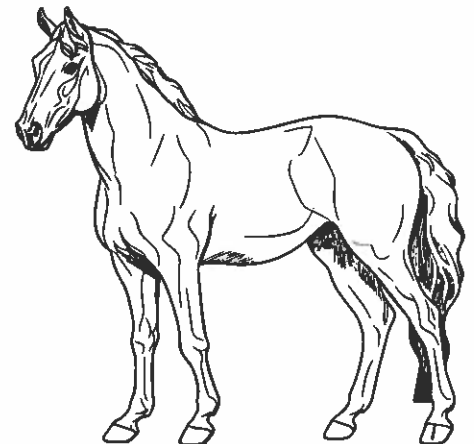
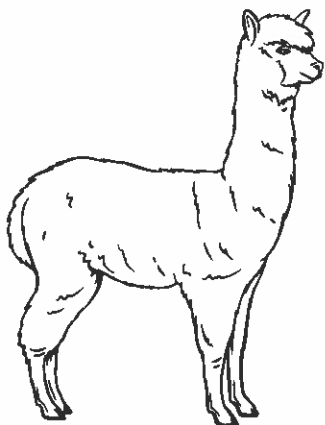


# Maryland Department of Agriculture Animal Health



# Fair and Show Guidelines and Forms 2024








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 **Feel free to call or text us with any questions or concerns!**



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Animal Health  
Fair and Show Checklist**



Date \_\_\_\_\_

- All animals checked in
  - All animals appear to be healthy and free of contagious or infectious disease (as explained on check-in sheets)
  - All animals have self-certification sheets signed by the owner/caretaker/transporter filled out within 24 hours of loading
  - All animals have proper:
    - CVI's (in state - valid 120 days; out of state - valid 30 days)
    - Identification, paperwork, tags, microchips, etc and these MATCH their CVI
  - All cattle and swine wanded (if applicable)
  - Any animals with required tests have records:
    - Avian Influenza Testing Report - poultry
    - Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Report - poultry
    - Coggins Test Report (Equine Infectious Anemia) - horses, ponies, mules, etc.
    - Tuberculosis Test Report (if applicable) - cattle, sheep, goats, camelids
    - Brucellosis Test Report (if applicable) - cattle, goats, swine, camelids
  - Any animals without proper paperwork, testing, or showing signs of contagious or infectious disease have been rejected
    - Proper animal incident report is completed after rejection
    - MDA is notified **IMMEDIATELY** if any animal dies at the fair/show or on the trailer beforehand so a necropsy can be performed
  - All necessary paperwork (check-in procedures and incident reports) should be scanned/pictures emailed to MDA ([animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov](mailto:animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov))
- USE MDA CONTACT SHEET FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
  - CALL, TEXT OR SEND PICTURES IF NEEDED

Thank you for your support and cooperation!



# MDA Fair and Show Species Checklist



## Poultry

- Leg or Wing Band
- Self Certification form
- Testing document for AI and PT
  - 2 different forms

## Rabbits

- Tag, Tattoo or microchip with reader
- Self Certification form

## Horses

- Coggins with pictures or hand drawn description - Valid for 365 days
- Self Certification form
- If coming from out of state - CVI is needed

## Camelids

- Tag or Microchip with reader
- Self Certification form
- CVI

## Cattle

- RFID tag
- Self Certification form
- CVI

## Swine

- RFID tag
- Self Certification form
- CVI

## Goats

- Scrapie tag, tattoo with official registration paper, Microchip with reader or RFID tag
- Self Certification form
- CVI

## Sheep

- Scrapie tag, tattoo with official registration paper, Microchip with reader or RFID tag
- Self Certification form
- CVI

### Dates:

Equine Coggins - Valid for 365 days

Poultry PT test - valid for 90 days

Poultry AI test - *in state* valid for 30 days; *out of state* valid for 21 days

CVI - *Interstate* valid 30 days, *Instate Exhibition* valid 120 days

Self Certification - should be within the last 24 hours

### Health Paper Check List

Make sure you can match at least 1 form of identification from the CVI

Make sure Vet signed and filled out the bottom of the CVI paperwork

CVI = Certificate of Veterinary Inspection

PT = Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid

AI = Avian Influenza

RFID = Radio Frequency Identification

**\*Check Fair and Show regulations for all of the testing requirements\***



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## 2024 MARYLAND ANIMAL HEALTH FAIR AND SHOW REQUIREMENTS

Ref: COMAR 15.11.14.06

MDA Website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/default.aspx>

Effective: January 1, 2024

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA), Animal Health Program strives to safeguard Maryland's animal industries at our fairs and shows. With an increased potential of disease transmission occurring when large numbers of animals gather for exhibition, MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland fairs and shows. As an exhibitor, you can help reduce the potential risk of introduction and spread of infectious and/or contagious diseases by following the species-specific health requirements below.

