

2026 Open Beef Show
DEPARTMENT 40
OPEN BEEF SHOW

Friday, July 31st– 4:00 pm – Obstacles Course
Saturday, August 1st – 9:00 am – Breeding Shows
Sunday, August 2nd – 9:00 am Showmanship
- Open steer show
Livestock Pavilion
Person in Charge: Joe Phillips *973-383-9705

The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show is hosting its 39th annual Open Beef Show. The show will include the NJ State Angus Show and the NJ State Hereford Shows. The show this year will require all cattle to arrive between 8:00 am and 5:00pm on Friday, July 31st. The breed shows will be held on Saturday, August 2nd and the Open Steer Show and Showmanship Contests on Sunday, August 3rd. **ALL CATTLE WILL BE REQUIRED TO REMAIN ON THE GROUNDS UNTIL THE RELEASE TIME FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE BEEF SHOWS ON AUGUST 3RD AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 PM. (UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE WITH MANAGEMENT.)**

As you may be aware, the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show is opening at 5:00 pm on Friday, July 31st, 2026. We will continue to have the usual activities and arriving on Friday, July 31st, 2026.

The pole barns are open and well ventilated for every-one's comfort. The wash rack is situated for easy access to the barns. As in previous years, the food booth (which provides the funds to build and repair the buildings), will be open early for breakfast and throughout the day for other meals. Rest rooms with showers are available in close proximity.

All entries will be assigned stalling areas based on 8-foot sections being allotted for two animals, (May be more or less depending on amount of space available). Exhibitors are requested to include in this 8-foot section their display and show box area. Again, this year, the Beef exhibitors will be using tanbark bedding. The tanbark will be placed at each tie area. Blocking chutes are requested to be placed diagonally in the alley behind the animals and turned out of the way when not being used. Unloading your animals can be done at the end of the barns closest to the wash rack. All trailers and vehicles will be parked in the designated area outside the show fence after unloading.

The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show supports agriculture and is working to keep livestock an important part of the fair. The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show will pay premiums for the classes based on the chart. In addition, farm/owner displays will also be judged during your stay at the fair.

The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show and the Beef Committee strongly endorse the Code of Ethics drafted by the National Beef Associations. Please be advised that all rules will be enforced and if violations occur, exhibitors could be asked to leave, forfeit their premiums and entry fees, or suspended from showing in future years.

Participating in this event is at your own risk and that of the health of your animals.

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We are looking forward to another exciting Beef weekend and look forward to your participation and attendance. If you have any questions, please call Joe Phillips at 973-383-9705.

MANAGEMENT:

1. **All Exhibits shall be under the direction and control of The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show.**
2. **All animals should be in place by 12:00 noon on Friday, July 31st. All cattle must be in place by 5:00 pm on Friday, July 31st. No cattle shall be walked to or from the parking lot. All cattle will be loaded onto trailers in the barn area. All cattle must remain on the grounds until the conclusion of the Beef Show on August 3rd at release time.** Release times may change and will be updated when the final schedule is known. Release times will be on a staggered basis in order to prevent a blockade of trailers. Premiums will be mailed within ten days after the show.
3. **The water may contain chlorine to combat harmful bacteria**
4. Exhibitors must provide their own hay and feed. The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show will provide the tanbark bedding.
5. All bulls born on or before April 1, 2025 MUST be shown with the aid of a nose lead. Clip ons are acceptable.
6. Unruly animals can be removed from the ring at the judge's discretion.

EXHIBITORS:

7. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of exhibits, equipment and facilities.
8. Exhibitors are strongly urged to dress in appropriate show attire.
9. All exhibitors will be required to wear harnesses. If you do not own one, one will be provided for you the day of the show.
10. **Exhibitors must wear the correct number for the animal that they are showing whenever in the show ring. (Championship and group classes included.)**

ENTRIES:

