



2026 General Rules and Health Regulations for Livestock

****** All exhibitors, at the time of animal check-in, must provide the Fair Office with a copy of their animals' health records. The health records will be kept by the Fair Office and will not be returned to the exhibitor.******

2026 Horse Health Regulations

Pennsylvania Equine Animals:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) valid for 30 days after the date of the issue.
2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases. A statement of this is required on the CVI.
3. All equine animals be test negative for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) by an official test within the 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Laboratory test results should accompany each animal (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable) and should include the date of sample collection. The CVI shall specify the date of sample collection and EIA test results. Foals less than six months of age accompanied by a test-negative dam are exempt from EIA testing requirements. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal.
4. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian for animals 3 months of age and older. The name of the product used, date of administration and Veterinarian administering the rabies vaccination should appear on the CVI or on a Rabies vaccination certificate and this information should correlate to a written description of the horse, and any and all forms of identification associated with the horse- such as lip, tattoos, brands, or microchips.
5. Permanent identification, including microchip, tattoo, or brand.

Out of State Equine Animals: Please contact the Fair Office or the PA Department of Agriculture for additional health rules.

2026 Cattle Health Regulations

General Information:

Dairy cattle from a premises on which dairy animals are showing clinical signs of infection with influenza A virus are prohibited from entering an exhibition. Clinical signs may include a decrease in feed consumption, with a simultaneous decrease in rumination and rumen motility; respiratory signs including clear nasal discharge; and subsequent acute drop in milk production. Additional clinical signs may include abnormal tacky or loose feces, lethargy, dehydration, and fever. Severely affected cattle may have thicker, concentrated, colostrum-like milk or produce no milk at all. Animals showing clinical signs compatible with infection must be cleared by the State Animal Health Official.

Dairy cattle which have been on a premises where influenza A virus has been confirmed in dairy cattle are prohibited from entering an exhibition until that premises has been declared free of disease by the State Animal Health Official.

Dairy cattle which have been on a premises where influenza A virus has been confirmed in domestic birds are prohibited from entering an exhibition until that premises has been declared free of disease by the State Animal Health Official.



Dairy cattle which have been on a premises which is located within a three-kilometer area of a premises where influenza A virus has been confirmed in domestic birds are prohibited from entering an exhibition until the State Animal Health Official has declared that area as free of disease, based on epidemiological investigation and surveillance testing.

Pennsylvania Cattle:

1. A current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) valid for 30 days after the date of issue.
2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases.
3. Official identification is required for all cattle. Official identification includes any of the following:
 - (a) A USDA issued National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tag if applied prior to Nov. 5, 2024. This tag type is no longer valid for interstate movement if applied after Nov. 5, 2024.
 - (b) A 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag starting with "840."
 - (c) Brands registered with a recognized brand inspection authority and accompanied by an official brand inspection certificate, when agreed to by the shipping and receiving State or Tribal animal health authorities; or
 - (d) Tattoos and other identification methods acceptable to a breed association for registration purposes, accompanied by a breed registration certificate, when agreed to by the shipping and receiving State or/Tribal animal health authorities.
4. Influenza A testing requirements applicable only if there is a case of influenza A in dairy cattle in Pennsylvania will be in compliance with the 2026 Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture 2026 Animal Health Requirements and Recommendations for Animal Exhibition.
5. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian for animals 3 months of age and older (observe appropriate slaughter withdraw time).
6. Rodeo: It is recommended that Pennsylvania-origin rodeo cattle of all ages be negative on an official tuberculin test within 60 days prior to the start of the fair unless they are members of and originate from an accredited tuberculosis-free herd. The cattle can be accompanied by the negative test report, or the tuberculosis test results can be recorded by the veterinarian on a CVI.

2026 Sheep Health Regulations

Pennsylvania Sheep:

1. A current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) valid for 30 days after the date of the issue.
2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. Individual official animal identification is required for all sheep and goats. Identification used for sheep and goats must be permanently affixed to the individual animal. Official ID includes any of the following:
 - (a) A USDA ear tag with a US shield ; which includes scrapie program tags (animals bearing Identification with blue colored scrapie program tags labelled "meat" with a US shield  are not permitted to be exhibited in Pennsylvania). Please call the Department at 717-772-2852 if such a tag is encountered).
 - (b) A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database (Scrapie tattoo - flock ID in the right ear, state postal code and letters/numbers and individual animal ID in the left ear).
 - (c) A breed registration tattoo if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible.
4. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian for animals 3 months of age and older (observe appropriate slaughter withdraw time).