### **IMPORTANT 2024 ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS TO MENTION:**

1. **CERTIFICATES OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI):**
  - The accredited veterinarian is required to send the original (white and canary) copies to MDA Headquarters within 7 days of completion.
2. **LIVESTOCK:**
  - All cattle and swine must have an EID (electronic identification) or RFID (radio frequency identification) 840 tag. Cattle and swine with non- electronic ID tags will be dismissed upon entry.
  - All sheep and goats must have Scrapie Identification in the form of an official Scrapie Identification tag, or a legible and healed tattoo matching identification on breed registration paperwork.
  - Livestock petting zoos and pony rides will be allowed with proper CVI, indicating rabies vaccination status, and self-certification documents.
3. **POULTRYAVIAN INFLUENZA TESTING:**
  - All in- state poultry must be tested for avian influenza within 30 days prior to the exhibition or originate from an NPIP U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean flock.
  - All out-of-state poultry must be tested for avian influenza within 21 days prior to the exhibition or originate from an NPIP U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean flock.

**Maryland Law provides penalties for violations of Animal Health Law and Regulations. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY FAILING TO MEET COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DENIED ENTRY OR REMOVED FROM THE EXHIBITION -"REJECTED." SEE ANIMAL REJECTION POLICY UNDER GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS.**



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## REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORS OF A LIVESTOCK/POULTRY EXHIBITION (COMAR 15.11.14.05)

- 1. Notification:** Exhibit sponsors must notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), Animal Health Program Headquarters, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401, of intent to sponsor an event that includes the exhibition of livestock or poultry no less than **30** days before the proposed event. Please fill out all contact information correctly, to include a phone number and email address. Animal arrival times **MUST** be provided to ensure coverage for entry. Please call 410-841-5810 to request an **EXHIBITION NOTIFICATION form** or go to MDA's website: <https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx>
- 2. Reporting:** Sponsors must report to the Department any animal from the exhibition suspected of having or showing obvious, apparent, or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease and/or deaths; and exclude from the exhibition premises any animals having obvious, apparent, or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease. A summary of all disease events shall be provided to MDA, in the form of an **ANIMAL INCIDENT REPORT**. Call 410-841-5810 to request an **ANIMAL INCIDENT REPORT FORM** or go to MDA's website: <https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx>
- 3. Records:** Exhibit sponsors must maintain a report of the owner, premises location, and species of all animals attending the exhibition and provide this report upon request to MDA.
- 4. Exemptions:** Exemptions of this regulation may be granted. (Refer to *COMAR 15.11.14.05*)

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS OF ALL ANIMAL SPECIES (COMAR 15.11.14.04-06)

**Exhibitors** at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, rodeos, shows, and swap meets are required to comply with regulatory provisions of the State of Maryland relating to animal health as noted in COMAR 15.11.14.04-06. **Requirements apply to all livestock and poultry:** Livestock is defined as those species of animals used for human food or fiber or those species of animals used for service to humans. This includes but is not limited to cattle, sheep, New World camelids (llamas & alpacas), goats, bison, privately owned cervids, swine, equine, and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs, cats, and exotic pets. Poultry is defined as any living domestic bird raised for food or other purposes including, but not limited to, chicken, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, other ratites, waterfowl, and game birds.

- 1. DOCUMENTATION:** Documentation is required for entry of all livestock and poultry and is described below. Examples of forms can be obtained by visiting the Animal Health website at: <https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx>  
For out-of-state animals, see species specific out of state requirements. **Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock and poultry.**
- 2. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION is required for most entries.**
  - a. MARYLAND ENTRIES:** All Maryland entries must be accompanied by a Maryland Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show, except poultry, equine and rabbits.



