

2026 Open Dairy Cattle Show

**DEPARTMENT 41
OPEN DAIRY CATTLE**

Thursday, August 6th

9:00 am – Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey and Other non-listed breeds

Friday, August 7th

8:30 am - Holstein

Show in the Livestock Pavilion

Person in Charge: Greg Lockburner 973-534-2238

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR JUNIOR AND ADULT EXHIBITORS

- The Colored Breed Show is open to any breeder from any county or state.
- The Open Holstein show is open to breeders in Sussex & Warren County, New Jersey, Northampton County PA and Orange County, New York. All Holstein animals must reside in Sussex, Warren, Northampton or Orange counties at time of entry.

Any exhibitor showing at the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse show must comply 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.

Please consult other health regulations in the General Exhibitor Information section including the requirements for rabies vaccinations and BVD tests.

1. Entry giving Department Number, Section code (breed), Class number(s), name of animal, registry number, birth date, whether she is in milk, and if she will be staying on the grounds, MUST be filed with the show secretary and/or postmarked by July 1st. Entries must be made on printed entry forms (or copies, etc.) furnished by the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse. All information and signatures asked for on the entry form must be furnished. Entries will not be accepted unless this information is provided. For special requests for barn assignments, please attach a note to your entry form. Requests must be submitted by July 1st, 2026. 150,000 lbs forms for each milking animal in the 150,000lb class must be presented before August 1st
2. All exhibitors will pay in advance an entry fee of \$5.00 for each animal entered in the open shows up until July 1st. Post entries will be charged the following per animals and will ONLY be accepted between July 1st and July 25th as space allows. 7/2 – 7/15 \$10.00 per animal, 7/16 – 7/25 \$25.00 per animal. **No entries will be accepted after July 25th.** Substitutions will be accepted up until July 31st at a cost of \$5.00 per substitute (you may substitute a cow for a cow or a calf for a calf). **Checks should be made payable to New Jersey State Fair** and mailed to Ag. Office; Attn: Dairy Show; PO Box 600, Augusta, NJ 07822. There will be a \$35.00 charge for checks not honored by the exhibitor's bank.
3. County Exhibitors will receive **one weekly gate pass per exhibitor** and 2 parking passes per family, unless previous arrangements have been made with the show secretary. An extra parking pass will be given for over 4 animals entered per exhibitor or farm.

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Additional weekly gate passes will be available for non-4H parents or exhibitors at a cost of \$35 each. Proceeds to go towards dairy show expenses. Out of County Exhibitors will receive day passes.

4. All Sussex County exhibitors must have all non-milking animals on the grounds no later than 9:00 pm on MONDAY. Milking animals may be brought and removed from the fairgrounds on the day they are to be shown.
 - All out of county color breed animals are required to be on the grounds no later than **7:30 am** on the morning of their show, The Color Breed Show will start at 9:00am on Thursday, August 6th.

We will show straight through. NO LUNCH BREAK

ANIMALS WILL BE DISMISSED AT THE END OF THE LAST BREED SHOW NOT ANY SOONER. Security and/or agricultural personnel will allow three trailers in at a time. They are to enter through the vet gate and exit thru gate 1. Same route is to be used for loading or unloading of animals or supplies. Be patient and wait your turn if others are in front of you, and under NO circumstances are animals to be walked out to the parking lot. Those disregarding this rule will forfeit their premiums, and risk not being allowed to show in future years. ALL OUT OF COUNTY COLOR BREED ANIMALS MUST BE OUT OF THE BARN BY 4:00PM SO THAT THE OUT OF COUNTY HOLSTEIN ANIMALS CAN COME IN.

- All out of county Holstein animals are required to be on the grounds no later than **8:00 pm** the night prior to their show. The Holstein Show will start at **8:30am** on Friday, August 7th We will take a half hour lunch break after the Senior Dry Cow Class

*** DISMISSAL TIMES FOR HOLSTEIN ANIMALS** will be from NOON to 2PM for those who wish to take part of their show string out and the others will be released at the conclusion of the dairy show. Security and/or agricultural personnel will allow three trailers in at a time. They are to enter through the vet gate and exit thru gate 1. Same route is to be used for loading or unloading of animals or supplies. Be patient and wait your turn if others are in front of you, and under NO circumstances are animals to be walked out to the parking lot. Those disregarding this rule will forfeit their premiums, and risk not being allowed to show in future years.

All Holstein exhibitors must have all their animals off the fairgrounds by 7:00 pm on the day of their last show so that the barns can be cleaned for the weekend shows. If you plan to arrive with your animals before the scheduled time or if you plan to leave your animals past the scheduled time, you must notify the show secretary so that ample housing is available for your animals. Barn 1 will be for animals staying thru Saturday.

