



DEPARTMENT 2 DAIRY CATTLE

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2026 Cattle Health Regulations

****** 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.******

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 This tag type is no longer valid for interstate movement if applied after Nov. 5, 2024.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.

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

2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, July 17, 2026

ENTRY FEE: \$3.00 per Animal

ARRIVAL TIME:

Thursday, July 30, 2026 - 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM - **Calves, Heifers and Dry Cows**

Sunday, August 2 & Monday, August 3, 2026 - 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM - **All Dairy**

RELEASE TIME: Saturday, August 8, 2026 - 11:30 PM

1. To show ownership, the exhibitor's name must be on registration papers.
2. When livestock barns are filled to capacity entries will be refused based on latest postmark.
3. Exhibitors will be expected to: display or parade their animals as directed by the Chairperson; to accept the stall assigned without controversy; to keep their animals in an attractive appearance; and to cooperate with the department in every way that may serve to increase the educational value of the show.
4. Exhibitors of livestock must keep themselves informed as to when their stock will be judged. Stock must be in the ring promptly on call and a failure to comply with the order renders exhibitors liable to be ruled out of competing.
5. Decorations with ribbons or ornaments previously won by animals at shows shall be prohibited until after the awards have been made in their respective classes by the judges.
6. The exhibitors will be expected to keep the space they occupy in a clean and sanitary condition and to remove all their equipment promptly as the Chairperson may direct.
7. Milking Parlor will be open Sunday, August 2, 2026, for evening milking.
8. Any exhibitor(s) milking with their own equipment are prohibited from dumping the milk in any storm drains. Milk can be dumped in the milk house drain ONLY.
9. Any dairy cows, heifers, or calves brought in on Friday or Saturday will be refused entry and asked to return on Sunday or Monday.
10. Exhibitor will be paid only 2 premiums per class.
11. **SUBSTITUTIONS PERMITTED IN SAME CLASS ONLY!**

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