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## LOUISIANA REGULATIONS FOR 4-H AND FFA SHOWS

### HEALTH CERTIFICATE (CVI)

- Health certificates (CVI) are required for entry into all LSU AgCenter 4-H and FFA livestock shows in Louisiana.
- CVIs written for livestock movement to another state (**inter**state movement) are subject to the Federal Animal Disease Traceability Law that requires all animals to be individually listed with Official Identification on an Official CVI.
- Livestock moving **inter**state must also meet the entry requirements of the destination state.
- CVIs are required for entry into all LSU AgCenter 4-H and FFA livestock shows in Louisiana (LA). However, CVIs that are written for livestock movement within the state (**intra**state movement) are subject to state rules; so LA has allowed some exemptions for official identification and CVIs written for LSU AgCenter 4-H and FFA shows **only**.
- LDAF/LSU AgCenter guidelines for **intra**state movement to Louisiana 4-H and FFA Shows are:
  - Original or copy of an official CVI is required for each family.
  - In-state CVIs are valid for 60 days and must be written by a Category (CAT) II accredited veterinarian.
  - More than one owner will be allowed on the CVI if the Shipper/Consignor is identified as the Parish AgCenter (Example: parish of origin, i.e. Acadia Parish AgCenter) with the parish AgCenter address.
  - More than one destination will be allowed on the CVI if the Receiver/Consignee is identified as LA 4-H/FFA Show Circuit.
  - More than one species will be allowed on each CVI. Animals must be individually identified and listed on CVI or on an attached spreadsheet.
  - Livestock identification that may be used by the accredited veterinarian to write a CVI to 4-H and FFA Shows are (these vary by species):
    1. USDA Metal “Brite Tags” or calfhood vaccination tags
    2. 840 RFID tags
    3. Microchips
    4. Scrapie Tags
    5. Leg bands
    6. Breed registry tattoos, breed registry brands, or breed registry ear notches IF breed
    7. LA Show Tags issued by the LSU AgCenter for commercial and market animals for intrastate exhibitors only.

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- Note to Accredited Veterinarians:
  - If an animal is presented for a CVI 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 CVI.
  - If an animal is presented for a CVI by a single family, then the standard one-family, one-destination CVI 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.
  - The veterinarian must make a visual inspection of all animals listed on the CVI.
- CVIs may be checked by LDAF personnel at district and state shows.
- Regulatory personnel may be walking through barns and checking animals and papers at shows.

**SPECIES-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

- **CATTLE:**
  - Cattle entering LA shows or fairs must have the following: valid CVI with the animal ID clearly written on it.
  - CVI.
    1. Must be signed by CAT II accredited veterinarian.
    2. Animal ID (not just the registration number) of each animal should be clearly stated.
    3. Official animal ID 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 CVI.
    4. LA Show Tags issued by the LSU AgCenter will be accepted as official identification at LSU shows only.
    5. Multiple cattle may be listed on one CVI.
    6. CVI is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana 4H and FFA animals.
    7. **\*New\* HPAI:** We are no longer requiring HPAI testing to move lactating dairy cattle intrastate to the fair; but the owners will not be allowed to use the milking parlor, so they will need to bring their own milking supplies.
- **HORSES:**
  - Horses entering LA shows or fairs must have the following: valid CVI with the animal ID clearly written and a negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia

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(EIA), commonly called a Coggin's Test. \*NOTE: a nursing foal under 7 months of age accompanying its dam is exempt from having a Coggin's Test.

- CVI.
  1. Must be signed by CAT II accredited veterinarian.
  2. Animal ID (not just the registration number) of each animal should be clearly stated on the CVI.
  3. Official animal ID accepted for horses in LA includes: accurate physical description, electronic ID (microchip), digital photo plus animal description, brand, or tattoo.
  4. Multiple horses may be listed on one CVI.
  5. CVI is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana 4H and FFA animals.
- EIA Test.
  1. Each horse must have a negative Coggin's Test within the past 12 months, unless a nursing foal under 7 months of age with its dam.
  2. Test results may be written on the CVI by the veterinarian or the VS 9-10 test chart should accompany the horse.
  3. The EIA test chart should contain an accurate description of the horse and also for LA horses a permanent id such as microchip number, brand, or tattoo.
- Foals not nursing on dam must be tested for EIA by one (1) year of age if traveling to a show.
- It is strongly recommended that horses are vaccinated for Equine Encephalitis (EEE, WEE, VEE), Tetanus, West Nile Virus (WNV), and Equine Herpes (EHV-1).
- **POULTRY:**
  - Poultry entering LA shows or fairs must have the following: valid CVI with the animal identification clearly written on the CVI and a negative test for *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum/typhoid), commonly known as *Salmonella* PT testing, or originate from a NPIP certified flock.
  - \*NOTE: Broilers only need a CVI because they originate from NPIP certified flocks.
  - CVI.
    1. Must be signed by CAT II accredited veterinarian.
    2. Animal ID of each bird should be clearly stated on the CVI.
    3. Official animal ID accepted for poultry in LA includes: leg bands or Group ID Number (GIN). \*NOTE: GIN is a unique number used to identify a "unit of animals" managed together; call LDAF for more info.
    4. Multiple birds may be listed on one CVI.

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5. CVI is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for LA 4H and FFA animals
- **Salmonella Test (Individual or Flock).**
    1. Each bird must have a negative test for *Salmonella* PT dated within 60 days prior to the show, or the flock of origin must be certified PT free under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) within the past year.
    2. PT Test results may be written on the CVI or the official VS 9-2 Form which should accompany the bird.
    3. Bird ID is recommended by leg band (which also should be written on the VS 9-2 Form)
  - **SWINE:**
    - Swine entering LA shows or fairs must have the following: valid CVI with the animal identification clearly written on the CVI.
    - CVI.
      1. Must be signed by CAT II accredited veterinarian.
      2. Animal ID of each pig should be clearly stated on the CVI.
      3. Official animal ID accepted for swine in LA 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 CVIs).
      4. LA Show Tags issued by the LSU AgCenter will be accepted as official identification for LSU shows only.
      5. Multiple pigs may be listed on one CVI.
      6. This CVI is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for LA 4H and FFA animals.
  - **SHEEP/GOATS:**
    - Sheep and goats entering LA shows or fairs must have the following: valid CVI with the animal ID clearly written on the CVI.
    - CVI.
      1. Must be signed by Category II accredited veterinarian.
      2. Animal identification of each sheep or goat should be clearly stated on the health
      3. 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.

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4. Certain breeds with anatomically small ears like Lamancha or Pygmy goats may use microchips for ID if they are associated with an official USDA Scrapie eartag on the CVI and that Scrapie eartag must accompany the animal.
  5. LA Show Tags issued by the LSU AgCenter will be accepted as official identification at LSU shows only.
  6. Multiple sheep and goats may be listed on one CVI.
  7. CVI is valid for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana 4H and FFA animals.
- **RABBITS:**
    - CVI.
      1. Must be signed by Category II accredited veterinarian.
      2. Multiple rabbits may be listed on one CVI.
      3. CVI 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. **BIOSECURITY.** 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 footwear or equipment to minimize the spread of infectious diseases. 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.