11. Entries must be made on printed entry forms (or copies, etc.) furnished by The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show. All information and signatures asked for on the entry form must be furnished. Entries will not be accepted unless this information is provided.
12. **Entries are open to exhibitors & animals from any state.**
13. Exhibitors must have original registration certificates and health papers available at any time during the show. The Superintendent or a designated checker will check these papers on Friday, July 31st.
14. Each animal must have a legible tattoo that agrees with the registration certificate.
15. The number of classes and class designations will be determined at the discretion of the superintendent. Classes may be split or combined if the number of entries in a particular class warrants such action.
16. Order of show on Saturday will be determined after entries are received.
17. **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JULY 1st.** There will be an entry fee of \$5.00 per animal. Entries received between July 2nd and July 20th will have an entry fee of \$10.00 per animal. Any entries received or postmarked after July 20th will have an entry fee of \$25.00 per animal. Late entries are welcome as long as barn space allows, but may not be able to be included in the program. Substitutions will be accepted up until Friday, July 31st at a charge of

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\$5.00 per change. **Makes checks payable to: the New Jersey State Fair ®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show** and mail to: Ag. Office, Attn: Beef Show; PO Box 600, Augusta, NJ 07822. Entry fees must accompany entries and will not be refunded. There will be a \$35.00 charge for checks not honored by the exhibitor's bank.

NOTE: There will not be any additional charge for special classes. It is to the exhibitor's advantage to participate in special classes. Premiums are offered for most special classes.

Late entries will be accepted as long as there is barn space available for them.

OWNERSHIP:

18. Animals must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor.
19. All animals, excluding steers, entered must be purebred and have the proper registration certificates, or be shown in the commercially crossbred class. Rules of the breed associations will prevail. Simmentals registered as 3/4 or more Simmental may show with the purebreds.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

PLEASE NOTE: Check the requirements for rabies vaccinations and BVD tests.

20. All animals from NJ must be accompanied by a valid (Official) Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) signed by an accredited New Jersey Veterinarian, valid for 30 days.
21. The CVI must indicate that the animals to be exhibited have been observed by a veterinarian on the exhibitor's premises and found to be free of any signs of infections or contagious diseases.
22. All animals being shown must be individually identified and listed on the certificate.
23. All exhibitors must abide by the Health Requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor & General Health Information section of The New Jersey State Fair website.
24. Any unhealthy animal (as determined by the beef superintendent or attending veterinarian) must be removed from the grounds immediately!
25. Please consult other health regulations in the General Exhibitor Information section

PREMIUMS

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JUDGE'S PLACING OF ANIMALS

# animals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 +
1	\$16									
2	\$18	\$16								
3	\$20	\$18	\$16							
4	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16						
5	\$24	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16					
6	\$26	\$24	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16				
7	\$28	\$26	\$24	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16			
8	\$30	\$28	\$26	\$24	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16		
9	\$32	\$30	\$28	\$26	\$24	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16	
10 or more	\$35	\$32	\$30	\$28	\$26	\$24	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16

NJPHA Premium Augmentation for NJSF (for Hereford entries ONLY)

	Number	Amount(each)
Grand Champion Cow/Calf	1	150
Reserve Champion Cow/Calf	1	125
Division Champs -Heifer	5	100
Reserve Division Champs - Heifer	5	75
Grand Champion Heifer	1	150
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer	1	125
Division Champs - Bull	5	100
Reserve Division Champs - Bull	5	75
Grand Champion Bull	1	150
Reserve Grand Champion Bull	1	125

Note: The NJPHA will continue to pay \$500 for each Hereford selected as a Supreme Champion

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SHOWMANSHIP:

The purpose of showmanship is to present an animal in a manner that will develop the most favorable impression on the judge. The main goal of junior showmanship is to educate young people with regard to good showing techniques and proper attitude.

1. Exhibitors in this special show need not own the animal, but should be associated with a farm which is exhibiting.
2. Steers or heifers may be used in showmanship classes.
3. Showmanship will be judged in at least eight classes, according to the ages of the exhibitor. The Beef Show committee reserves the right to amend these classes at show time to establish equitable classes.
4. Judging to consider:
Use of the halter, use of the show stick, entering the show ring, setting up the animal, moving the animal, alertness of exhibitor, show ring courtesy, exhibitor attitude and dress, attitude toward animal, knowledge of beef industry, etc.

