

Title 2. Agriculture

Chapter III. Arkansas Board of Animal Health, Department of Agriculture

Subchapter C. Movement of Animals

Part 194. Exhibition Health Requirements for Livestock, Poultry, and Exotic Animals

Codification Notes. This part as promulgated prior to codification into the Code of Arkansas Rules provided as follows:

"Act 87 of 1963 (Code 2-33-101), Act 150 of 1985 (Code 19-6-448) & Act 1306 of 1997 (Code 2-40-823)"

Subpart 1. Out-of-State Livestock

2 CAR § 194-101. General requirements — Certificate of veterinary inspection and entry permits.

(a)(1) "Certificate of veterinary inspection" means a legible record, made on an official form issued from the state of origin, by an accredited veterinarian, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet health requirements of the state of destination.

(2) It must bear the identification of each animal and separate certificates must be made for each species of animal entered.

(b) Entry permits are required on all out-of-state:

- (1) Swine;
- (2) Rodeo bulls;
- (3) Psittacines;
- (4) Passerines;
- (5) Ratites;
- (6) All other avian species except poultry and turkeys;
- (7) Camelids; or
- (8) Exotic animals.

(c) Permits are also required on all cattle entering Arkansas from any state that is not a tuberculosis-free state, unless that state has a reciprocal agreement with Arkansas.

(d) Permit numbers can be obtained from the State Veterinarian's office (501) 907-2400 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

(e) A certificate of veterinary inspection must accompany all out-of-state animals and:

(1) Must be available on request by animal health officials;

(2)(A) Individually identify all animals, showing positive identification of each animal by:

(i) Tattoo;

(ii) Ear tag;

(iii) Registration number; or

(iv) Ear notch.

(B) Steers should be identified by description;

(3) Show required tests, vaccinations, and entry permit number, if applicable;

and

(4)(A) Show name and address of owner or exhibitor.

(B) This shall be the same name as under which animals are exhibited.

(f) Any animal or poultry showing any evidence of infectious or contagious disease, or of external parasitism, and animals with active ringworm lesions (with the resulting loss of hair), multiple warts easily visible without close examination, or atrophic rhinitis, will not be permitted to exhibit.

(g) All animals entering the grounds, including those shown in pet zoos, children's barnyard animals, Old McDonald Farms, etc., must meet requirements of their particular species.

(h) All animals originating out of areas quarantined because of other diseases (vesicular stomatitis, scabies, etc.) shall not be permitted to enter the state.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 194-102. Out-of-state cattle.

(a) Valid certificate of veterinary inspection.

(b) Brucellosis requirements.

(1) Heifers that were born on or after January 1, 1985, that are over twelve (12) months of age and are not official calfhood vaccinates will not be allowed to show unless they are from a brucellosis-certified free herd or a class-free state.

(2) All females and bulls eighteen (18) months of age and over must have a negative brucellosis test conducted at a state or federal laboratory within thirty (30) days prior to exhibition.

(3) Those exempt from testing requirements are as follows:

(A) Animals originating out of class-free states; or

(B) Animals originating out of certified free herds provided that the certified free herd number and test date is recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

(4) Rodeo bulls participating in a recognized and organized performance group may enter with a negative test for brucellosis within twelve (12) months if they are individually identified and accompanied by an entry permit regardless of state or area status.

(c) Tuberculosis requirements.

(1) All sexually intact dairy cattle six (6) months of age and older for interstate entry into Arkansas will be required to have a negative tuberculosis (TB) test within sixty (60) days prior to entry.

(2) These same dairy cattle will also be required to have an entry permit and a certificate of veterinary inspection prior to entry, as well as the negative test and must be officially identified.

(3) Sexually intact dairy cattle under six (6) months of age can be permitted under a hold order direct to a premise or designated facility and held there until they are tested negative at six (6) months of age, at owner's expense.

(4)(A) The new rule exempts dairy cattle that originate from accredited free TB herds (but not free states).

(B) Neutered dairy feeder cattle, and dairy cattle delivered direct to slaughter, or delivered to a market for sale direct to slaughter.

(d) **Rodeo stock.**

(1)(A) All rodeo bulls twelve (12) months of age and older must have a tuberculosis test annually (twelve (12) months) before entry into Arkansas for a rodeo.