Out of State Sheep: Please contact the Fair Office or the PA Department of Agriculture for additional health rules.

General Information

1. For post-exhibition sales the following requirements apply:
 - a. Market sheep and goats must be documented on sales slips which contain all of the following information:
 - (i) Official identification; (ii) Sale date; (iii) Sale location; (iv) Name, address, and phone number of the exhibitor; (v) Hauler contact information; (vi) Destination name and contact information; (vii) Total number of animals in the shipment; (viii) Type of sheep or goat (i.e., meat, dairy, specific breed); (ix) For sheep, face color; (x) Signature of consignee, agent, or hauler
 - b. Sales slips, or a document containing all of the information required under subsection (a) above, must follow the sheep or goats to their final destination (including slaughter facilities).
 - c. Sheep or goats which are purchased with the intent of breeding and are traveling via interstate movement must have a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) prior to movement to the destination state.
 - d. A copy of the sale records slips as delineated above and a copy of any CVI, required under subsection (c) above, must be kept by the sale organizer for 5 years.

2026 Swine Health Regulations

General Information:

1. Immediately prior to unloading at the exhibition, all swine must be visually inspected and found to be free of signs of contagious disease by an accredited veterinarian or swine health monitor appointed by the fair board or livestock show committee.
2. All swine at an exhibition must be inspected daily by a certified swine health monitor appointed by the fair or show/event organizers.
 - (i) Swine health monitors must complete annual online training found at extension.psu.edu/Pennsylvania-show-and-fair-swine-health-monitor-training.
 - (ii) Swine health monitors must provide a current completion certificate to the fair or show staff they will be performing monitoring services for prior to the start of the event.
3. All breeding swine exhibitions must occur prior to the arrival of any market swine. All the following conditions apply:
 - (a) Castrated swine shall not be classified as breeding swine.
 - (b) Breeding swine shall be removed from the animal exhibition premises prior to any market swine arriving.
 - (c) Breeding swine for exhibitions shall arrive, exhibit, and depart in a period no greater than 72 hours. Time begins when the first swine arrives physically on the fairgrounds whether unloaded from a trailer or not and ends when the last hog physically leaves the premises on a trailer.
 - (d) Swine birthing exhibitions and educational displays in which swine are not competing may occur concurrently with market swine animal exhibition, as long as reasonable precaution is made to ensure the biosecurity of the swine birthing exhibition or educational display. Consult your Department regional veterinarian or your herd veterinarian for biosecurity advice.
4. All market swine exhibited in Department sponsored or funded market shows shall move as all in and all-out directly to a Department or USDA licensed slaughter facility following the animal exhibition and may not be diverted to premises other than a recognized slaughter establishment or a slaughter market in which the sales are designated slaughter-only sales. Shows should keep records of all sales for a minimum of 2 years and provide these upon request to the Department.
5. Shows that are not sponsored by or that do not receive funding from the Department pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act (act of July 8, 1986, P.L. 437, No. 92) (3 P.S. §§ 1501 – 1510) and not occurring during a Department sponsored or funded fair or show are exempt from the terminal slaughter requirement only if the following conditions are adhered to:
 - (a) The swine shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within the 30 days prior to the date of the exhibition and shall be permanently identified by an 840 series RFID identification ear tag.
 - (b) Arrival, exhibition and departure of the swine shall occur within a 72-hour window. Time

begins when the first swine arrives physically on the exhibition grounds, whether unloaded from a trailer or not, and ends when the last hog physically leaves the premises on a trailer.

- (c) There shall be no public access to the animals other than observation during competitions.
 - (d) An accredited veterinarian or trained swine health monitor shall have visually inspected the animals prior to unloading and found each animal to be free of signs of contagious disease.
 - (e) An accredited veterinarian or trained swine health monitor shall monitor and record the health of the pigs daily for signs of contagious disease, and the accredited veterinarian shall immediately report suspicion of disease to the State Animal Health Official.
 - (f) A Veterinary-client-patient-relationship is established between the show committee/management staff and an accredited veterinarian, and that veterinarian is readily available for health monitoring, emergency coverage, treatment, follow up evaluation, and prompt reporting of suspicion of disease to the State Animal Health Official.
6. A conveyance used for the transportation of swine to animal exhibitions, fairs and shows shall be cleaned and disinfected by an exhibitor prior to each use and shall be free of visible accumulations of manure, bedding and other organic materials.
 7. At the conclusion of swine animal exhibitions, fairs and shows and after all swine have left the premises, the fair board or livestock show committee shall ensure all holding pens and animal exhibition areas have had all bedding and other organic material removed and all areas, including fences, gates, stalls, holding pens, containers, housing, coming in contact with or through which swine were moved shall be put through the fair board or livestock show committee's cleaning and disinfection process.

