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Louisiana Regulations for 4-H and FFA Shows Revised 2015

A. Health Certificate

1. An official state health certificate is required for entry into all LSU AgCenter 4-H and FFA livestock shows in Louisiana.
2. Health certificates written for livestock movement to another state (interstate movement) are subject to federal Animal Disease Traceability rules that require all animals to be individually listed with Official Identification on an Official Health Certificate *unless specifically exempt*. Livestock moving interstate must also meet the entry requirements of the destination state.
3. Health certificates written for livestock movement within the state (intrastate movement) are subject to state rules and **Louisiana has allowed some exemptions for official identification and health certificates written for LSU AgCenter 4-H and FFA shows only.**
4. LDAF/LSU AgCenter guidelines for intrastate movement to Louisiana 4-H and FFA Shows are:
 - a) Original or copy of an official health certificate is required for each family.
 - b) In-state health certificates are valid for 60 days and must be written by a USDA Category II accredited veterinarian.
 - c) More than one owner will be allowed on the health certificate if the Shipper/Consignor is identified as the Parish AgCenter (parish of origin, i.e. Acadia Parish AgCenter) with the parish AgCenter address.
 - d) More than one destination will be allowed on the health certificate if the Receiver/Consignee is identified as LA 4-H/FFA Show Circuit.
 - e) **More than one species will be allowed on each health certificate.** Animals must be individually identified and listed on the health certificate or on an attached spreadsheet.
 - f) Approved methods of livestock identification that may be used by the veterinarian to write a health certificate to 4-H and FFA Shows only are:
 - USDA Metal “Brite Tags” or calfhoo vaccination tags
 - 840 RFID tags
 - Microchips
 - Scrapie Tags
 - Leg bands
 - Breed registry tattoos, breed registry brands, or breed registry ear notches **IF** breed registry documents accompany the animal shipment
 - LA Show Tags issued by the LSU AgCenter for commercial and market animals for intrastate exhibitors only
5. ***Notes to Accredited Veterinarians:**
 - a) If an animal is presented for a health certificate before the LA Show Tag has been issued, then an official ID tag must be applied to the animal to write the certificate or you must wait until the show tag has been issued. Ear notching is **NOT** acceptable identification for swine unless it is a breed registered ear notch and breed registry papers must accompany the health certificate.

- b) If an animal is presented for a health certificate by a single family, then the standard one family, one destination health certificate should be written. It is valid for 60 days if it is written for an LSU AgCenter show. The parish-wide certificate is a convenience for the Parish County Agent and attending veterinarian to coordinate multiple families and multiple species with a group veterinary visit.
 - c) The veterinarian must make a visual inspection of all animals listed on the health certificate.
6. Health certificates may be checked by LDAF personnel at district and state shows.
 7. Regulatory personnel may be walking through barns and checking animals at shows.

B. Species Requirements

1. Cattle

- a) Cattle entering Louisiana shows or fairs must have the following: valid health certificate with the animal identification clearly written on the health certificate.
- b) Health Certificate
 - Must be signed by USDA Category II accredited veterinarian.
 - Animal identification (not just the registration number) of each animal should be clearly stated on the health certificate.
 - Official animal identification accepted for cattle in Louisiana includes: USDA metal ID tags (silver Brite tags or orange OCV tags), 840 RFID tags, official breed registry tattoos, and official breed registry brands if breed registries accompany the health certificate.
 - LA Show Tags issued by the LSU AgCenter will be accepted as official identification at LSU shows only.
 - Multiple cattle may be listed on one health certificate.
 - This health certificate is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana 4H and FFA animals.

2. Horses

- a) Horses entering Louisiana shows or fairs must have the following: valid health certificate with the animal identification clearly written on the health certificate and a negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test, commonly called a Coggins Test.
- b) Health Certificate
 - Must be signed by USDA Category II accredited veterinarian.
 - Animal identification (not just the registration number) of each animal should be clearly stated on the health certificate.
 - Official animal identification accepted for horses in Louisiana includes: accurate physical description, electronic ID (microchip), digital photo plus animal description, brand, or tattoo.
 - Multiple horses may be listed on one health certificate.
 - This health certificate is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana 4H and FFA animals.
- c) EIA Test
 - Each horse must have a negative official test for EIA (Coggins Test) within the past 12 months.
 - Test results may be written on the health certificate by the veterinarian or the VS 9-10 test chart should accompany the horse.
 - The EIA test chart should contain an accurate description of the horse and also for Louisiana horses a permanent id such as microchip number, brand, or tattoo.