SECTION CODE: SHO – SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS NUMBER with description

1. Pee Wee class- shown with a helper.
Not placed; but age-appropriate awards will be given

Other Classes not necessarily placed but top showmen will advance to the next level

2. 9 years old and under
3. 10 – 11 years old
4. 12 years old
5. Junior Showmanship Division
6. 13 years old
7. 14 years old
8. 15 years old
9. Intermediate Showmanship Division
10. 16 - 17 years old
11. 18 – 21 years old
12. Senior Showmanship Division
13. Overall Youth Showmanship- Winner to receive a \$50 Cash Award
14. Adult: Showmanship

The above ages will be the age of the individual on the day of the show, August 1st, 2026.

The Beef Show Committee reserves the right to amend these classes at show time to establish equitable classes.

SECTION CODE: STE – STEER SHOW

RULES:

1. Steers will be judged as market ready animals on the day of the show.
2. Animals must be born November 1, 2024 or later.
3. Classes will be divided into Heavyweight, Middleweight and Lightweight divisions after the animals are weighed in. Steers should be a minimum of 900 pounds. Steers will be weighed on Friday at 6:00 pm.
4. First and Second place animals from each weight class will make up the championship class.
5. Write “*Steer*” as the class number for steer entries on the entry form.
6. Steers may be exhibited by any farm, family, or 4-H/FFA member.

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7. \$200 for any Hereford steer that wins the Grand Champion Market Steer from the NJ Polled Hereford Association.
8. Grand Champion steer to receive a \$100 cash award.

ADDITIONAL CLASSES FOR STEERS: Entries must have been shown in one of the individual steer classes

CLASS NUMBER with description

14. **Pair of Steers** – Two steers exhibited by family members
15. **Sussex County Special** – Animals must have been bred in Sussex County and exhibited from Sussex County. Premiums for this class:
1st place - \$25 2nd place - \$22 All other entries shown - \$20

THESE SECTIONS HAVE THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

*****ALL BREEDS, IF DIFFERENT FROM THAT BELOW, WILL BE ASSIGNED TO APPROPRIATE CLASSES ACCORDING TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ASSOCIATION UPON RECEIPT OF ENTRY AND/OR FOLLOW THE BELOW MENTIONED CLASS STRUCTURE. *****

AML-American Lowline; **ANG**-Angus; **BEG** –Belted Galloway; **BRA** – Brangus; **CHA** – Charolais; **CRO** – Crossbred/Commerical; **GEL** – Gelbvieh; **HER** – Hereford; **LIM** – Limousin; **MAN** – Maine Anjou; **PIE** – Piedmontese; **RAN** – Red Angus; **SIM** – Simmental; **SIS**- Simmental Solutions; **SRP** – Shorthorn Plus; **SRT** – Shorthorn; and **OTH** – Other

CLASS NUMBER with description

1. **Cow/Calf:** Cows bred and owned, or just owned by exhibitor. All cows shown as one class unless enough head entered to merit an age breakdown into two or more classes. All animals must be shown on a halter. Calf must be the most recent natural offspring of the cow. The calf must be born 1/1/2026 or later.
2. **Grand & Reserve Champion Cow/calf**
3. **Spring Heifer Calf:** calved on or after Mar. 1st, 2026
4. **Junior Heifer Calf:** calved between Jan. 1st and Feb. 29th, 2026
5. **Junior & Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion**
6. **Late Senior Heifer Calf:** calved between Nov. 1st and Dec. 31, 2025
7. **Early Senior Heifer Calf:** calved between Sept. 1st and Oct. 31st, 2025
8. **Senior & Reserve Senior Heifer Calf Champion**
9. **Late Summer Yearling Heifer:** calved between Jul. 1st and Aug. 31st, 2025
10. **Early Summer Yearling Heifer:** calved between May 1st and Jun. 30th, 2025
11. **April Junior Yearling Heifers:** calved between Apr. 1st & Apr. 30th, 2025
12. **Intermediate & Reserve Intermediate Heifer Champion**
13. **March Junior Yearling Heifer:** calved between Mar. 1st & Mar. 31st, 2025
14. **Early Junior Yearling Heifer:** calved between Jan.1st & Feb.29th, 2025
15. **Junior & Reserve Junior Heifer Champion**
16. **Senior Yearling Heifer:** calved between Nov. 1st & Dec. 31st, 2024.
17. **Early Senior Yearling Heifer:** calved between Aug.1st & Oct.31st, 2024. May be shown with calf at side. May show in this class or Cow/Calf, but not both
18. **Senior & Reserve Senior Heifer Champion**
19. **Grand & Reserve Grand Heifer Champion**