Pennsylvania Swine:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the date of the exhibition.
2. Official identification is required for all swine and must be an official 840 series RFID ear tag. This number must appear on the CVI.
3. All animals must be free of evidence of infections and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.

Out of State Swine: Please contact the Fair Office or the PA Department of Agriculture for additional health rules.

2026 Goat Health Regulations

In State Goats:

1. A current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) valid for 30 days after the date of the issue.
2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. Individual official animal identification is required for all sheep and goats. Identification used for sheep and goats must be permanently affixed to the individual animal. Official ID includes any of the following:
 - (a) A USDA ear tag with a US shield **US**; which includes scrapie program tags (animals bearing Identification with blue colored scrapie program tags labelled “meat” with a US shield **US** are not permitted to be exhibited in Pennsylvania). Please call the Department at 717-772-2852 if such a tag is encountered).
 - (b) A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database (Scrapie tattoo – flock ID in the right ear, state postal code and letters/numbers and individual animal ID in the left ear).
 - (c) A breed registration tattoo if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible.

Out of State Goats: Please contact the Fair Office or the PA Department of Agriculture for additional health rules.

General Information

1. For post-exhibition sales the following requirements apply:
 - a. Market sheep and goats must be documented on sales slips which contain all of the following information:
 - (i) Official identification; (ii) Sale date; (iii) Sale location; (iv) Name, address, and phone number of the exhibitor; (v) Hauler contact information; (vi) Destination name and contact information; (vii) Total number of animals in the shipment; (viii) Type of sheep or goat (i.e., meat, dairy, specific breed); (ix) For sheep, face color; (x) Signature of consignee, agent, or hauler
 - b. Sales slips, or a document containing all of the information required under subsection (a) above, must follow the sheep or goats to their final destination (including slaughter facilities).
 - c. Sheep or goats which are purchased with the intent of breeding and are traveling via interstate movement must have a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) prior to movement to the destination state.
 - d. A copy of the sale records slips as delineated above and a copy of any CVI, required under subsection (c) above, must be kept by the sale organizer for 5 years

2026 Pigeon Health Regulations

Pigeons:

1. All pigeons must bear a unique individual identification leg band but do not have to be identified with an official PDA leg band.
2. An Owner-endorsed Poultry Health Certificate and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) valid 30 days after the date of issue shall accompany all pigeons.
3. All pigeons must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases. A statement of this is required to be included on the CVI.

2026 Poultry, Unfertilized Eggs, and Ornamental Feather Health Regulations

Definitions:

Direct Movement to Slaughter. Transported to a facility for slaughter, without stops or unloading except for feeding and watering, during which the animals are not commingled with any other animals unless all are destined for slaughter.

Exhibition. A show or display of animals.

Hatchling. Newly hatched poultry and non-poultry (chicks, poults, ducklings, goslings, keets, etc.).

HPAI. The term "HPAI" stands for and shall mean any strain of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.

Market Birds. Birds destined for slaughter and moved directly from the exhibition facility to a Department or USDA licensed slaughter establishment.

Non-Poultry. Birds that are kept in a single household, the products of which are used within the same household exclusively, are not considered poultry, provided that they have no direct or indirect contact with poultry or poultry facilities. Birds that are kept in captivity for other reasons, including those that are kept for shows, racing, exhibitions, zoological collections, and competitions, and for breeding or selling for these purposes, as well as pet birds, are not considered poultry, provided that they have no direct or indirect contact with poultry or poultry facilities.

Poultry. All birds reared or kept in captivity for the production of any commercial animal products or for breeding for this purpose, fighting cocks used for any purpose, and all birds used for restocking supplies of game or for breeding for this purpose, until they are released from captivity.

Venue or Fair. Any Fair, show, exhibition, or other such venue within the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania which is sponsored by or receives funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture or receives funding pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act (act of July 8, 1986, P.L. 437, No. 92)(3 P.S. §§ 1501- 1510).

