



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Texas Youth Livestock Exhibitions & Events

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1. Who is responsible for ensuring Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) requirements are met at livestock exhibitions and events?

It is the responsibility of show management to ensure all entry requirements have been met, prior to allowing an animal(s) on the premises.

2. Who is responsible for keeping up with TAHC requirements that must be met prior to entering a livestock exhibition or event?

It is the responsibility of individual exhibitors or event attendees to keep up with all requirements that must be met prior to entering a livestock exhibition or event.

3. Where can I go to determine current regulations and requirements for my animals?

Complete and current TAHC requirements can always be found in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 4, Part 2. Contact the TAHC Program Records Department, 512-719-0777, for specific questions related to animal movement requirements. Contact individual events to determine if additional requirements must be met.

4. If you are hosting or attending a jackpot or open livestock show, who needs a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) to attend?

All livestock attending an interstate show or event (out of state animals allowed) must have a valid CVI if there is potential for out-of-state livestock to be present.

5. Does each animal attending an event need their own individual CVI?

Multiple species and animals can be listed on a single CVI, if they are coming from a single location. All animals must be listed, but an individual CVI is not required for each animal.

6. Can a single CVI be used throughout the show or rodeo season?

CVIs only qualify movement for one trip (point A to point B). The "show circuit" designation is not a valid location and does not meet TAHC requirements. A single physical address (not a PO Box) must be listed to be valid.

7. If you are taking animals from one event directly to another event, how many CVIs do you need?

A CVI is good for 30 days or one location. A new CVI must be obtained for each move that requires a CVI, unless reconsigned. Consult your private veterinarian about reconsigning a CVI.

8. Who can issue CVIs for exhibitions and events?

Authorized veterinarians are eligible to issue CVIs. Ensure your veterinarian includes the date when issuing. Once filled out, the official document must not be altered or changed, including the date and location.



9. When should animals be tested to meet change of ownership, movement, etc. requirements?

Regulatory testing for any exhibition or event animal should be conducted prior to an event. Start testing early, if possible. Unpredictable sample shipping issues, slow test results and other unforeseen delays happen frequently. Use correct forms when submitting to help expedite the process.

10. What is official identification (ID) for livestock animals?

Official ID is a fundamental part of traceability and animal disease programs. Cattle, sheep, goats, swine and other livestock are subject to official ID requirements, as outlined by the USDA and TAHC regulations.

11. What makes an identification device official and how do I obtain one?

Official ID devices include an official US shield and unique identification number. Contact the TAHC Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) Department, 512-719-0733, to get more information about official ID for individual species.

12. What are the consequences for not following USDA or TAHC movement or exhibition and event requirements?

Livestock animals will be turned away at the show if all animal health requirements are not met. The TAHC has regulatory authority to pursue penalty violations on non-compliant shows, events and individuals.

Resource Links:

- TAHC Animal Movement Webpage: <https://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html>
- Interstate Animal Movement Requirements: <https://www.interstatelivestock.com>
- Summary of TAHC Movement Requirements for Exhibition & Event Animals: https://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/pdf/Exhibition_Event_Movement_Requirements.pdf
- TAHC ADT Webpage: <https://www.tahc.texas.gov/adt/>
- Acceptable Forms of Official Identification: https://www.tahc.texas.gov/adt/pdf/ADT_OfficialIdentification.pdf
- Sheep and Goat Identification and Recordkeeping Requirements: https://www.tahc.texas.gov/news/brochures/TAHCBrochure_USDASheepandGoatIDGuide.pdf
- USDA ADT Webpage: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/SA_Traceability