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- The Maryland CVI is **valid for 120 days for fairs and shows**, providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
  - The Maryland CVI is a **legible record**, made on an official Maryland State form, issued by a Maryland accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being shown within the state and not crossing a state line, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland.
  - The Maryland CVI **must be completed and signed by a Maryland accredited veterinarian** using the properly selected report on the CVI form. Each animal must be properly identified on the CVI. The veterinarian must select if this document is for fair and exhibition season, sale or other (with explanation).
  - The veterinarian is required to send the original (white and canary) copies to MDA Headquarters **within 7 days of completion**, the middle (pink) transport copy is to be retained by the owner and should accompany livestock during travel. The last (goldenrod) copy is for the veterinarian's records.
  - **OUT-OF-STATE ENTRIES:** All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an **Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**, except poultry and rabbits.
  - The Interstate CVI is **valid for no more than 30 days** from the date of inspection.
  - An **Interstate CVI must be legible**, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, and issued for animals being imported to this state within 30 days before the entry of the animals, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland.
3. **SELF-CERTIFICATION:** A completed *Self-Certification* is required for all entries except for equine entering equine-only events.  
*Self-Certification* forms must be filled out within 24 hours prior to loading and presented upon request to the designated representative.
- A *Self-Certification* is an official Maryland document **signed by the owner/caretaker/transporter** stating that the animals presented for exhibition are not showing any signs of or having recent exposure to (within 21 days) infectious or contagious diseases.
  - *Self-Certification* forms are species-specific for livestock (ruminants, swine), equine, poultry and rabbits. These forms are available on MDA's Animal Health website: <https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx>
4. **TEST REPORT FORMS.** Testing is required for some species, and if so, a test report form will be required unless otherwise documented on the CVI. See species-specific requirements for details of testing and test report requirements.
- Examples of test reports are shown below:
- Avian Influenza Testing Report
  - Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Report
  - Coggins Test Report (Equine Infectious Anemia)
  - Tuberculosis Test Report
5. **MARYLAND POULTRY PREMISES IDENTIFICATION** – All Maryland premises with poultry are





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required to be registered with the Maryland Department of Agriculture. The Poultry Premises number must be noted on the Test Report or other documentation of NPIP U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid and U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean or State H5/H7 Monitored status.

6. **ANIMAL REJECTION POLICY.** Animals may be rejected from an exhibition, either denied entry or removed from the exhibition, as described below:
- a. **FAILURE TO PROVIDE COMPLETED DOCUMENTATION IS GROUNDS FOR REJECTION.**
  - b. **FOR A SKIN LESION SUSPICIOUS OF RINGWORM TO BE CONSIDERED NO LONGER CONTAGIOUS TO OTHER ANIMALS OR PEOPLE, NEW WOOL OR HAIR MUST COMPLETELY COVER THAT LESION.**
  - c. Livestock with clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases or external parasites are not permitted entry or allowed to remain at the exhibition. Clinical signs include but are not limited to active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, sore mouth, sore nose, caseous lymphadenitis, prolapse, mange, or multiple warts easily visible without close examination.
  - d. Suspicion of communicable disease is adequate grounds for rejection. Confirmed diagnosis is not required, since timely removal of suspicious animals is required by law to protect the remaining animals.
  - e. Exposed animals may be rejected: If it is believed that there is a potentially serious communicable disease present, all animals originating with the suspect animal may be rejected. Vesicular diseases are of particular concern.
  - f. All decisions are final.
  - g. All parties involved will be notified of all rejections, including exhibit sponsors and supervisors.
  - h. Animal rejections can be made by MDA Animal Health veterinarians or field inspectors, private veterinarians contracted by the show, Maryland Extension employees, or individuals designated by the fair or show as a 'responsible person.'

## **SPECIES-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the general requirements above, specific requirements by species are shown for the following species:

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| • <u>Cattle</u>                                  | • <u>Swine</u>    |
| • <u>Sheep</u>                                   | • <u>Goats</u>    |
| • <u>Horses, Ponies, Mules and other Equidae</u> | • <u>Poultry</u>  |
| • <u>Rabbits</u>                                 | • <u>Camelids</u> |

### **Fair and Show Requirements: Cattle**

#### **ALL CATTLE**

**IDENTIFICATION: INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION OF EACH ANIMAL SHALL BE AN RFID OFFICIAL EAR TAG.**

**Rodeo Cattle** must have official individual ID that is recognized by the USDA. Rodeo Cattle are NOT allowed to commingle with any other cattle at the exhibition.