I. Requirements:

1. *Exhibition of Market Birds.* Market birds may be exhibited only if the following criteria are met.
 - (a) *Identification of Market Birds.* All market birds entering an exhibition shall bear an official Department-issued leg band, except for ratites, which shall be identified with a neck band or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor shall supply a reader).
 - (b) *Movement of Market Birds.* The following requirements shall apply to all market birds after being exhibited at a Department sponsored or funded exhibition.
 - (i) Market birds shall move directly to a Department or USDA licensed slaughter facility immediately following the judging at the animal exhibition.
 - (ii) Market birds shall not be diverted to premises other than a licensed slaughter facility.
 - (iii) Market birds shall not be returned to the premises of origin, to any other premises or establishment, held for any additional period of time at the Venue or Fair, or held over at any other premises or establishment.
 - (iv) It shall be the responsibility of the Venue or Fair management to ensure market birds are moved directly to a slaughter facility.
 - (c) *Time Allowed at Venue or Fair for Market Birds.* Arrival, exhibition, and departure of market birds moving to slaughter shall occur within a 72-hour window. The 72 hours begins when the first market birds arrive on the Venue or Fair grounds, whether unloaded or not, and ends when the last market birds physically leave the Venue or Fair in a vehicle or conveyance.
 - (d) *Health Certification.* All market birds for exhibition or display shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided.
 - (e) *Testing.* All market birds for exhibition shall meet the testing requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification).
 - (f) Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11 (relating to records). Additionally, Venue or Fair management shall maintain records of movement and the destination of market birds to a Department or USDA FSIS licensed slaughter facility for one year and shall make those records available to the Department upon request.
2. *Exhibition of Non-poultry.* Non-poultry shall be exhibited only if the following criteria are met.
 - (a) *Identification of Non-poultry.* All non-poultry entering an exhibition shall bear an official Department-issued leg band, except for ratites, which shall be identified with an official wing band or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor shall supply a reader).
 - (b) *Health Certification.* All non-poultry for exhibition or display shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be

provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided.

- (c) *Testing.* All non-poultry for exhibition shall meet the testing requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification) and section 10. (relating to pullorumtyphoid testing and verification).
 - (d) Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11. (relating to records).
3. *Display of Hatchlings.* Hatchlings shall be displayed only if the following criteria are met.
- (a) Hatchlings must be for an educational display.
 - (b) Hatchlings for an educational display at the Venue or Fair shall be from a single source and may be from either a poultry or non-poultry source.
 - (c) *Health Certification.* All hatchlings for an educational display shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided.
 - (d) *Testing.* All hatchlings for an educational display shall meet the testing requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification) and section 10. (relating to pullorum-typhoid testing and verification).
 - (e) Following display, Venue or Fair management and owner or person displaying the hatchlings shall ensure hatchlings are moved only to a premises which does not contain poultry. After these birds reach 21 days of age, they may be moved directly to slaughter or to a premises with poultry after the flock meets the testing requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification).
 - (f) Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11. (relating to records). Additionally, Venue or Fair management shall maintain records of movement and the destination of hatchlings after display for one year and shall make those records available to the Department upon request.
4. *Exhibition of Unfertilized and Fertilized Eggs Sourced from Poultry and Non-poultry Flocks.* Unfertilized and fertilized eggs sourced from poultry and non-poultry flocks shall be exhibited only if the following criteria are met.
- (a) All unfertilized and fertilized eggs sourced from poultry and non-poultry flocks shall be washed and sanitized in a 100-200 ppm chlorine solution, or other disinfectant approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for use on poultry eggs, which is effective in destroying influenza virus. The eggs shall then be dried before being placed in a carton or other container as required under section (b) below.
 - (b) Unfertilized and fertilized eggs sourced from poultry and non-poultry flocks shall be packaged in a new single-use cardboard or foam carton, or in a plastic carton which has been cleaned, disinfected, and dried prior to shipment to the Venue or Fair.
 - (c) Once the eggs have been washed and sanitized as required in section (a) above, the eggs shall not come into contact with any other unwashed and unsanitized avian eggs, other avian products, poultry, or non-poultry.