(B) This requirement applies to all rodeo bulls regardless of their origin state or area status, and even rodeo bulls from Arkansas.

(C) All bulls must be individually identified with some type of United States Department of Agriculture official ID.

(D) Out-of-state rodeo bulls are required to have a thirty day CVI and an entry permit.

(2)(A) All roping and dogging steers and heifers must have an annual tuberculosis test (every twelve (12) months) before entry into Arkansas for a rodeo.

(B) This requirement applies to all steers and heifers regardless of the origin, state or area status, and even steers and heifers from Arkansas.

(C) All steers and heifers must be individually identified with some type of United States Department of Agriculture official ID.

(D) All tie-down and roping calves are exempt from this part.

(E) In addition, M-branded (Mexican) steers and heifers must have two (2) negative annual tests for TB or one (1) negative yearly test plus a sixty-day negative TB test.

(F) Out-of-state steers and heifers are required to have a thirty day CVI and an entry permit.

(e) All breeding beef cattle twelve (12) months of age and older entering Arkansas must meet one (1) of the following requirements:

(1) Originate from a tuberculosis-free state;

(2)(A) Originate from a tuberculosis-free herd.

(B) The herd number and current herd test date must be shown on the certificate of veterinary inspection;

(3)(A) Test negative within sixty (60) days of shipment.

(B) These same beef cattle will also be required to have a certificate of veterinary inspection and will be required to have a permit if entering from a state that has lost its tuberculosis-free status;

(4) Originate from a state having a reciprocal agreement with Arkansas;

(5) All sexually intact cattle and bison, from any foreign country or part thereof with no recognized tuberculosis status comparable to the Uniform Methods and Rules standards of the United States Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Program, imported for reasons other than immediate slaughter or feeding for slaughter must meet the following criteria:

(A) Obtain a permit issued by the Arkansas Board of Animal Health prior to entry; and

(B)(i) Be quarantined to the Arkansas premises approved in the entry permit pending two (2) consecutive negative tuberculosis tests.

(ii) The first test to be conducted not less than ninety (90) nor more than one hundred twenty (120) days after arrival and the second test to be not less than two hundred ten (210) days nor more than two hundred forty (240) days after arrival in Arkansas; or

(6) Importation of steers and spayed heifers from Mexico.

(A) Steers and spayed heifers from Mexican states that have been determined by the State Veterinarian of Arkansas, based on the recommendations of the Binational Commission, to have fully implemented the control/preparatory of the Mexican Tuberculosis Eradication Program may enter Arkansas provided they have been tested negative for tuberculosis in accordance with the Norma Oficial Mexicana within sixty (60) days prior to entry into the United States and obtain an entry permit prior to entering Arkansas.

(B)(i) Steers and spayed heifers from Mexican states that have been determined by the State Veterinarian of Arkansas, based on the recommendations of

the Binational Commission, to have fully implemented the Eradication Phase of the Mexican Tuberculosis Eradication Program by March 1, 1997, may enter Arkansas provided they have been tested negative for tuberculosis in accordance with the Norma Oficial Mexicana within sixty (60) days prior to entry into the United States.

(ii) Steers and spayed heifers from herds equal to United States-accredited TB-free herds may enter Arkansas without testing provided they are moved directly from the herd of origin across the border as a single group and not commingled with other cattle prior to arriving at the border and obtain an entry permit prior to entering Arkansas.

(C) Steers and spayed heifers from Mexican states that have been determined by the State Veterinarian, based on the recommendation of the Binational Commission, to have achieved accredited free status may enter Arkansas without testing provided they are moved as a single group and not commingled with cattle of a different status prior to arriving at the border and obtain an entry permit prior to entering Arkansas.

(D) Holstein and Holstein-cross steers and spayed heifers from Mexico are prohibited from entering Arkansas regardless of test history.

(E)(i) Rodeo stock from Mexico must be tested negative for tuberculosis within sixty (60) days prior to their utilization as rodeo or roping stock under the supervision of a Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service port veterinarian or a United States-accredited veterinarian, retested for tuberculosis every twelve (12) months thereafter, and obtain an entry permit prior to entering Arkansas.