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## ***Maryland Cattle***

**Brucellosis:** Maryland is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland cattle.

**Tuberculosis:** Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland cattle.

**Immunization:** Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex vaccination is required for all Maryland cattle to include Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine Viral Diarrhea virus, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis and Parainfluenza. Leptospirosis vaccination is recommended.

## ***Out-of-State Cattle***

### **Brucellosis:**

1. Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State, Region or Zone
  - a. No brucellosis test required.
2. Non-Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State, Region or Zone
  - a. Official vaccinates under 24 months old with vaccination dates recorded on the Interstate CVI permitted, or
  - b. Test negative within 30 days before entry.

### **Tuberculosis:**

1. Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State, Region or Zone
  - a. No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
  - a. All cattle over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
    - i. Cattle must originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
    - ii. Any individual animal, over 6 months of age, entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
  - b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

## **Fair and Show Requirements: Swine**

### ***ALL SWINE***

**IDENTIFICATION: INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION OF EACH ANIMAL SHALL BE AN RFID OFFICIAL EAR TAG.**

### ***Maryland Swine***

**Brucellosis:** Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland swine.

**Pseudorabies:** Maryland is a Pseudorabies Stage V state. Pseudorabies testing is not required for Maryland swine.



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**Immunization:** Leptospirosis vaccination is recommended.

## ***Out-of-State Swine***

**Brucellosis:** All swine, except barrows, 6 months of age and older shall be negative on an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to exhibition entry, *or* originate directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd or brucellosis-free state.

**Pseudorabies:** Swine over 6 months of age shall be negative on an official test for pseudorabies conducted within 30 days prior to exhibition entry, *or* originate immediately and directly from a Qualified Pseudorabies Negative herd or Stage 4 or Stage 5 Pseudorabies-Free State.

**Immunization:** Leptospirosis vaccination is recommended.

## **Fair and Show Requirements: Sheep and Goats**

### ***ALL SHEEP***

**Identification for Sheep:** All sheep must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for sheep includes the following:

1. USDA-approved scrapie ear tags;
2. Legible registration tattoos, for which the breed registration paper shall contain the registry premises or flock tattoo prefix that is linked to the APHIS-assigned PIN and flock ID number of the flock of birth, if breed registry is approved by APHIS; or
3. Legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the flock in one ear and the official scrapie premises identification number (flock ID) in the other ear, except where the tail web or flank may be used for earless animals or animals with damaged ears; must be accompanied by an owner statement.
4. A microchip ID with official scrapie identification is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.
5. RFID tags.

Further clarification on the Federal Scrapie Program can be found at:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/sheep-and-goat-health/national-scrapie-eradication-program/>

### ***Out-of-State Sheep***

No additional requirements.

### ***Market Lambs***

It is recommended that all lambs be slick shorn prior to entry for inspection for club lamb fungus.

### ***ALL GOATS***

**Identification for Goats:** All goats must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for goats includes the following:

1. USDA-approved scrapie ear tags;



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2. Legible registration tattoos, for which the breed registration paper shall contain the registry premises or flock tattoo prefix that is linked to the APHIS-assigned PIN and flock ID number of the flock of birth, if breed registry is approved by APHIS; or
3. Legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the herd in one ear and the official scrapie premises identification number (flock ID) in the other ear, except where the tail web or flank may be used for earless animals or animals with damaged ears; must be accompanied by an owner statement.
4. A microchip ID with official scrapie identification is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.
5. RFID tags.

Further clarification on the Federal Scrapie Program can be found at:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/sheep-and-goat-health/national-scrapie-eradication-program/>

### ***Maryland Goats***

**Brucellosis:** Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland goats.

**Tuberculosis:** Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland goats.

### ***Out-of-State Goats***

#### **Tuberculosis:**

1. Accredited Tuberculosis-Free States, Region or Zone: No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
  - a. All goats over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
    - i. Goats must originate from herds in which all animals are tested negative within the past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test, may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
    - ii. Any individual animal entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
  - b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

### **Fair and Show Requirements: Horses, Ponies, Mules and Other Equidae**

#### ***ALL EQUINE***

Identification: Individual official identification shall include the following as applicable: EIA test report with photo or drawing of the animal, tattoo, brand, or microchip. *Animals using tattoos or brands for official identification must be accompanied by the breed registration papers.*

Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) Testing: All equine for exhibition shall be accompanied by a valid Coggins Test done within 12 months prior to exhibition entry.