5. A valid (official) Certificate of Veterinary Inspection signed by an accredited New Jersey Veterinarian must accompany all native New Jersey animals. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must indicate that all animals of the species to be exhibited on the exhibitor's premises have been observed by a veterinarian and found to be free of any signs of infectious or contagious diseases. The official New Jersey Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is valid for 30 days in New Jersey. Cattle originating from other states must be accompanied by an official interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection in compliance with New Jersey's import regulations.

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6. All domestic animals requiring a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for exhibition must be individually identified by one of the acceptable species methods and it must be listed on the health certificate. If any additional identification is present, it should also be listed.
7. New Jersey exhibitors do not need brucellosis or tuberculosis certificates. Cattle originating from other states must be in compliance with New Jersey's import regulations including a negative brucellosis test within 30 days, except for heifers under 14 months of age and cattle that originate from a Class Free State or a Certified Free Herd, and a negative tuberculosis test within 60 days, unless the animals originate from a tuberculosis accredited-free state or accredited herd. All cattle from states with endemic Anaplasmosis or Bluetongue, as determined by the United States Department of Agriculture must be tested negative within 30 days prior to entry.
8. All female animals equal to or greater than four months of age should be calfhooed vaccinated. All animals must be current on Bovine Respiratory Disease complex (shipping fever) vaccination, which includes at least IBRK, PI3, BVD, and BRSV with dates of inoculation and product name recorded on the health certificate. **All animals must be tested for BVD-PI.** These will be checked with the registration papers. Check with your veterinarian for any updated tests that are required by the New Jersey Department of Animal Health. Please consult further health regulations in the General Exhibitor Information section. **Check the requirements for rabies vaccinations and BVD tests.**
9. **Registration papers must be checked before your animals enter the show ring and must be available at all times.** The New Jersey Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (or official interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for animals being brought from other states) is required for each animal shown. (Please note that more than one animal can be recorded on a certificate.) It is the exhibitor's responsibility to see that the papers are checked. If your registration papers have not been received by this date, it is advisable for you to call your breed association for verification of registry and/or transfer. Records will be checked before you enter the show ring. Proof of registration of animals in owner's name is required. Registration papers with agreeing markings or tattoo must be available when the animals arrive at the grounds.
Junior exhibitor's animals must be strictly owned or leased by the Junior exhibitor by May 1st of current year, copy of lease agreement must be available at all times, in order to receive any Junior awards. All animals with 87% purebred will be allowed to show, provided they have all the proper papers.
10. All animals to be milked in the milking parlor **MUST** be DRUG-FREE. Due to health regulations, ALL milk must be disposed of in the bulk tank (ONLY). Those disregarding this rule will forfeit their premiums, and risk not being allowed to show in future years.
11. Each animal entered can only be entered in one of the age classes. For example, a cow entered in the 5-year old class may not be entered in the 150,000lb class or the dry cow class. The committee reserves the right to combine classes at their own discretion for balanced competition of entries received. All milking fall yearlings will compete in the Summer Junior 2-year-old class. All cows entered in milking or dry cow classes must have been fresh at least once. Except 2 year olds; these will be shown in their respective 2-year-old class.

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12. The New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show Association will provide bedding for exhibitors for the week. It is up to exhibitors to bring feed, hay, utensils, and equipment. Also, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to feed and water their animals.
13. The committee encourages all exhibitors staying more than two days to put up a display by their animals. Displays may be put up on Monday after 12:00 noon. Displays must be put over the animals and are NOT to take up bedding space.
14. Exhibitors may rope off their animals during their respective shows, BUT MAY NOT ROPE OFF THE WALKWAYS AT ANYTIME.
15. Medical waste should NOT be put in with the manure or trashcans on the grounds. Please dispose of needles properly by taking them home.
16. Exhibitors will be expected to display or parade their animals as directed by the superintendent and to accept conditions as provided without controversy. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of premiums. THIS DISPLAY IS HELD FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, AND ANIMALS MUST BE KEPT IN SHOW SHAPE.
17. Exhibitors shall be neatly dressed when exhibiting and wear clean clothes. No mid-drifts, open toed shoes, or short shorts or skirts (must be longer than your fingertips when they are at your side).
18. The committee reserves the right to bar from any show unruly animals or animals of decidedly inferior conformation and type, or animals not meeting the health standards.
19. Animals must have NO HORNS OR MUST SHOW SIGNS OF BEING DEHORNED to be shown.
20. Bathroom and shower facilities located in the livestock area are available to all exhibitors.
21. All exhibitors will be required to wear black harnesses. If you do not own one, one will be provided for you the day of the show. The medium size will fit most people.
22. Premiums will be mailed within ten days after the show.
23. **Participating in this event is at your own risk and that of the health of your animals.**
24. **All exhibitors are responsible to carry a manure bucket to and from the barns. Walkways between barns and show arena must be kept clean of manure.**

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PREMIUMS

# animals	JUDGE'S PLACING OF ANIMALS												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11-20	21+	
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	\$10	\$5	

NOTE: REGISTRATION PAPERS, and CVI'S FOR EACH ANIMAL, IN THE NAME OF EACH EXHIBITOR, IS REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE REGISTERED, LEASED AND/OR TRANSFERRED BY MAY 1, 2026.