(ii) No sexually intact rodeo stock from Mexico will be permitted into Arkansas.

(F) Rodeo stock from any state that has lost its tuberculosis (TB) accreditation must be tested negative for tuberculosis within sixty (60) days prior to their utilization as rodeo or roping stock and retested for tuberculosis every twelve (12) months thereafter.

(f) The State Veterinarian may designate high incidence areas within certain states that must meet additional import restrictions and retest requirements.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

Codification Notes. "CVI" means certificate of veterinary inspection.

2 CAR § 194-103. Out-of-state swine.

(a) As of July 1, 2001, an official premise identification and individual identification.

(b) Valid certificate of veterinary inspection.

(c) Permit number.

(d) **Brucellosis requirements.**

(1) Negative brucellosis test on all intact males (i.e., barrows excluded) and females six (6) months of age and older, within thirty (30) days prior to the exhibition.

(2) Animals originating directly out of validated brucellosis free-herds, with the validated free herd number and date of last test on the certificate, and animals from swine-brucellosis-free states are exempt from testing requirements.

(e) **Pseudorabies requirements.**

(1) A negative pseudorabies test, regardless of age, within thirty (30) days prior to exhibition.

(2) Animals originating out of pseudorabies-qualified herds, with the qualified herd number on the certificate, and animals from pseudorabies-free states are exempt from testing.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 194-104. Out-of-state sheep and goats.

(a)(1) All sheep and goats entering Arkansas for exhibition shall meet all requirements for entry into Arkansas.

(2) All sheep and goats imported or exhibited within the State of Arkansas must be identified by an official United States Department of Agriculture tag (scrapie

tag) or for goats a legible official goat registry tattoo if accompanied by a registration certificate.

(b) All sheep and goats exhibited within Arkansas must have a certificate of veterinary inspection within thirty (30) days of exhibition.

(c) Exhibition officials must maintain records of all sheep and goats that are exhibited for a period of five (5) years, to include:

- (1) Identification number;
- (2) Flock status as defined by the Voluntary Flock Certification Program; and
- (3) The name, complete address, and phone number of the owner.

(d)(1) Fair personnel, veterinarians, or state-federal personnel may examine sheep on grounds.

(2) Any sheep showing clinical symptoms of scrapie shall be immediately quarantined in isolation and required to undergo any approved diagnostic tests and shall be consigned to slaughter or destruction with submission of tissues to an approved diagnostic laboratory at the exhibitor's expense.

(e) Commingling, as defined by the Arkansas Scrapie Control Rule, 2 CAR pt. 163, of sheep or goats of different flock status as defined by the Voluntary Flock Certification Program (VFCP) is prohibited and must be reported to the VFCP state official and State Veterinarian.

(f) No sheep or goats showing symptoms of disease, particularly foot rot, sore mouth, sheep pox, evidence of fungal infection, evidence of abscesses or with draining abscesses will be allowed to show and may be released by:

- (1) Fair officials;
- (2) Veterinarians; or
- (3) State-federal personnel.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 194-105. Out-of-state horses.

(a) Valid certificate of veterinary inspection with individual identification and a rectal temperature reading on each animal.

(b)(1) A negative EIA test must have been conducted on all equidae over six (6) months of age within twelve (12) months prior to the exhibition, and the EIA test papers must accompany the certificate.

(2) Nursing foals under six (6) months of age are exempt from testing if accompanied by negative tested dams.

(3)(A) Photocopies of the test papers will not be acceptable.

(B) Legible carbon copies will be acceptable.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

Codification Notes. "EIA" means equine infectious anemia.

2 CAR § 194-106. Out-of-state ratites.

(a) All ratites must have a negative test for avian influenza within thirty (30) days prior to entry and exhibition unless a state of emergency has been declared.

(b) They must be individually identified with a form of permanent identification and listed on a certificate of veterinary inspection with an entry permit number.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 194-107. Out-of-state cervids.

The rules for the importation of cervids lie with the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 194-108. Out-of-state camelids.

(a) Individually identified, and valid certificate of veterinary inspection within thirty (30) days.

(b) Permit number.

(c) Registration papers when accompanied by registry photographs of the animal are acceptable identification.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 194-109. Out-of-state rabbits.