Self-Certification Requirement and Exemption: *Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health* is required for each equine entering a fair/show-type event where multiple livestock species are present. The form must be available for inspection if requested. Those participating in equine-only shows and events are exempt from this



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requirement; however, it is good practice to thoroughly double check the health and skin condition of the animal before departing for the event. The form provides an easy checklist to do this. Exhibitors may not bring an animal having apparent or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease to a show.

### ***Maryland Equine***

1. All horses and other Equidae, 9 months of age and older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) made within the 12 months before the date of the event. A copy of this test shall accompany every animal.
2. A Maryland CVI is not required for Maryland equine.

### ***Out-of-State Equine***

1. All horses and other Equidae, 9 months of age and older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) made within the 12 months before the date of the event. A copy of this test shall accompany every animal.
2. All horses and other Equidae shall be accompanied by a CVI issued within 30 days prior to entry.  
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Interstate CVI must be legible, made on an official form from the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, and issued for animals being imported to this state within 30 days before the entry of the animals, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland.

### **Fair and Show Requirements: Poultry**

#### ***ALL POULTRY***

1. PRIVATE SALES WILL BE ALLOWED WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION OF THE SALE BY THE EXHIBITION SPONSOR AND MAINTAINED FOR ONE YEAR.
2. IDENTIFICATION: Poultry entering an exhibition shall be identified with a numbered leg or wing band.
3. ALL POULTRY EXHIBITORS SHALL COMPLETE A *POULTRY EXHIBITOR'S SELF-CERTIFICATION OF ANIMAL HEALTH*.
4. DOCUMENTATION of test results must be provided on MDA-E06 and MDA-E20, VS Form 9-2, VS Form 9-3 or comparable form approved by the State Veterinarian.

### ***Maryland Poultry***

1. **Premises Registration**: All poultry exhibitors originating from Maryland must have valid proof of a registered Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number.
2. **Avian Influenza (AI) Testing Requirements**: All poultry, **including wild birds** except pigeons and doves, shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one of the following AI testing requirements:
  - i. Originate directly from an NPIP U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean Flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or from a State Avian Influenza Monitored Flock as defined by the state of origin, OR
  - ii. Have a negative avian influenza test conducted on at least **15 birds** from their flock (**or complete flock if fewer than 15 birds**) within **30 days** prior to event and remain segregated from all birds of unknown or positive avian influenza test status.



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3. **Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Requirements:** All poultry, except waterfowl, wild birds, pigeons and doves, shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
  - i. Originate directly from an NPIP U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (and there was no break in the chain of ownership by NPIP participants),  
OR
  - ii. Have a negative official test for Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days before fair, exhibition, exposition, or show and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid test status.

### ***Out-of- State Poultry***

1. **Avian Influenza (AI) Testing Requirements:** All poultry, **including wild birds** except pigeons and doves, shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one of the following AI testing requirements:
  - i. Originate directly from an NPIP U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean Flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or from a State Avian Influenza Monitored Flock as defined by the state of origin, OR
  - ii. Have a negative avian influenza test conducted on at least **30 birds** from their flock **(or complete flock if fewer than 30 birds)** within **21 days** prior to the event and remain segregated from all birds of unknown or positive avian influenza test status.
2. **Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Requirements:** All poultry except waterfowl, wild birds, pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
  - i. Originate directly from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (and there was no break in the chain of ownership by NPIP participants),  
OR
  - ii. Have a negative official test for Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days before fair, exhibition, exposition, or show and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid test status.

### ***Fair and Show Requirements: Rabbits***

#### ***ALL RABBITS***

1. See Rabbit Waiver: Rabbits are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be a tag, tattoo, or microchip, if the exhibitor provides the reader.
3. All rabbit exhibitor shall complete a *Rabbit Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health*.

### ***Maryland and Out-of-State Rabbits***

No additional requirements.

### ***Fair and Show Requirements: Camelids***

#### ***ALL CAMELIDS***

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be an official metal ear tag or microchip, if the exhibitor provides the reader.