- (d) Unfertilized and fertilized eggs sourced from poultry and non-poultry flocks for exhibition shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided.
 - (e) Unfertilized and fertilized eggs shall originate from a poultry or non-poultry flock which has had a negative or not-detected avian influenza test meeting the requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification) within the 14 days prior to entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.
 - (f) Fertilized eggs shall originate from a poultry or non-poultry flock which meets the salmonella pullorum-typhoid test requirements set forth in section 10. (relating to pullorum-typhoid testing and verification). (Unfertilized eggs are exempt from this requirement).
 - (g) Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11. (relating to records).
5. *Exhibition of Ornamental Feathers.* Ornamental feathers shall be exhibited only if the following criteria are met.
- (a) Ornamental feathers shall be sourced from poultry or non-poultry flocks located in the United States.
 - (b) Ornamental feathers shall be accompanied by an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement which will be provided by the Department. If a CVI is provided for entry, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also be provided.
 - (c) Ornamental feathers that will be displayed, exhibited, entered into a competition, or that are or will be used to produce jewelry or other items that will be exhibited, or sold, or both, shall be free of visible manure, litter, or other debris.
 - (d) Transport containers shall have been cleaned and disinfected prior to being used to transport ornamental feathers to the Venue or Fair.
 - (e) Ornamental feathers which will be displayed, exhibited, entered into a competition, or that are or will be used to produce jewelry or other items that will be exhibited, or sold, or both, shall originate from a poultry or non-poultry flock that is not known to be infected with avian influenza.

This requirement shall be met by using one of the following methods in (5)(i) or (5)(ii):

- (i) The ornamental feathers shall originate from a poultry or non-poultry flock which has had a negative or not-detected Avian Influenza test meeting the requirements set forth in section 9. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification) within the 14 days prior to entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds to be displayed, exhibited, entered into a competition, sold, or made into jewelry for exhibit or sale at a Venue or Fair, or
- (ii) The ornamental feathers shall be clean, and held in a clean area separate from birds and other avian products for at least 120 days, at a minimum of 68 degrees Fahrenheit before entry onto the grounds of the Venue or Fair.
- (iii) Records of the avian influenza testing required by subsection (5)(i); or where the ornamental feathers are cleaned and held in a clean area as allowed under subsection (5)(ii), that include the date the ornamental feathers were moved to a holding area, along with the holding temperature, shall be kept by the person seeking to display, exhibit, sell, or enter the ornamental feathers into a competition, or to make jewelry

from the ornamental feathers for display, exhibition, competition, or sale. Those records shall be included with the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement for entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.

- (f) Venue or Fair management shall maintain records as set forth in section 11. (relating to records).
6. *Transportation of Market Birds, Non-Poultry, Hatchlings, Unfertilized and Fertilized Eggs, and Ornamental Feathers.* Transportation of market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, unfertilized and fertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers to the Venue or Fair and to the Department or USDA licensed slaughter plant, farm, or other destination, as allowed and required under the 2025 Avian Exhibition General Quarantine Order, shall be done in a biosecure manner. All vehicles, conveyances, crates, equipment, or other materials used in transport shall be visibly clean and shall be cleaned and disinfected as necessary to maintain them in a sanitary manner and assure compliance with regulatory standards at 7 Pa.Code § 15.46 (related to shipping containers) and the standards established in the Department's "Interstate and General Quarantine Order; Virus Control for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Vehicle, Container and Material Standards" (45 Pa.B. 4930, Saturday, August 22, 2015) or subsequent order.
7. *Health Monitoring.* All market birds, non-poultry, and hatchlings on the Venue or Fair grounds shall be monitored for signs dangerous transmissible diseases and any signs of dangerous transmissible diseases shall be reported to the Department immediately (717-772-2852).
8. *Public Access Restrictions.* All market birds, non-poultry, and hatchlings on the Venue or Fair grounds shall be displayed behind barriers such as ropes to prevent public access, with signage to prevent the public from crossing the barrier.
9. *Avian Influenza Testing and Verification.*
- (a) All samples for avian influenza testing shall be collected by a certified poultry technician, a category II accredited veterinarian, or a state or federal official and shall be tested in a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory.
- (b) Market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, unfertilized and fertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers meeting the avian influenza testing requirements set forth in this section shall originate from a flock in which a random, representative sample of a minimum of 30 birds, three (3) weeks of age or older, were tested for avian influenza within the 14 days prior to the date of entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.
- (c) If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, all birds of age in that flock shall be tested.
- (c) Untested birds or birds with a non-negative test result for avian influenza shall not be comingled with or added to the tested flock after negative or not-detected samples have been collected and may not be comingled with or added to the birds that are shipped to the Venue or Fair.
- (d) For waterfowl, cloacal swab samples shall be collected for virus detection testing. Swabs from geese and ducks shall not be combined in the same tube for testing.
- (e) For chickens, turkeys, game birds, and ratites, blood samples for Agar Gel Immunodiffusion (AGID) testing or tracheal or oropharyngeal swab samples for virus detection testing are acceptable samples. Samples from more than one species shall not be combined in the same tube for testing.
- (f) Market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, unfertilized and fertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers shall be accompanied by a copy of the most recent test report in addition to the required health certification documentation. Test results shall be negative or not detected.