(a) No certificate of veterinary inspection required.

(b) Inspection will be made on grounds.

(c) No rabbits showing symptoms of disease will be allowed to show.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 194-110. Out-of-state poultry.

(a) All poultry, which includes game birds, quail, pheasants, peafowl, turkeys, and waterfowl shall have originated from a United States pullorum clean flock or have had a negative pullorum test within ninety (90) days of entry.

(b) All turkeys shall also have originated from a United States MG clean flock or have had a negative MG test within thirty (30) days of entry.

(c)(1) All the preceding information must be documented on a valid certificate of veterinary inspection, NPIP flock certification form, or similar certificate.

(2) These forms must indicate that:

(A) The flocks from which the eggs or chicks originated have been tested for pullorum disease and were free of reactors; or

(B) Any eggs or chicks or poults produced under the supervision of the National Poultry Improvement Plan will be deemed to have met with the requirements of this part, provided all of the requirements of NPIP are complied with and applicable NPIP forms accompany birds.

(d)(1) All noncertified poultry must be individually identified, either by a permanent leg or wing band or tattoo.

(2) Wrap-around plastic bands are not acceptable.

(e) NPIP-certified flocks of turkeys, chickens, and domesticated fowl entering on a VS 9-3 or NPIP flock certification form or similar certificate are exempt from the requirement of a certificate of veterinary inspection unless a state of emergency has been declared.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

Codification Notes. "NPIP" means National Poultry Improvement Plan.

2 CAR § 194-111. Other out-of-state tame or exotic animals.

Please call State Veterinarian's office for information and permit.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

Subpart 2. Arkansas Livestock

2 CAR § 194-201. County, jr. district, district, state fair-level, and other shows.

(a) All animals entering the grounds, including those showing in pet zoos, children's barnyard animals, Old McDonald Farms, etc., must meet the requirements of their particular species.

(b) Arkansas livestock, except for Arkansas sheep, goats, horses, steers, and rabbits, must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within ninety (90) days prior to exhibition, showing the following.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 194-202. Arkansas cattle.

(a)(1) If Arkansas is a class-free state, Arkansas cattle are exempt from brucellosis testing.

(2) If Arkansas is not a class-free state, then the following testing requirements must be met:

(A) Negative brucellosis test within ninety (90) days prior to exhibition, for females and bulls eighteen (18) months of age and over;

(B) All heifers that have calved or are bred must be tested; and

(C) Animals originating from a certified brucellosis-free herd are exempt if the certified free herd number is shown on certificate.

(b) All heifers that are four to twelve (4-12) months of age shall be vaccinated before entering show.

(c)(1) Heifers that were born on or after January 1, 1985, that are over twelve (12) months of age and are not official calfhood vaccinates will not be allowed to show (unless they are from a brucellosis-certified free herd).

(2) This will not apply if Arkansas continues as a brucellosis-free state.

(d)(1) All rodeo stock exhibited at a rodeo in Arkansas must meet the out-of-state requirements for brucellosis and tuberculosis for twelve (12) months and older bulls, roping and dogging steers, and heifers even if the rodeo stock originates from Arkansas.

(2) Tie down roping calves are exempt from the tuberculosis testing requirements.

(3) The exception is a CVI within the state is good for ninety (90) days instead of thirty (30) days.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

Codification Notes. "CVI" means certificate of veterinary inspection.

2 CAR § 194-203. Arkansas swine.

(a) As of July 1, 2001, all swine must have an official premise identification.

(b) Animals six (6) months of age or older to be tested negative for brucellosis within ninety (90) days of exhibition or originate directly out of a validated herd, with validation number and date of last herd test shown on certificate (barrows exempt from brucellosis testing, but must be pseudorabies tested).

(c) Animals to be tested negative for pseudorabies regardless of age within ninety (90) days of the exhibition on a test approved by the State Veterinarian or originate directly out of a qualified pseudorabies-free herd, with qualified herd number and date of last test shown on certificate.

(d)(1) Free of other contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases (erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, etc.).

(2) Otherwise they will not be allowed to show and will be released from fairgrounds.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 194-204. Arkansas sheep and goats.