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20. **Spring Bull Calf:** calved on or after Mar. 1st, 2026
21. **Junior Bull Calf:** calved between Jan. 1st and Feb. 29th, 2026
22. **Junior & Reserve Junior Bull Calf Champion**
23. **Late Senior Bull Calf:** calved between Nov. 1st and Dec. 31, 2025
24. **Early Senior Bull Calf:** calved between Sept. 1st and Oct. 31st, 2025
25. **Senior & Reserve Senior Bull Calf Champion**
26. **Late Summer Yearling Bull:** calved between Jul. 1st and Aug. 31st, 2025
27. **Early Summer Yearling Bull:** calved between May 1st and Jun. 30th, 2025
28. **Intermediate & Reserve Intermediate Bull Champion**
29. **April Junior Yearling Bulls:** calved between Apr. 1st and Apr. 30th, 2025
30. **March Junior Yearling Bulls:** calved between Mar. 1st & Mar. 31st, 2025
31. **Early Junior Yearling Bulls:** calved between Jan. 1st & Feb. 29th, 2025
32. **Junior & Reserve Junior Bull Champion**
33. **Senior Yearling Bulls:** calved between Sept. 1st & Dec. 31st, 2024
34. **Summer Senior Yearling Bulls:** calved between May 1st & Aug. 31st, 2024
35. **Two year old bull:** calved between Jan. 1st & Apr. 30th, 2024
36. **Senior & Reserve Senior Bull Champion**
37. **Grand & Reserve Grand Bull Champion**

***Note* The New Jersey Polled Hereford Association will provide cash awards for Division Champions and Reserves for the Hereford Breed**

***Note* Winners of Supreme Champion Heifer, Supreme Champion Cow/Calf and Supreme Champion Bull will each receive a \$100 cash award**

STEERS ARE INELIGIBLE FOR CLASSES 38 - 62

38. **Get of Sire;** four animals by one sire, shown in above classes. Both sexes represented.
39. **Junior Get of Sire;** three animals by one sire, shown in Classes 3,4,6,7,20,21,23,24 both sexes represented.
40. **Sussex County Special:** One or more animals bred in Sussex County and exhibited from Sussex County. Heifers ONLY are eligible. Limited to three entries per exhibitor
42. **Premier Exhibitor:** Any breed that has at least 15 animals shown and at least 3 different exhibitors shall be eligible. Computed from winning in previous classes based on:
 - 3 points for first, 2 points for second, 1 point for third placings
 - 3 points for Grand Champion, 2 points for Reserve Grand
 - (No points accorded for division or group Grands or Reserves)
43. **Premier Breeder:** Any breed that has at least 15 animals shown and at least 3 different exhibitors shall be eligible. Computed from winning in previous classes based on:
 - 3 points for first, 2 points for second, 1 point for third placings
 - 3 points for Grand Champion, 2 points for Reserve Grand
 - (No points accorded for division or group Grands or Reserves)
46. **Produce of dam;** Two animals; either sex, from the same dam, shown in above classes

ANGUS AND HEREFORD BREEDS ONLY

CLASS NUMBER with description

41. **Best six head:** Six animals owned or co-owned by exhibitor and exhibited in individual classes, at least one of which was bred by exhibitor. (1 entry per exhibitor)

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44. **NJ Special;** Two animals bred and owned (or co-owned) by NJ breeder. Animals can be of either sex and must have shown in previous classes. Cow/Calf pairs are not eligible. (1 entry per exhibitor)

ANGUS SECTION ONLY:

CLASS NUMBER with description

47. **Best three head:** Three animals, owned by exhibitor and shown in individual classes, at least one of which must be bred by exhibitor (1 entry per exhibitor) Premiums for this class: 1st Place -\$25; 2nd Place - \$22 and all others entries to receive \$20.

