

## **CONNECTICUT FAIR AND SHOW REGULATIONS 2023**

### **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

#### **A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Health certificates signed by a veterinarian and other required testing will be valid for the entire show season. All animals entered at fairs and shows must be in good health and in proper physical condition and will be examined at the exhibition. Evidence of poor condition, or infectious or contagious disease will result in the animal(s)' rejection for entrance. The inspector's decision is final. Health charts and proof of vaccination where applicable are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Each barn superintendent shall collect health charts. Animals not in compliance with the state regulations for shows and fairs will not be permitted. A completed list containing the name of exhibitor, address, animal ID (ear tag, tattoo, and leg band), breed and age of each animal, and the total head count shall be made available to the state livestock inspector by the fair superintendent.

Isolate all animals and poultry upon their return to the farm from any exhibitions. Incubating or air-borne diseases may have been present, and could take several days or weeks to show up in your animals if they were exposed. Contact the Bureau of Regulation and Inspection at 860-713-2504 with questions.

#### **B. CONNECTICUT ANIMALS**

All cattle, sheep and horses shall have a rabies vaccination given by a veterinarian date with a vaccination certificate signed by the veterinarian who gave the vaccination indicating the name of the vaccine, serial number, and the date the vaccination expires. If it is the animal's first rabies vaccination, it must be given at least 30 days prior to their first show.

1. ALL SPECIES: Animals shall originate from herds or flocks that meet the testing and health requirements of the State of Connecticut. State livestock inspectors may request proof of compliance with State requirements. All animals must have permanent identification (ear tag, tattoo, or microchip plus a reader).
2. CATTLE: All cattle must have a health certificate issued within 60 days of their first show by an accredited veterinarian stating that the animal is in good health and free of infectious disease.
3. GOATS: All goats must have a health certificate with official USDA approved identification issued within 60 days of their first show by an accredited veterinarian stating that the animals are in good health and free of obvious signs of infectious disease and not from scrapie-exposed herds.
4. SHEEP: All sheep must be accompanied by health certificates with official USDA approved identification issued within 60 days of their first show by an accredited veterinarian stating that the animals are in good health and free of obvious signs of infectious disease and not from scrapie-exposed flocks.
5. POULTRY: Poultry originating within the state must come from healthy flocks with no evidence of infectious, contagious and/or communicable diseases. All birds must be inspected, identified and be accompanied by written proof (Connecticut Flock Test card or Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory Report) that verifies that the breeding flock or the individual birds listed on the report were blood-test negative for Salmonella pullorum with 365 days of the show date. Concurrent Avian Influenza testing of the flock and/or individual birds is strongly recommended. Poultry vaccinated within 30 days with any live virus vaccine will be prohibited from showing. All cages, crates or vehicles used for housing or transporting poultry must be cleaned and disinfected before and after each show. Doves, pigeons and water fowl are exempt from testing requirements by must be identified by leg or wing tags

#### **C. OUT OF STATE ANIMALS**

The requirements for out-of-state animals are available from any 4-H office in Connecticut, or the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.