Note: Entry fee is \$5.00 per animal. With that single fee, that animal can be entered in as many special classes as the owner sees fit.

THESE SECTIONS CODES HAVE THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

****ALL BREEDS, IF DIFFERERT FROM THAT BELOW, WILL BE ASSIGNED TO APPROPRIATE CLASSES UPON RECEIPT OF ENTRY AND WILL FOLLOW THE SAME CLASS STRUCTURE.

OTH: Other (must specify breed on form)****

AYR: AYRSHIRE; **BRO:** BROWN SWISS; **GUE:** GUERNSEY and **JER:** JERSEY;
CLASS NUMBER with description

Junior females

01. Spring heifer calf - born 3/1/2026 thru 5/1/2026
02. Winter heifer calf - born 12/1/2025 thru 2/29/2026
03. Fall heifer calf - born 9/1/ 2025 thru 11/30/2025
04. Summer yearling heifer - born 6/1/2025 thru 8/31/2025
05. Spring yearling heifer - born 3/1/2025 thru 5/31/2025
06. Winter yearling heifer - born 12/1/2024 thru 2/28/2025
07. Fall yearling heifer - born 9/1/2024 thru 11/30/2024 milking fall yearlings will compete in the summer junior 2-year-old class.
 Junior and Reserve Junior Champion

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Senior Females

All animals entered in milking or dry cow classes MUST have been fresh at least once.

(Except for 2yr. Old animals)

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| 11. Junior Dry Cow | - born on or after 9/1/2021 (2 thru 4 years old) | 19. Intermediate and Reserve |
| 12. Senior Dry Cow | - born before 9/1/2021 (5 years old and older) | Intermediate |
| 13. Summer Jr. 2 yr old | - born 6/1/2024 thru 8/31/2024 | Champion |
| 14. Junior 2 year old | - born 3/1/2024 thru 5/31/2024 | 20. Four year old cow - born 9/1/2021 thru 8/31/2022 |
| 15. Senior 2 year old | - born 9/1/2023 thru 2/29/2024 | |
| 16. Junior 3 year old | - born 3/1/2023 thru 8/31/2023 | |
| 17. Senior 3 year old | - born 9/1/2022 thru 2/29/2023 | |
| 21. Five year old cow | - born 9/1/2020 thru 8/31/2021 | |
| 22. Aged cow | - born before 9/1/2020 | |
| 23. 150,000 LB cow | - certified by DHIA Supervisor, records must be received by the show secretary before August 1st to compete in this class. | |
| 26. Senior and Reserve Senior Champion | | |
| 27. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion | | |

Special Classes

10. Junior Best Three Females - bred & owned by family exhibitors, residing on same farm; one group per farm. Each animal must have been shown in one of the above classes 1 thru 07.
29. Senior Best Three Females - bred & owned by family exhibitors, residing on same farm; one group per farm.
Each animal must have been shown in one of the above classes 11 thru 22.
30. Dairy Herd - three animals owned by family exhibitors and residing on same farm; one group per exhibitor. Each animal has to have freshened at least once.
31. Produce of Dam - two animals; one or more owners; same dam
32. Dam & Daughter

Note: Classes may be combined if not enough animals are entered to fill a class.

SPECIAL within CLASS AWARDS

- Best Udder – designated within each milking class. Premiums \$15 for first place and \$10 for second place.