BREEDS OTHER THAN ANGUS AND HEREFORD SECTIONS:

CLASS NUMBER with description

47. **Best three head:** Three animal, owned by exhibitor and shown in individual classes, at least one of which must be bred by exhibitor (1 entry per exhibitor) Premiums for this class: 1st Place -\$25; 2nd Place - \$22 and all others entries to receive \$20.
48. **Best five head:** Five animals owned by exhibitor, exhibited in individual classes. (1 entry per exhibitor)
49. **Breeders herd;** One bull and three females, all bred and owned by exhibitor and shown in individual classes. (1 entry per exhibitor)

SIMMENTAL SECTION ONLY:

CLASS NUMBER with description

52. **Pair of Calves:** Two calves of either sex, shown in classes 3,4,6,7,20, 21,23,24. The exhibitor must own both animals. (1 entry per exhibitor)
53. **Pair of Yearlings:** Two yearlings, either sex, shown in classes 9,10,11,13, 14,26,27,29,30,31. The exhibitor must own both animals. (1 entry per exhibitor)

LIMOUSIN SECTION ONLY:

CLASS NUMBER with description

54. **Best Full Blooded Limousin** - Heifer
55. **Best Full Blooded Limousin** – Bull
56. **Best Full Blooded Limousin** – Cow/Calf

OVERALL BREED COMPETITION:

The winner of classes 60,61 and 62 will each receive a \$100 cash prize.

CLASS NUMBER with description

60. **Supreme Champion Female:** All breed Grand Champion females to compete.
61. **Supreme Champion Bull:** All breed Grand Champion bulls to compete.
62. **Supreme Champion Cow/Calf:** All breed Grand Champion Cow/Calf pairs to compete.

SECTION CODE AJR – NEW JERSEY JUNIOR ANGUS DIVISION

The Junior Show will consist of all Angus exhibitors: age 21 years old and younger (must be a junior member of the NJ Angus Association). They will be able to show any animal registered in their name. The Junior Division show will begin just before the Open Angus Show. We will begin with steers, which may be split according to age, if entries warrant such action, followed by the showmanship classes. Junior exhibitors will still be able to show in the Open Angus Show. (There is no extra entry fee for the Junior Classes).

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CLASS NUMBER with description

1. **Steers (To be divided if needed)**
2. **Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Steers**
3. **Junior Showmanship**
4. **Intermediate Showmanship**
5. **Senior Showmanship**
6. **Overall Showmanship**
7. **Heifers**
8. **Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Heifers**

SECTION CODE HJR – HEREFORD JUNIOR DIVISION

The Junior Show will consist of all Hereford exhibitors: age 21 years old and younger (must be a junior member of the NJ Hereford Association). They will be able to show any animal registered in their name. The Junior Division show will begin just before the Open Hereford Show. We will begin with steers, which may be split according to age, if entries warrant such action, followed by the showmanship classes. The Junior Division Heifers will be shown with the open show classes. First place Junior animals will be designated during each open show class, and a championship class of all the winners will be held following the Grand and Reserve Grand of the Open Show, as necessary. Junior exhibitors will still be able to show in the Open Hereford Show. (There is no extra entry fee for the Junior Classes).

CLASS NUMBER with description

1. **Steers**
2. **Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Steers**
4. **Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Heifers**

SECTION CODE OBS – OBSTACLE COURSE

The obstacle course will be held on Friday, July 31st, 2026 at 4:00pm. This event will be for the junior exhibitors and will require them to walk their heifer/steer through various obstacles placed in the show arena. The exhibitors will be judged on their ability to complete the course and will be awarded points for each obstacle. It is not a race and excessive speed will be penalized.

Some of the obstacles may include:

1. Walking the animal through a gate
2. Tying the animal to a fence
3. Putting the animal into a blocking chute
4. Loading the animal onto a stock trailer
5. Demonstrating proper showmanship skills
6. Walking between bales of straw
7. Any Other event that the show committee feels appropriate

The number of classes and the exact procedure will be finalized after the number of entrants is known.

SECTION CODE EXH – HERD EXHIBIT

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One of the goals of the Open Beef Show is to promote those breeds that are brought to The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show for exhibit.

To encourage exhibitors to participate in this aspect of the show, three rosettes will be awarded to farms with the best kept, informative, and attractive exhibits.

Herd exhibits will be judged at various times during the weekend.

THE NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR® / SUSSEX COUNTY FARM & HORSE SHOW

EXHIBITOR & GENERAL INFORMATION

***No Vehicles are permitted in the ag. area after 10am, they must be parked in a designated parking lot.**

Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. The New Jersey State Fair/ Sussex County Farm & Horse Show Association will not be responsible for any damages to your vehicle

NOTE: All premiums will be mailed within ten days of the show, unless noted otherwise in department rules

The following are some general information for livestock exhibitors that will assist you in planning your trip to the show. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Director of your show.

