



**New Mexico State Cooperative Extension Service  
New Mexico FFA Association**

In Cooperation with New Mexico Livestock Board



**2015 GUIDE FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS  
As of February 20, 2015**

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

Before entering any county or state fair, all in-state junior livestock (cattle, sheep, goats and swine) to be shown at New Mexico fairs must have application of a 2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag by an Extension Agent, FFA Advisor or designated Fair personnel and a Form 1 Inspection by the New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB). NMLB personnel will issue the Form 1 Inspection at the time of 2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag application in the project animal.

**THE 2015 SHOW SEASON FORM 1 INSPECTION MUST OCCUR BEFORE JULY 15, 2015  
AND IS VALID UNTIL OCTOBER 15, 2015.**

**Form 1 Inspection charges for services of the New Mexico Livestock Board:**

- 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:

- \*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*

All out-of-state livestock to be shown at New Mexico fairs must comply with New Mexico import requirements and the USDA APHIS interstate movement regulations. This applies to NM 4-H / FFA project animals purchased outside of NM.

These requirements are essential for maintaining record of animals that are commingled at fairs and shows.

**CATTLE**

The New Mexico State University (NMSU) Cooperative Extension requires that when transporting a project animal, the proof of ownership (NMLB "Form 1" Inspection Certificate) must be available for **2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tagged** in transit, whether in or out of the District, to provide assurance that all requirements have been met.

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**Animal Identification and Health**

- **All in-state show cattle must comply with New Mexico brand rules and be branded with a New Mexico-registered brand.**  
*NMSA 77-9-1 through 77-9-63*  
*New Mexico Statutes are available @ <https://www.nmlbonline.com/index.php?id=25>*
- 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 a **2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag**.
- Exhibitors of market and breeding cattle purchased out-of-state must comply with New Mexico livestock entry requirements and USDA APHIS interstate movement regulations, 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.  
(To obtain a NM Entry Permit, call the 24 hour Entry Permit Line 800-432-6889).

## **SHEEP AND GOATS**

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**IMPORTANT: The owner, county Extension Agent or FFA advisor is responsible for maintaining records of the USDA Scrapie tag numbers, the 2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag, and the permanent official tattoos of youth exhibition animals.**

**To obtain USDA Scrapie Tags contact: USDA APHIS VS**  
6200 Jefferson St. NE, Suite 117  
Albuquerque NM 87109  
(505) 761-3160

### **Animal Identification and Health**

- **All sheep and goats must bear a NMLB-Registered Tattoo, which is a tattoo the NMLB registers as a brand**  
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  - **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 have an official USDA Scrapie tag applied to the ear.  
*Exception: Registered breeding goats may use a legible breed registry tattoo in lieu of a Scrapie tag.*
- Exhibitors of market and breeding sheep and goats purchased out-of-state must comply with NM livestock entry requirements and USDA APHIS interstate movement requirements, to include a valid Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) documented with USDA Scrapie tag animal identification and a New Mexico Entry Permit Number. (To obtain a NM Entry Permit, call the 24 hour Entry Permit Line 800-432-6889)

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

- **All sexually-intact sheep and goats must be permanently identified with approved forms 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
  - 2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag
- **The USDA Scrapie tag and the 2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag are official individual animal identification associated with a specific 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 required by the breed registry.
- A 2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag may be applied to the ear or attached to a neck chain worn 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 the flank. A breed registry tattoo may be used in lieu of a USDA Scrapie tag.
- A 2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag may be applied to the ear or attached to a neck chain and worn 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 the 2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag attached to the animal neck chain and worn 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.
- A 2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag may be applied to the ear or attached to a neck chain and worn 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.
- A 2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag must be applied to the ear or attached to a neck chain and worn during check-in and the show.
- The USDA Scrapie tag and the 2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag may be placed in the ear or attached to the neck chain and worn 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 microchip numbers 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 neck chain and worn 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 and worn 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 a 2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag attached to a neck chain and worn during check-in and the show.