SECTION CODE: HOL: HOLSTEIN

CLASS NUMBER with description

Junior females

01. Spring heifer calf - born 3/1/2026 thru 5/1/2026
02. Winter heifer calf - born 12/1/2025 thru 2/29/2026
03. Fall heifer calf - born 9/1/ 2025 thru 11/30/2025
04. Summer yearling heifer - born 6/1/2025 thru 8/31/2025
05. Spring yearling heifer - born 3/1/2025 thru 5/31/2025
06. Winter yearling heifer - born 12/1/2024 thru 2/28/2025
07. Fall yearling heifer - born 9/1/2024 thru 11/30/2024 milking fall yearlings will compete in the junior 2-year-old class.
08. Junior and Reserve Junior Champion (Junior Division)
09. Junior and Reserve Junior Champion

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Senior Females

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(Except for 2yr. Old animals)

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- 15. Senior 2 year old - born 9/1/2023 thru 2/29/2024
- 16. Junior 3 year old - born 3/1/2023 thru 8/31/2023
- 17. Senior 3 year old - born 9/1/2022 thru 2/29/2023
- 18. Intermediate and Reserve Intermediate Champion (Junior Division) (First & second place animals from classes 11, 13 thru 16)
- 19. Intermediate and Reserve Intermediate Champion (First & second place animals from classes 11, 13 thru 16)
- 20. Four year old cow - born 9/1/2021 thru 8/31/2022
- 21. Five year old cow - born 9/1/2020 thru 8/31/2021
- 22. Aged cow - born before 9/1/2020
- 23. 150,000 LB cow - certified by DHIA Supervisor, **records must be received by the show secretary by August 1st to compete in this class.**
- 24. Senior and Reserve Senior Champion (Junior Division)
- 25. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion (Junior Division)
- 26. Senior and Reserve Senior Champion
- 27. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion

Special Classes

- 10. Junior Best Three Females - bred & owned by family exhibitors, residing on same farm: one group per farm. Each animal must have been shown in a class from 01 thru 07.
- 28. Best Holstein Bred by Exhibitor, "**For Sussex County Juniors/Residents only**", exhibitor must be 21 years old or under on day of show.
Previous winners are ineligible. Winner to receive a calf.
Date of Birth of Exhibitor MUST be on entry form and Exhibitor MUST be listed as the Breeder next to animal to be shown.
- 29. Senior Best Three Females - bred & owned by family exhibitors, residing on same farm; one group per farm. Each animal must have been shown in a class from 11 thru 22.
- 30. Dairy Herd - three animals owned by family exhibitors and residing on same farm; one group per exhibitor. Each animal has to have freshened at least once.
- 31. Produce of Dam - two animals; one or more owners; same dam
- 32. Dam & Daughter

Note: Classes may be combined if not enough animals are entered to fill a class. There must be at least 3 entries to be eligible for a championship trophy.

SPECIAL within CLASS AWARDS

- Best Udder – designated within each milking class. Premiums \$15 for first place and \$10 for second place.

The Water may contain Chlorine to combat harmful bacteria

***No Vehicles are permitted in the ag. area after 10 am, 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.

CERTIFICATE FOR 150,000 LB. COW

This is to certify that the cow _____
(Name and registration number)

Owned by _____ Breed _____

has produced the following record in her lifetime:

Total lbs. of milk to date: _____

Total lbs. of Protein to date: _____

Total lbs. of Fat to date: _____

Date of birth _____ Age: _____ Years _____ Months

(Signature of owner)

(Signature of DHIA supervisor or County Ag Agent)

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

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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 8:00 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.

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- Permits must be filed for the above exceptions for the full time the animal will be on the grounds. 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, teats or hooves
excessive loss of mane and tail hairs | 13. Drooping wings, feather or hair loss, nose, |
| 4. Abnormal behavior; excessive vocalization, depression | 14. Partial to complete drop in egg production, production of thin-shelled eggs |
| 5. Excessive urination, excessive salivation; excessive tearing | 15. Swelling of tissues around eyes, neck or legs; cloudiness of eyes |
| 6. Lameness, off balance, falling down, | |

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| difficulty rising; circling, partial or complete paralysis | 16. Abortions, still births, weak neonates |
| 7. Muscle tremors, seizures | 17. Abnormal body temperature |
| 8. Sneezing, open mouthed breathing, asping for air, nasal discharge, coughing, Difficulty breathing | 18. Unusual ticks or maggots |
| 9. Diarrhea, vomiting, constipation, excessive dry manure | 19. Staggering, falling or central nervous system disorders. |
| 10. Twisting of head and neck | |

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.**
 - 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.

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- 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

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, 2026)

Rabies Vaccination

A current rabies vaccination is REQUIRED for all species for which there is a USDA licensed vaccine available. 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 animal 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 Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (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 the 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 tests for cattle 61 days of age and older:
 - Skin notch Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
 - Serum or milk Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE)
 - Whole blood virus isolation
 - 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.

**IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)
NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior, as well as open class exhibitors, who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics,” fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and

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livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animals health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. This act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainers and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs from other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, all procedures of said collection and preservation transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate. The report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only, and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, such as striking animals to cause swelling using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show official before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect. No person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

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9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expos* and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by this code. It is further a consent that an action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.