1. **Livestock barns** - Barns measure 40' x 200' and have open sides (no walls), except for barn #6, which is enclosed. Barn #6 houses the small animals (rabbits, cavy, etc) and poultry. Although barns are well ventilated, since it is August, you are encouraged to bring fans and 50' extension cords. **There will be no food or drink allowed in livestock barns 1-6, the livestock show arena, the milking parlor, or any other structure in the agricultural area which contains livestock, poultry or animals of any kind.** All 4-H members and their families are required to follow these rules.
 - It will be the responsibility of 4-H leaders and open show directors to monitor their groups.
 - Judges and their helpers are permitted to have bottled water in the livestock show area during their show. Bottles must have cap on when not in use.
2. **Your Housing** - If you plan to stay overnight, there are a number of motels within 20-30 minutes. Be sure to make a reservation soon. There are also a number of "hook-ups" for campers or RV's on the fairgrounds. If you plan to camp, please indicate it on your application so we can reserve a spot for you.
3. **Security** - Gates on the ends of the barns are closed during the night and security personnel patrol the fairgrounds.
4. **Restrooms & Showers** - There are restroom and shower facilities near the agricultural area.
5. The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show is not responsible for omissions or printing errors
6. All exhibits must remain on display at the Fairgrounds until 5:00 pm on the second Saturday, unless otherwise noted.
7. **Dog, Pet, and Exotic Animal Policy** - Dogs, Pets, and Exotic Animals – None allowed with the following exceptions:
 - a.) Handicapped persons requiring trained and controlled animal assistance
 - b.) When they are a part of an approved exhibit, show or display and are controlled
 - c.) Livestock exhibitors
 - d.) Horse Show exhibitors
 - e.) Concessionaires/carnival living area.
 - Permits must be filed for the above exceptions for the full time the animal will be on the grounds.

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The Dog, Pet and Exotic Animal permit may be found on the Exhibitors page of our website. Please send permits with your entries, when possible. Otherwise, you must file permits with your department chairperson. You will be given a copy as proof of filing. Please come to the Agricultural office in the Administration building to pick up your copy.

Rules for the preceding exceptions

- The PERMIT must be presented by the person controlling the animal at the request of any fair official or representative.
- All animals must be on a leash or confined at all times and controlled by an adult. Animals used for Fair approved demonstrations (i.e.-accompanying carriages, herding sheep, etc.) may be unrestricted while they are doing their performance, but must be controlled by an adult.
- Animals must remain in the specific area they are cleared to (i.e.-horse stall or trailer area, cow or sheep barn, etc.)
- Animals must not be walked around the other parts of the Fair Grounds nor in the vicinity of a crowd in their area or near any food concessions.
- Handicapped persons requiring trained and controlled animal assistance (i.e.-Seeing Eye dogs) may be excused from rules 2, 3, and 4, but must have a permit.
- Animal's owner is responsible for clean-up of all wastes generated by the animal(s).

IT IS ILLEGAL TO LEAVE YOUR PET IN A CAR OR SIMILAR VEHICLE.

8. The water may contain chlorine to combat harmful bacteria

9. Participation in this event is at your own risk and that of the health of your animals

NJ STATE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Any exhibitor showing at the The New Jersey State Fair®, Sussex County Farm & Horse Show must be in compliance with the New Jersey Division of Animal Health recommendations for New Jersey fairs, shows and sales. All animals must be free from infectious or contagious diseases. The recommendations made are in keeping with good management practices to minimize the risk of disease introduction and spread, with specific recommendations for Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) prevention. New Jersey Department of Agriculture's (NJDA) Animal Health staff along with veterinarians, farmers, and producers is encouraged to remain vigilant for any signs of unusual diseases in an animal, flock, or herd.