10. *Pullorum-Typhoid Testing and Verification.*

- (a) All samples for pullorum-typhoid testing shall be collected by a certified poultry technician, a category II accredited veterinarian, or a state or federal official.
- (b) Non-poultry, hatchlings, and fertilized eggs shall meet the salmonella pullorum-typhoid testing requirements set forth under one of the following options. Waterfowl and fertilized waterfowl eggs from Pennsylvania are exempt from the pullorum-typhoid testing requirements. Waterfowl and waterfowl eggs originating outside of Pennsylvania must meet the requirements below.
 - (i) Originate from a flock in good standing on the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Pullorum-typhoid Clean Program, with no break in the chain of ownership by NPIP participants. The NPIP number of the flock shall be noted on the laboratory test report, or official NPIP 9-2 form if the rapid whole blood plate test was performed, or
 - (ii) Originate from a flock in good standing on the Pennsylvania Pullorum Equivalent Program and be accompanied by proof of participation from the Department, or
 - (iii) Individual birds for exhibition (maximum of 300 from the flock) were tested negative for salmonella pullorum-typhoid within the 90 days prior to entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.
 - (iv) Individual birds for exhibition not meeting the age restrictions, set forth in subsection 10.(d) below at the time of exhibition shall originate from a flock which meets the testing requirements set forth in 10.(a)(i) and (b)(ii) above, or shall originate from a flock in which 300 birds of age (or the entire flock if less than 300 birds in the flock) were tested negative for salmonella pullorum-typhoid within 90 days of the date of entry onto the Venue or Fair grounds.
- (c) Non-poultry, hatchlings, and fertilized eggs shall be accompanied by a copy of the most recent test report. If the rapid whole blood plate test was performed for birds not participating in NPIP, a copy of the state equivalent testing form Flock Testing Report for Rapid Whole Blood Agglutination Plate Test shall accompany the birds. Test results shall be negative. The rapid whole blood test is not approved for use in turkeys.
- (d) The following age restrictions apply for salmonella pullorum-typhoid testing:
 - (i) Chickens shall be tested at 4 months of age or older.
 - (ii) Turkeys shall be tested at 12 weeks of age or older.
 - (iii) Game birds shall be tested at 4 months of age or older, or upon sexual maturity, whichever comes first.
 - (iv) Ratites shall be tested at 12 months of age or older.
- (e) National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) protocols for sample collection and testing shall be followed. All samples, excluding those tested with the rapid plate test for salmonella pullorum-typhoid, shall be tested at a NAHLN laboratory.

Out of State Poultry, Unfertilized Eggs, and Ornamental Feathers: Please contact the Fair Office or the PA Department of Agriculture for additional health rules.

2026 Rabbit Health Regulations

Pennsylvania Rabbits:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (valid for 30 days after the date of issue).
2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases.
3. Vaccination of Pennsylvania rabbits against RHDV-2.
4. While on exhibit or at any time following exhibition, exhibitors and exhibition managers are obligated to report all mass mortality events and all rabbits who show signs of a dangerous transmissible disease to the Department's emergency line at 717-772-2852, option 1. Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease is of particular concern, and clinical signs include bleeding from eyes, nose, mouth, or have bloody stools.

Out of State Rabbits: Please contact the Fair Office or the PA Department of Agriculture for additional health rules.

2026 Dog Health Regulations

Pennsylvania Dogs:

1. Proof of a current rabies vaccination is required for all exhibition dogs 12 weeks of age and older. All rabies-vaccinated dogs shall be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate consistent with the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV) guidelines. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.
2. All animals are free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases.

3. Identification, including a collar with a name plate bearing the name and address of the owner, and a microchip.

4. No dogs less than 12 weeks of age are permitted to be exhibited.

Out of State Dogs: Please contact the Fair Office or the PA Department of Agriculture for additional health rules.