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## ***Maryland Camelids***

**Brucellosis:** Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland camelids. **Tuberculosis:** Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland camelids.

## ***Out-Of-State Camelids***

**Brucellosis:** Brucellosis testing is not required for out-of-state camelids.

### **Tuberculosis:**

1. Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State, Region or Zone
  - a. No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
  - a. All camelids over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
    - i. Camelids must originate from a herd not under restriction or quarantine for tuberculosis and from which a complete herd test was conducted within the past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
    - ii. Any individual animal, over 6 months of age, entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
  - b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

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Notification Form for Livestock/Poultry Exhibitions and Rodeos

Name of Event: [text box]

Sponsor of Event: [text box] Dates of Event: [text box] To: [text box]

Location & Address of Event [text box]

Name and Title/Role:

RESPONSIBLE PARTY for Animal Check-in [text box] [text box]

Email: [text box]

Telephone Numbers: [text box]

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF SPECIES

Cattle Swine Sheep Goats Horses Rabbits Poultry Alpaca Llama Other Species

DATE & TIME OF ANIMAL ADMISSION

[text box]

\*Will event require a loaner RFID reader? A refundable deposit may be requested [text box]

\*Will representatives require an Animal Health Animal Check-in training class? [text box]

Please return completed form at least 30 days before proposed event. If you have any questions regarding animal health requirements for Maryland Fairs and Shows or this form, please contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Animal Health Headquarters @ (410) 841-5810.

\*Once received, an MDA Field Veterinarian or Field Inspector will make contact with responsible party to discuss your upcoming event. Please call or email MDA if you have not been contacted 10 days after form submission.

Submission Options

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION VIA OUTLOOK

If you don't have Outlook, please submit your application by filling out the form and saving the document. Please send the form as an attachment to: animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov with the Subject Line: Notification Form For Livestock.





**Fair and Show Livestock Check-in Procedure**

- 1. All animals are examined for signs of contagious or infectious disease, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. SKIN: Visible evidence of skin infections such as ringworm, warts, mange, lice, and club lamb fungus.
  - b. HEAD: Discharge from the eyes or nose or evidence of soremouth, pink eye, atrophic rhinitis, and caseous lymphadenitis (CL).
  - c. RESPIRATORY: Infectious respiratory disease/pneumonia (coughing, nasal and ocular discharge, fever).
  - d. INTESTINAL: Diarrhea.
  - e. FEET: Contagious hoof infections such as foot rot.
- 2. All animals have the required identification.
  - a. Cattle and swine must have 840 RFID tags.
  - b. Sheep and goats can have USDA-approved scrapie tags OR registration papers with tattoos or microchips OR RFID tags.
  - c. Alpacas/llamas must have a metal ear tag or microchip.
- 3. All exhibitors have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for all of their animals.
  - a. Check CVIs for the following:
    - i. Dated within the last 120 days (in-state) or 30 days (out-of-state).
    - ii. Signed by a veterinarian.
    - iii. Animal ID and description match animals present at the fair/show.
- 4. All exhibitors have a completed Livestock Exhibitor Self-Certification form.

Species:	Total Number Checked-in:
Cattle	
Swine	
Sheep	
Goats	
Alpacas/Llamas	

Were any animals or exhibitors rejected?  Yes  No

Were cattle and swine RFID tags scanned with wand?  Yes  No

Wand #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cattle Session #: \_\_\_\_\_ Swine Session #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fair/Show name and location: \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) responsible for check-in: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### Fair and Show Equine Check-in Procedure

- 1. All equine are examined for signs of contagious or infectious disease, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. SKIN: Visible evidence of skin infections (bacterial or fungal), particularly ringworm.
  - b. HEAD: Discharge from the eyes or nose which is excessive in amount or opaque (yellow or white in color) as opposed to normal clear nasal discharge seen after exercise.
  - c. RESPIRATORY: Signs of infectious respiratory disease such as fever, coughing, labored breathing, increased respiratory rate, and nasal discharge.
  - d. INTESTINAL: Diarrhea.
- 2. All equine have official identification.
  - a. EIA test with photo or drawing; tattoo or brand with registration papers; or microchip
- 3. All **out-of-state** exhibitors have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for all of their equine.
  - a. Check CVIs for the following:
    - i. Dated within the last 30 days.
    - ii. Signed by a veterinarian.
    - iii. Animal ID and description match animals present at the fair/show.
- 4. All equine over 9 months of age have a negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test report, aka Coggins.
  - a. Check Coggins for the following:
    - i. Dated within the last 12 months.
    - ii. Signed by a veterinarian.
    - iii. Drawing/image and description match the equine at the fair/show.
- 5. All exhibitors have a completed Equine Exhibitor Self-Certification form **if other species are present at the fair/show.**