Specific signs that may indicate exposure to an infectious or toxic agent include:

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| 1. Excessive discharges from body orifices | 11. Foaming at mouth or nose |
| 2. Off-feed or weight loss | 12. Head pressing, stargazing, no menace response. Uneven pupil sizes |
| 3. Skin lesions including blisters, pustules or discoloration around animal's mouth, nose, teats or hooves | 13. Drooping wings, feathers or hair loss, excessive loss of mane and tail hairs |
| 4. Abnormal behavior; excessive vocalization, depression | 14. Partial to complete drop in egg production, production of tearing thin-shelled |
| 5. Excessive urination, excessive salivation; Excessive tearing | |
| 6. Lameness, off balance, falling down, difficulty rising; circling, partial or complete paralysis | 15. Swelling of tissues around eyes, neck or legs; cloudiness of eyes |
| 7. Muscle tremors, seizures | 16. Abortions, still births, weak neonates |

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| 8. Sneezing, open mouthed breathing, gasping for air,
nasal discharge, coughing, difficulty breathing | 17. Abnormal body temperature |
| 9. Diarrhea, vomiting, constipation, excessive dry manure | 18. Unusual ticks or maggots |
| 10. Twisting of head and neck | 19. Staggering, falling or central nervous
system disorders |

If you observe any of the above symptoms or suspect a disease transmission, contact your veterinarian, NJDA's State Veterinarian at 609-671-6400 or USDA's Veterinary Services at 609-259-8387 IMMEDIATELY.

All animals will be inspected by an accredited Veterinarian prior to entering the fair. It is the discretion of the veterinarian in charge to allow animals to enter and remain on the fair/show grounds. (PLEASE NOTE: NO animals will be permitted to off load without a health check, if you arrive at a time when there is no Vet available you will not be allowed to unload your animals. *In addition to the regular health papers required by our Fair . . . ALL sheep and goats to be shown at this fair shall also be identified by USDA official identification (ear tag and/or approved registry tattoo) in compliance with the federal regulations regarding the Scrapie Eradication Program.)

Any animals showing obvious clinical signs of warts, ringworm, foot rot, parasites, pink eye, draining abscesses or open wounds must not be exhibited or allowed to remain on the fairgrounds.

Any food animal should have a Drug Use Form accompanying it to the fair. This form will certify that the market animal is free of any medication – which means that the animal has not been treated with drugs, or the animal does not contain a drug for which the withdrawal period has not yet elapsed per label directions. If the animal has received drugs for medications for which the withdrawal period has not yet elapsed, this must be documented on the form. The animal identification, drug name, date(s) of administration, the route of administration and the drug withdrawal time prior to slaughter must be documented.

LIVESTOCK FROM OUT OF STATE entering New Jersey must be in compliance with NJ health requirements & regulations. An official health certificate approved by the state of origin must accompany livestock entering NJ. Animals must also be in compliance with General Requirements, and inspected by an Accredited Licensed Veterinarian approved by the Animal Health Official from the state of origin.

Animal Health Documentation

Fair/show management is responsible for ensuring that animals to be exhibited enter the grounds in good health and with proper documentation:

- **Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs)** - CVIs are completed and signed by accredited veterinarians for any animal being transported **interstate**. (e.g. Pennsylvania to New Jersey) CVIs are valid for 30 days from the date of examination. The official CVI shall include the following:
 - Complete name and complete address of exhibitor
 - Complete address of the premises of origin
 - **Complete name and complete address of the fair/show to be attended. A separate CVI needs to be completed for each individual fair/show to be attended.**

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- Species, breed, sex, and age of animals
 - Cattle and swine shall be identified by at least one of the following methods: official electronic ID, unique ear tag, tattoo or registration name or number with registration papers.
 - Horses and other equine shall be identified by electronic ID, physical description and/or tattoo. Physical description must match with EIA certificate.
 - Sheep and goats shall be identified by USDA approved official identification (ear tag and/or approved registry tattoo). For questions regarding the USDA's Mandatory Identification of Sheep and Goats regulation, or to obtain official identification tags for sheep and goats, call the USDA, APHIS, VS office at (609) 259-5260.
 - Other livestock shall be identified by ear tag, registration name and number, name and physical description or microchip.
- Statement that the examining veterinarian personally inspected the animals described and found them free from visible symptoms of infectious, contagious and/or communicable disease or known exposure thereto within 30 days of shipment.