(a) Exhibition officials must maintain records of all sheep and goats that are exhibited for a period of five (5) years, to include:

(1) Identification number;

(2) Flock status as defined by the voluntary flock certification program; and

(3) The name, complete address, and phone number of the owner.

(b) All instate sheep and goats in the State of Arkansas must be identified by an official United States Department of Agriculture tag (scrapie tag) or for goats a legible official goat registry tattoo if accompanied by a registration certificate.

(c)(1) Fair personnel, veterinarians, or state-federal personnel may examine sheep on grounds.

(2) Any sheep showing clinical symptoms of scrapie shall be immediately quarantined in isolation and required to undergo any approved diagnostic tests and

shall be consigned to slaughter or destruction with submission of tissues to an approved diagnostic laboratory at the exhibitor's expense.

(d)(1) Commingling, as defined by the Scrapie Control Rule, 2 CAR pt. 163, of sheep or goats of different flock status as defined by the Voluntary Flock Certification Program (VFCP) is prohibited and must be reported to the VFCP state official and State Veterinarian.

(2) No sheep or goats showing symptoms of disease, particularly foot rot, sore mouth, sheep pox, evidence of fungal infection, evidence of abscesses or with draining abscesses will be allowed to show and may be released by:

- (A) Fair officials;
- (B) Veterinarians; or
- (C) State-federal personnel.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 194-205. Arkansas rabbits.

- (a) Rabbits will be inspected on grounds.
- (b) No rabbits showing symptoms of disease will be allowed to show.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 194-206. Arkansas horses.

- (a) Negative EIA test required within the past twelve (12) months for all animals over six (6) months of age.
- (b) Nursing foals under six (6) months of age are exempt from testing if accompanied by negative tested dams.
- (c)(1) Photocopies of the test papers will not be accepted.
- (2) Carbon copies are acceptable.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

Codification Notes. "EIA" means equine infectious anemia.

2 CAR § 194-207. Arkansas cervids.

(a) Certificate of veterinary inspection.

(b) Negative cervical tuberculosis test within ninety (90) days.

(c) Must:

(1) Negative brucellosis test within ninety (90) days; or

(2) Originate from a:

(A) Certified brucellosis-free and accredited tuberculosis-free cervid herd;

or

(B) Brucellosis monitored and a qualified tuberculosis cervid within ninety (90) days of exhibition.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 194-208. Arkansas camelids.

(a) Individually identified, and certificate of veterinary inspection within ninety (90) days of exhibition.

(b) Registration papers when accompanied by registry photographs of the animal are acceptable identification.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 194-209. Arkansas ratites.

(a) Certificate of veterinary inspection.

(b) Negative avian influenza test within ninety (90) days.

(c) Permanent identification.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 194-210. Arkansas poultry.

(a) An official representing the exhibition shall notify the State Veterinarian no later than thirty (30) days prior to the exhibition, giving:

- (1) Names;
- (2) Place;
- (3) Inclusive dates; and
- (4) Time of the event.

(b) The requirements are as follows:

(1)(A) All in-state poultry, which includes domesticated game birds, quail, pheasants, peafowl, guineas, and turkeys, present at exhibition in Arkansas shall have originated from United States pullorum-typhoid clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within ninety (90) days of the movement to the exhibition (pullorum-typhoid testing on fairgrounds during the fair is prohibited).

(B) This information will be documented on a NPIP Form VS 9-3, 90-Day Certificate, NPIP Flock Certification Form or similar certificate that will accompany the poultry during exhibition.

(2)(A) All noncertified birds must be banded (leg or wing band), with a sealed band.

(B) Wrap-around plastic bands are not acceptable.

(C) In-state waterfowl are exempt from pullorum-typhoid requirements.

(3) Any poultry showing evidence of infectious or contagious disease or insect infestation will not be permitted to exhibit.

(4) Record keeping.

(A) The sponsor of the exhibition shall compile a list of all poultry present at exhibition.

(B) This list shall contain the name and address of each owner, the number, the species, breed, variety, type, sex, and pullorum-typhoid status of all poultry present.

(C) A copy of this shall be retained by the sponsor of the exhibition for at least twelve (12) months.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

Codification Notes. "NPIP" means National Poultry Improvement Plan.

2 CAR § 194-211. Other in-state tame or exotic animals.

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Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.