Total number of equine checked in: \_\_\_\_\_

Were any animals or exhibitors rejected?  Yes  No

*Please complete the After Action Report with information regarding rejected animals/exhibitors.*

Fair/Show name and location: \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) responsible for check-in: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Fair and Show Poultry & Rabbit Check-in Procedure**

- 1. All poultry and rabbits are examined for signs of contagious or infectious disease, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. SKIN: Visible evidence of skin infections, including ringworm, mites, and lice.
  - b. HEAD: Discharge from the eyes or nose or change in comb color (chickens)
  - c. RESPIRATORY: Signs of infectious respiratory disease such as fever, coughing, sneezing, labored breathing, and nasal discharge.
  - d. INTESTINAL: Diarrhea.
- 2. All poultry and rabbits have official identification.
  - a. Poultry must have a numbered leg or wing band.
  - b. Rabbits must have a tag, tattoo, or microchip.
- 3. All poultry have proof of Avian Influenza (AI) and Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) testing.
  - a. Maryland poultry
    - i. AI – 15 birds (or all birds if flock smaller than 15) tested negative in last 30 days or NPIP AI Clean flock
    - ii. PT – All birds tested negative in the last 90 days or from an NPIP flock
      - 1. \*waterfowl excluded from PT testing
  - b. Out-of-state poultry
    - i. AI – 30 birds (or all birds if flock smaller than 30) tested negative in the last 21 days or from NPIP AI Clean flock
    - ii. PT – All birds tested negative in the last 90 days or from NPIP flock
      - 1. \*waterfowl excluded from PT testing
- 4. All exhibitors have a completed Poultry or Rabbit Exhibitor Self-Certification form.
- 5. Maryland exhibitors have a Poultry Premises ID Number.

Species:	Total Number Checked-in:
Rabbits	
Poultry	

Were any animals or exhibitors rejected?  Yes  No  
 Please complete the After Action Report with information regarding rejected animals/exhibitors.

Fair/Show name and location: \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) responsible for check-in: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Livestock Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health

I, the undersigned, hereby verify the following:

(Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)

- 1. I am the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter... 2. I understand that animals showing any signs of... SKIN: Visible evidence of skin infections... HEAD: Discharge from the eyes or nose... RESPIRATORY: Infectious respiratory disease... INTESTINAL: Diarrhea... FEET: Contagious hoof infections... OTHER: Recent exposure to, or clinical signs of, any contagious or infectious disease... 3. I have read and understand the above guidelines. 4. I have visually examined the animals I am presenting for exhibit. 5. I agree not to present for exhibition animals showing any signs of contagious or infectious disease...

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Equine Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health

I, the undersigned, hereby verify the following:
(Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)

- 1. I am the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter (circle as applicable) of the equine identified on the current, valid, "Equine Infectious Anemia" (Coggins) document.
2. I understand that any equine showing any signs of or having recent exposure to, contagious or infectious disease are not permitted to enter the fair/show premises. These conditions include but are not limited to the following:
- SKIN: Visible evidence of skin infections (bacterial or fungal) with particular emphasis on ringworm.
- HEAD: Discharge from the eyes or nose which is excessive in amount or opaque (yellow or white in color) as opposed to the normal clear nasal discharge commonly seen after exercise.
- RESPIRATORY: Signs of infectious respiratory disease such as fever, coughing, labored breathing, increased respiratory rate and nasal discharge.
- INTESTINAL: Evidence of diarrhea which is watery and/or persistent in nature and more profuse than a looser stool which could be attributed to diet or nervousness.
- FEET: Horses exhibiting any type of unsoundness are already excluded from showing by the rules governing horse for shows.
- OTHER: Recent exposure to, or clinical signs of, any contagious or infectious disease conditions that would exclude equine from exhibition.
3. I have read and understand the above guidelines.
4. I have visually examined the equine I am presenting for exhibit.
5. I agree not to present for exhibition any equine showing any signs of contagious or infectious disease, or having any known recent (21 days) exposure to any contagious or infectious disease.