DrugUseForms are available on the web at: <http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/ah/news/fairsshows.html>. (This documentation should follow the food animal to its final slaughter destination.) If the animal has received drugs or medications for which the withdrawal period has not yet elapsed, this must be documented on the form. The animal identification, drug name, date(s) of administration, the route of administration, and the drug withdrawal time prior to slaughter must be documented. **Animals cannot be turned away from the show if they received medications. The drugs simply need to be documented, and the withdrawal time clearly stated.** *Certain drugs, such as gentamicin, are illegal for use in food animals.* It is the responsibility of the animal producer to check with his or her veterinarian as to what medications can be given

Public Health Concerns

Interactions between people and animals provide valuable and enjoyable educational experiences that should be encouraged. However, during such contact, there is some risk of disease transmission. To protect both humans and animals, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture in consultation with the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services encourages all fairs/shows to implement the following precautionary steps to protect both visitors and animals from disease.

- Provide hand-cleaning stations/facilities for use prior to and after contact with animals
 - Provide running water and soap or antibacterial hand wipes to clean dirt off hands
 - Provide *alcohol-based hand rubs* for use on clean hands
- Maintain safe and clean stations/facilities to protect visitors and animals
 - Trash cans should be available and emptied regularly
- Post signs indicating the location of hand-cleaning stations/facilities
- Do not allow human food or drink in animal contact areas
- Forbid smoking in animal contact areas and at hand-cleaning stations/facilities
- Ensure that no feed is fed to the animals unless specifically provided by the fair

II. Species Specific Health Regulations and Recommendations

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NEW JERSEY CATTLE ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or AHC

IMPORTED CATTLE ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI
- Shall be negative to a tuberculosis test within 60 days of entry – Cattle from an accredited free State, zone, or herd are exempt from testing.
- For an accredited herd, the CVI shall include the date on which the herd of origin was last tuberculin tested, and a statement by the accredited veterinarian that the cattle to be imported were:
 1. included in the most recent test of the herd of origin and testing with negative results occurred within one year prior to the date of movement or that
 2. they are natural additions to the herd.
- Six months of age or over shall be negative to an official brucellosis test within 30 days of entry – brucellosis vaccinated heifers under 14 months of age, steers, and spayed heifers are exempt from brucellosis testing. Cattle to be imported that originate from a Class Free State or Area are exempt from brucellosis testing.
- Shall be negative to an official anaplasmosis or bluetongue test within 30 days prior to entry if they originate from a state that is determined by the USDA to be endemic for anaplasmosis or bluetongue.

Additional requirements on top of the NJ Health requirements

Updated revisions to Animal Health Requirements (March 5,2012)

Rabies Vaccination:

A current rabies vaccination is required for all species for which there is a USDA licensed vaccine available (cattle, horses, sheep, dogs, cats, and ferrets) An acceptable proof of rabies vaccination must be presented at the vet check at the Fair. Note: Rabies titers are not acceptable proof of rabies protection and cannot be used for entry requirements.

Owners of animal species that do not have an approved rabies vaccine should discuss with their veterinarian the pros and cons of having their animals vaccinated against rabies with an “off label” rabies vaccine. During the fair if an animal not vaccinated for rabies is suspected of having rabies, appropriate methods will be utilized to make a diagnosis including quarantining the animal for the appropriate period of time.

Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI) Testing

All cattle, alpacas, and llamas must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect BVD-PI. This test must be reported on the required certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI). The issuing veterinarian is responsible for verifying the validity of the test, the identification of the animal and recording the test date on the CVI. If a previous test is not verifiable the test must be repeated. It is recommended that all cattle, alpacas, and llamas be vaccinated for Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex (shipping fever).

Owner(s) should discuss with their veterinarian the advantages of having their animals vaccinated for Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex.

Cattle testing:

- Currently acceptable BVD-PI tests for cattle less than 61 days old:
 - Skin notch Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
 - Whole blood virus isolation
 - Whole blood PCR
- Currently acceptable BVD-PI test for cattle 61 days of age or older:
 - Skin notch Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
 - Serum or milk Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE)
 - Whole blood virus isolation

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Whole blood, serum or plasma PCR

Note: The NYS Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory of Cornell University can conduct PCR testing on pools of up to 10 cattle.

Note: reviewed the above information with Dr. Paul Tallamy & Dr. Monique Obsharski
April 28, 2025.

Please check with your veterinarian for any updated tests that are required by the New Jersey Department of Animal Health.