### **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:

- A. An Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI)
  - issued within the thirty (30) days before entry into New Mexico  
*New Mexico youth exhibitors should retain the project animal entry ICVI documentation for the entire show season or for the lifetime of the project animal*
  - documenting the official USDA Scrapie identification tag herd/flock number and 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).*
  - New Mexico Entry Permit Number.  
Call the 24 hour Permit Line 800-432-6889. \*Information from a completed ICVI is necessary to successfully obtain the permit.

## **SWINE**

The New Mexico State University Cooperative (NMSU) Extension Service requires that when transporting a project animal, the proof of ownership (NMLB "Form 1" Inspection Certificate) must be available for **2015 Approved Youth Exhibitor Fair Tagged** animals in transit, whether in or out of the District, to provide assurance that all requirements have been met.

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### **Animal Identification and Health**

- For all swine **purchased in-state**, an official face sheet Bill of Sale from the breeder, with appropriate ear notches noted on the document, must be available to the NMLB Inspector at time of Form 1 Inspection by an NMLB Inspector.
- For all swine **purchased out-of-state**, evidence of compliance with the New Mexico Entry Requirements and USDA APHIS interstate movements regulations 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.  
To obtain a New Mexico Entry Permit, call the 24-hour Permit Line 800-432-6889
- **The New Mexico Livestock Board requires that all out-of-state swine purchased at an in-state private treaty sale must receive a copy of the Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
  - The original ICIV or a copy of the document must be available while the animal(s) are in transit to the premises of destination following the private treaty sale.
  - The original ICIV or a 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 from the sale.
    - If the Import Inspection occurs at the destination premises, the Brand Inspector will review and verify the ICVI (original or copy provided at time of private treaty sale) information and officially emboss and initial the Import Inspection.

### **EQUINE**

The New Mexico State University (MSU) Cooperative Extension Service requires that when transporting an equine project animal, 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, whether in or out of the District, to provide assurance that all requirements have been met.

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- Exhibitors of all out-of-state horses must have evidence of compliance with New Mexico equine entry requirements and USDA APHIS interstate movement regulations, to include:
  - 1) A properly completed Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) from the state of origin obtained within the thirty (30) days of movement into the state.
  - 2) The ICVI must document:
    - 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
      - Non-ISO electronic identification applied before 3/11/14
      - the physical address of the premises of origin and the physical address of the premises of destination
    - Evidence of 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.  
To obtain an Entry Permit Number, call the 24 hour Permit Line (800)432-6889.  
To successfully obtain the Entry permit Number, have the information from a properly completed ICVI available for reference.

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 provides 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.***  
**Additional Equine Importation Requirements**

**Stallions**

- “**Exhibition Only**” must be written on the ICVI to indicate that the stallion is in New Mexico for a limited time for exhibition and is not in the state for breeding or sale,  
**OR**
- Documentation of negative EVA test obtained within thirty (30) days of movement  
Fax EVA laboratory results to NMLB (505)841-6160 before requesting an entry permit;  
**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, 6200 Jefferson Street NE, Suite 117, Albuquerque, NM 87109 (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 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 animals from the premises, the state and the country.
- 3) **Equine Piroplasmiasis (EP):** Equine Piroplasmiasis is a vector-transmitted parasitic disease of equids. It 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**

- Copies or faxed copies of TB test charts (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 TB test or prepared the ICVI, certifying the document as a copy. The exhibitor must all 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 fair grounds.

***The New Mexico Livestock Board strongly encourages fair management to engage***

***the services of a 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 attending veterinarian for the fair and a determination is made for potential removal of the animal from the fair grounds.  
*See NMSA 77-3-1 to 77-3-19*
- New Mexico livestock entry requirements and all New Mexico fair entry requirements apply to all out-of-state livestock. To obtain current NM livestock entry requirements go to [www.nmlbonline.com](http://www.nmlbonline.com) or contact NMLB personnel (505) 841-6161.

**EXHIBITORS OF ANY ANIMAL ARRIVING AT A SHOW OR FAIR  
THAT IS 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 or show-specific requirements. Contact show officials for any clarifications.

Consult your County Agent or FFA Advisor for other information and event updates well ahead of the show and your planned date of transport.

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

Consult personnel at the NM State 4-H Office for youth exhibition questions.  
Call (575)646-3026 or visit <http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/>

Prepare your animals and yourself for a successful 2015 exhibition season. Good luck!

Sincerely,

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