

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Missouri Department of Agriculture has established some new rules regarding livestock exhibition requirements. Included in this packet you will find:

- A letter from Steve Strubberg, the Missouri Department of Agriculture Veterinarian.
- The approved official identification for cattle and swine.
- Animal Exhibition Requirement Rule Changes FAQ.

The Washington Town & Country Fair always strives to promote the safety and well-being of animals while at the fair, so we want to make sure our exhibitors are aware of the changes.

While the state is using discretion in enforcement this year, we are requiring exhibitors to follow the state guidelines, so it is very important that you read this information. We will be tagging your animal with an EID tag this year in addition to your WTCF tag and your animal will need to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection before arriving at the fairgrounds. These rules will be strictly enforced by the Missouri Department of Agriculture for the 2025 Fair so we are using the 2024 Fair to educate everyone and get our exhibitors in the habit of the new procedures.

If any of the requirements from the Missouri Department of Agriculture change, you will be notified via email, social media and through the 4-H extension office.

If you have any questions, please email lvstk@washmofair.com.



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Subject: Enforcement Discretion for certain livestock exhibition requirements
2 CSR 30-4.040(4)(A) 1 and 2 and 2 CSR 30-4.040(5)(A) 1 and 2

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This is a notice that the Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) has instituted a policy from February 15, 2024 until February 15, 2025 to exercise agency discretion and determined not to enforce the provisions of 2 CSR 30-4.040(A) 1 and 2 and 2 CSR 30-4.040(B) 1 and 2 until the expiration of this policy. The policy is to provide enforcement discretion of the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and official identification requirements for the intrastate movement for exhibition of cattle, bison, exotic bovids, and swine. This policy does not affect the interstate movement requirements of exhibition livestock.

It is the goal of MDA to ensure herd health and prevent diseases amongst livestock in order to protect the livestock industry and food supply. With these goals in mind, changes to the exhibition requirements for cattle, bison, exotic bovids, and swine became effective on December 30, 2023 and now require a CVI and official identification in order to exhibit those livestock in this state. These changes allow MDA to trace movement of livestock, notify exhibitors of possible disease exposure, and allow the Department to make better epidemiological decisions for quarantine and testing of exposed animals.

However, the Department understands the potential impact to exhibitors and disruption caused by this change to the exhibition requirements and will delay enforcement of the provisions listed for one year. In the meantime, livestock producers and exhibitors are encouraged to continue to ensure the health of their livestock and the livestock industry as a whole by obtaining a CVI and official identification prior to exhibiting animals.

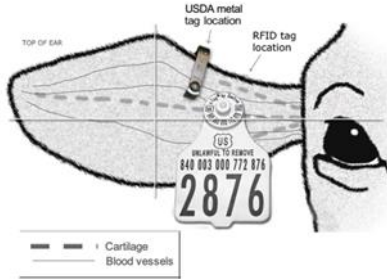
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Cattle Exhibition Requirements



Cattle must be officially identified prior to exhibition. The following are approved official identification for cattle.

Official ID may not be removed from an animal once it is applied.



1. National Uniform Ear Tagging System (NUES)

- Begins with the official state number; **43** or **MO** for Missouri.



2. Animal Identification Number (AIN) System

- Consists of 15 digits, beginning with **840** for the U.S.
- Visual or Radio Frequency Identification (RFID).



3. Breed Registry Tattoos or Tags

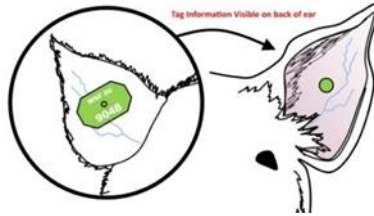
- Acceptable if accompanied by documentation listing the breed registration number.
- Pending registrations are not acceptable.

Swine Exhibition Requirements



Breeding and feeding swine must be officially identified prior to exhibition. The following are approved official identification for swine.

Official ID may not be removed from an animal once it is applied.



1. National Uniform Ear Tagging System (NUES)

- Begins with the official state number; **43** or **MO** for Missouri.



2. Animal Identification Number (AIN) System

- Consists of 15 digits, beginning with **840** for the U.S.
- Visual or Radio Frequency Identification (RFID).



3. Ear notching with Breed Registration or Farm Records

- Must be accompanied by registration paperwork or farm records.
- Pending registration is not acceptable.



Animal Exhibition Requirement Rule Changes FAQ

Q. What is the reason for the rule changes?

A. MDA's goal is to ensure animals arrive to shows healthy and return home healthy. If the U.S. has a livestock disease outbreak, animal traceability will be crucial in allowing the continuation of animal exhibitions and commerce within the animal agriculture industry. MDA is taking a proactive step toward disease prevention and traceability.

Q. Why make the changes now?

A. With diseases such as Foot and Mouth Disease, African Swine Fever, Pseudorabies, Brucellosis and Seneca Virus, it is important we make every effort to protect the livestock industry and food supply. There has been an increase in disease trace discoveries at exhibitions across the state. While no outbreak has occurred, these rules increase traceability, by allowing MDA to trace where the animal has been and notify exhibitors of possible disease exposure. The changes will help MDA make better epidemiological decisions for quarantine and testing of exposed animals.

Q. Who will enforce the new rules?

A. All Missouri animal health rules are enforced by MDA Animal Health staff members. MDA staff members are not present at every livestock show in Missouri, so we ask exhibition leadership teams (show chairmen, fair board members, livestock superintendents, local veterinarians, etc.) to educate exhibitors and monitor compliance. MDA staff members visit fairs and livestock shows across Missouri annually and will monitor when present. 2024 will serve as an educational year for exhibitors and exhibition leadership to become accustomed to the new rules. See **Enforcement Discretion document**.

Q. Why are CVIs (health papers) only applicable for 30 days?

A. 30 days is the national standard for health certificate longevity, according to USDA.



Q. Are similar rules in effect for all livestock shows in Missouri?

A. Yes, similar rules are already in place for sheep, goats, poultry and equine. Rules are in effect for all livestock shows throughout the state.

Q. Do I need a new CVI for every show I attend?

A. No, ensure all the shows where you intend to exhibit within the 30-day period are listed on one CVI.

Q. Can I attend a show that is not listed on my CVI?

A. Every exhibition you plan to attend within the 30-day window should be listed on the CVI. Exhibitors should ask the issuing veterinarian to add the show that is not listed to the CVI before attending.

Q. Are CVIs collected at shows by exhibition leadership?

A. No, CVIs are reviewed and given back to the exhibitor. Accredited Veterinarians provide copies of official CVIs to MDA.

Q. What types of animal identifications are acceptable?

A. Official identification options include:

- An official [National Uniform Eartagging System \(NUES\) tag](#).
 - Begins with the official state number 43 for Missouri.
 - Allocated by USDA to accredited veterinarians.
- An official [Animal Identification Number \(AIN\) tag](#).
 - Consists of 15 digits, beginning with 840 for the United States.
 - Visual or Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)
 - Available from the manufacturer.
- A registration tattoo and registration papers from the appropriate breed association.
- For unregistered swine, an ear notch accompanied with farm records.



Q. How should exhibition leadership maintain records of CVI/Animal Identification?

A. Exhibition leadership should verify CVI completion and note official identification information in the exhibition records for each participating animal.

Q. Is there a difference between an EID (electronic identification) tag and a RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) tag?

A. No.

Q. Is an electronic CVI acceptable?

A. Yes.

Q. Is Missouri the only state with such exhibition rules?

A. Missouri is not the only state being proactive about herd health and disease prevention.

Q. Do these rules affect beef cattle and dairy cattle?

A. Yes.