Date of inspection: Number inspected Signature
Printed Name Event
(Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)

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Poultry Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, hereby verify the following:
(Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)

- 1. I am the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter (circle as applicable) of the poultry identified on this form.
2. I understand that poultry showing any signs of, or having recent exposure to (within 21 days), contagious or infectious disease are not permitted to enter the fair/show premises. These conditions include but are not limited to the following:
- FEATHERS: No signs of loss of feather, feather picked, soiled hackle feathers or evidence of egg clusters commonly caused by Lice or Mites.
- HEAD: No signs of swelling or puffiness on the head. No watery, large or swollen eyes and or crust on the eye lids commonly caused by Mycoplasma or Fowl pox.
- RESPIRATORY: No signs of infectious respiratory diseases such as nasal discharge, rattling cough or distressed breathing commonly caused by Infectious Bronchitis or Laryngotracheitis.
- INTESTINAL: No evidence of pasted vents, chalk-white feces or internal parasites consistent with Diarrhea.
- OTHER: NO unusual mortality in the last 30 days.
3. I have read and understand the above guidelines.
4. I have visually examined the poultry I am presenting for exhibit.
5. I agree not to present for exhibition poultry showing any signs of contagious or infectious disease.

Table with 6 columns: #, Band #, Series of Band #, Age, Sex, Breed. Rows 1-10.

Date of inspection: \_\_\_\_\_ Number inspected \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Event \_\_\_\_\_
(Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)



Rabbit Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, hereby verify the following:
(Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)

- 1. I am the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter (circle as applicable) of the rabbit(s) identified on this form, have been visually examined.
2. I understand that rabbits showing any signs of, or having recent exposure to (within 21 days), contagious or infectious disease are not permitted to enter the fair/show premises. These conditions include but are not limited to the following:
- SKIN & HEAD: No visible evidence of skin infections, discharge for the eyes or nose or excessive head shaking with particular emphasis on Ear mites, Fur mites, Myxomatosis, and Ringworm.
- REPRODUCTIVE: No signs of sexually transmitted diseases with particular emphasis on Syphilis.
- RESPIRATORY: No signs of infectious respiratory disease such as sneezing, white nasal discharge or excessive tearing which are all common signs of Snuffles.
- INTESTINAL: No evidence of soft droppings, soiling on rump or hocks consistent with Diarrhea.
- OTHER: Recent exposure to, or clinical signs of, any contagious or infectious disease conditions that would exclude rabbits from exhibition. Viral Hemorrhagic Disease (VHD)
3. I have read and understand the above guidelines.
4. I have visually examined the animals I am presenting for exhibit.
5. I agree not to present for exhibition rabbits showing any signs of contagious or infectious disease.

Table with 6 columns: #, Tattoo, Registry Name or #, Date of Birth, Sex, Breed. Rows 1-10.

Date of inspection: \_\_\_\_\_ Number inspected \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Event \_\_\_\_\_
(Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)



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**MARYLAND FAIR & SHOW AFTER ACTION REPORT**

EVENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE(S) OF EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ANIMALS INSPECTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ANIMALS/EXHIBITORS REJECTED:

REASON FOR REJECTION:

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ADDITIONAL FINDINGS OR CONCERNS:

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SIGNED:

\_\_\_\_\_ EVENT INSPECTOR DATE: \_\_\_\_\_





## Maryland Department of Agriculture

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### Maryland Fair and Show Animal Health Incident Report

Event \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to be used to summarize animal health incidents to include rejections, illnesses or deaths occurring during this event.

1. Animals affected: Number and Species: \_\_\_\_\_

ID; Age; Breed & Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of illness or death: \_\_\_\_\_

Action taken: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Animals affected: Number and Species: \_\_\_\_\_

ID; Age; Breed & Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of illness or death: \_\_\_\_\_

Action taken: \_\_\_\_\_

**At the conclusion of your event, please fax this completed form to Annapolis Headquarters at 410-841-5999 and keep a copy to discuss with your assigned MDA Inspector and for your records. Please contact MDA Animal Health at 410-841-5810 emergency after hours 410-841-5971 or your veterinarian immediately if multiple cases of disease or death occur.**