- d) Foals must be tested for EIA by one (1) year of age if traveling to a show.
- e) It is strongly recommended that horses are vaccinated for Equine Encephalitis (EEE, WEE, VEE), Tetanus, West Nile Virus (WNV), and Equine Herpes (EHV-1).
3. Poultry
- a) Poultry entering Louisiana shows or fairs must have the following: valid health certificate with the animal identification clearly written on the health certificate and a negative test for *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid) or originate from a NPIP certified flock.
- b) ***NOTE:** Broilers only need a health certificate because they originate from NPIP certified flocks.
- c) Health Certificate
- Must be signed by USDA Category II accredited veterinarian.
 - Animal identification of each bird should be clearly stated on the health certificate.
 - Official animal identification accepted for poultry in Louisiana includes: leg bands or Group Identification Number (GIN). ***Note:** GIN is a unique number used to identify a “unit of animals” managed together; call LDAF for more information on GIN
 - Multiple birds may be listed on one health certificate.
 - This health certificate is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana 4H and FFA animals.
- d) Salmonella Test (individual bird or flock)
- Each bird must have a negative test for *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid) dated within 60 days prior to the show, **or**
 - The flock from which the bird originates must be certified *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid) free under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) within the past year.
 - Test results or flock NPIP certification status may be written on the health certificate by the veterinarian or the official Form VS 9-2 should accompany the bird.
 - Identification of each bird is recommended by leg band with the identification listed on the VS 9-2 form.
4. Swine
- a) Swine entering Louisiana shows or fairs must have the following: valid health certificate with the animal identification clearly written on the health certificate.
- b) Health Certificate
- Must be signed by USDA Category II accredited veterinarian.
 - Animal identification of each pig should be clearly stated on the health certificate.
 - Official animal identification accepted for swine in Louisiana includes: official USDA metal eartag, 840 RFID eartags, purebred registry ear notches, and registered tattoos if breed registry papers accompany shipment (***NOTE: farm management ear notching is not acceptable ID for health certificates**).
 - LA Show Tags issued by the LSU AgCenter will be accepted as official identification for LSU shows only.
 - Multiple pigs may be listed on one health certificate.
 - This health certificate is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana 4H and FFA animals.

5. Sheep and Goats

a) Sheep and goats entering Louisiana shows or fairs must have the following: valid health certificate with the animal identification clearly written on the health certificate

b) Health Certificate

- Must be signed by USDA Category II accredited veterinarian.
- Animal identification of each sheep or goat should be clearly stated on the health certificate.
- Official animal identification accepted for sheep and goats in Louisiana includes: official USDA Scrapie eartags, breed registry tattoos, and electronic implants (microchips). ***Note:** microchips may only be used if sheep or goats originate from a flock participating in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program (SFCP). These animals must be accompanied by the SFCP certificate and their own microchip reader. Certain breeds with tiny ears like Lamancha or Pygmy goats may use microchips for ID if they are associated with an official USDA Scrapie eartag on the health certificate and that Scrapie eartag must accompany the animal.
- Multiple sheep and goats may be listed on one health certificate.
- This health certificate is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana 4H and FFA animals.

C. Heightened biosecurity should always be practiced at livestock shows. Hands should be washed frequently with soap and water or with an alcohol-based hand cleaner after sneezing or contact with animals. Clean manure off of footwear or equipment to minimize the spread of infectious diseases such as Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv). Always notify your veterinarian or show personnel if your animal becomes ill or if you notice sick animals at the show.

D. ***Final Note:** it is a violation of federal law to remove official eartags from livestock. If a veterinarian has applied the ID tag, it cannot be removed without permission from the State Veterinarian's Office. Call (225) 925-3980 if you have any questions.