

# **Southwest Georgia Regional Fair**

## **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK IN GEORGIA:**

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

All livestock exhibitions must apply to the Department of Agriculture for an exhibition permit. The management of the exhibition is responsible for obtaining the permit at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the opening of the exhibition. For information call (404) 656-3671. \*\*Equine exhibitions/shows are exempt from obtaining an exhibition permit; however, equine on the premise must comply with equine health requirements.

All livestock entering Georgia for exhibition must meet Georgia's interstate movement health requirements.

No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds without the proper health records and tests required.

A veterinarian, Georgia Department of Agriculture personnel or other qualified person may be present to examine all livestock prior to exhibition.

An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must show proof of the requirements for the appropriate species.

No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds with visible warts or visible ringworm lesions. Livestock may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility. Failure to remove from or return suspect animals from/to the show facility will result in disqualification of all the exhibitor's entries.

### **CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS:**

All animals being exhibited in any type of livestock show (local, county, area, district, or state) must be individually identified and have an official certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate). The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must be issued within 30 days of the exhibition with the following exceptions:

1. For Georgia cattle, swine, goats and exotic animals exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and required tests shall be valid for 4 months.
2. For Georgia sheep exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must be issued by a veterinarian and must be updated and signed every 30 days during the show season (up to 4 months) by a veterinarian, county extension agent, or vocational agriculture teacher. The examiner must sign and record the following statement on the certificate: – "To the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of foot rot, scabies, sore mouth, cutaneous fungal lesions, or any other infectious or contagious disease."
3. Market swine and market cattle will not require a certificate of veterinarian inspection or any testing provided no breeding livestock are on the exhibition premises. Market lambs and market goats will require a certificate of veterinary inspection and individual identification as outlined in the section below entitled – Farm Animal Livestock Requirements. Market wethers of any age are not required to be officially identified for exhibition. In addition, all market animals must either be consigned directly to slaughter with no animals from the show grounds returning to a

farm, or be consigned to another market show with confinement at the original show facility until movement. If market animals will be returning to a farm or if show management requires such, all animals on the show grounds must have proper certificates of veterinary inspection and must satisfy the appropriate test and identification requirements described below in the section – Farm Animal Livestock Requirements|.

4. Georgia equine participating in Georgia equine shows will not require a certificate of veterinary inspection. (See complete equine requirements described below.)

5. Animals affected with or suspected of having an infectious or contagious disease will be removed from the show facility. Failure to remove or to return affected animals to the barn will disqualify all the exhibitor's entries.

## **FARM ANIMAL LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS**

### I. Cattle

#### A. Brucellosis:

1. Georgia cattle have no brucellosis test requirement for exhibition. However, the cattle must originate from herds that are not under quarantine for brucellosis. Steers may move unrestricted from brucellosis quarantined herds.

2. Out-of-state cattle must satisfy Georgia import requirements for brucellosis. (Regulations are contingent on state of origin – call (404) 656-3671.

#### B. Tuberculosis:

1. Georgia cattle have no tuberculosis test requirement for exhibition. However, the cattle must originate from herds that are not under quarantine for tuberculosis.

2. Out-of-state cattle must satisfy Georgia import requirements for tuberculosis. (Regulations are contingent on state of origin – call (404) 656-3671 for current regulations)

### II. Swine

#### A. Georgia Swine

1. All breeding swine 4 months of age and over must have a negative brucellosis and a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition except:

a. Swine originating from a validated brucellosis free herd and a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Validation and qualification numbers and date of last test conducted must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

#### 2. Market Swine

a. Gilts must have a negative brucellosis and a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition unless originating from a validated brucellosis free herd and a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Validation and qualification numbers and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

b. Barrows must have a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition unless originating from a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Qualification number and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

c. Slaughter swine may be exempt from the certificate of veterinary inspection and the test requirements if they qualify under the –Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Exceptions section described above.

B. Out-of-state swine must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of entry with the entry permit number and individual identification recorded. Test requirements for breeding swine and market swine are the same as –Georgia Swine requirements above.

C. Any exhibition of out-of state swine must have an entry permit number from the Department of Agriculture. Call (404) 656-3671 Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

### III. Sheep

A. Georgia and out-of-state sheep must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All sheep, except wethers, must be officially identified with USDA approved individual animal identification. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all sheep including wethers: –"The flock of origin is free from footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma and any cutaneous fungal disease."

B. For Georgia 4-H and FFA sheep, see (CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS) above.

C. Sheep may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.

### IV. Goats

A. Georgia and out-of-state goats must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All goats, except wethers, must be officially identified with USDA Scrapie Tag or breed registry tattoo. The following statement must be recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for all goats including wethers: –To the best of my knowledge, "The herd of origin is free from footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma and any cutaneous fungal disease."

B. For Georgia 4-H and FFA goats, see ( CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS) above.

C. Goats may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.

### V. Exotic Animals and Non-Traditional Livestock

A. All exotic animals and all non-traditional livestock entering Georgia must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection identifying each animal with unique permanent individual identification.

B. All llamas, alpacas and camels entering Georgia must be identified by a USDA approved metal ear tag, unique and individual tattoo, notarized photograph, or an electronic identification device (microchip). If electronic identification is used, the consignee is responsible for providing the appropriate reading device for verification. Castrated males are exempt from the individual identification requirements.

C. All antelope entering Georgia must be identified by a USDA approved metal ear tag and an entry permit number must be obtained by contacting the Animal Health Section in Atlanta, Georgia at (404) 656-3667. All antelope six (6) months of age and older must test negative to an official brucellosis test within thirty (30) days prior to entry and test negative to a single cervical tuberculosis test within ninety (90) days prior to entry.

D. All other cloven hoofed bovidae including bison, water buffalo, and exotic cattle breeds must meet the same interstate movement health requirements as domestic cattle to enter Georgia.

VI. Cervidae (Deer, Elk, Moose, Caribou, and Reindeer)

Georgia no longer allows the importation of Cervidae into the state.

### **EQUINE REQUIREMENTS:**

A. All Georgia equine exhibited must have a negative equine infectious anemia test within the previous 12 months. The original laboratory issued test record or a legible copy must accompany the animal. Nursing foals less than six (6) months of age are exempt from this test requirement when accompanied by their dam which has a current negative test for equine infectious anemia.

B. Georgia equine do not require a certificate of veterinary inspection.

C. Out-of-state equine must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of entry and must meet Georgia import requirements for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA). The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must list the EIA test results, testing lab name and address and accession number. (No entry permit is required on equine).

### **PETTING ZOO REQUIREMENTS:**

I. Cattle, Goats and Sheep

A. Cattle, goats, and cervids six (6) months of age or older must test negative for brucellosis and tuberculosis within ninety (90) days following the initial establishment of a petting zoo. These animals must have a negative test for brucellosis and tuberculosis before allowing initial contact with the public. Castrated males are exempt from the brucellosis test requirement.

B. All sheep and goats, except wethers, must be identified with USDA approved individual animal identification to the flock/herd of origin. Those sheep and goats born after 1-1-2002 must be identified to the flock/herd of birth and flock/herd of origin if different. Any such animals which develop symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases will be quarantined and permitted

## II. Equine

All equine consigned to petting zoos must meet the same interstate movement health requirements as such animals entering Georgia for breeding purposes. Equine from a petting zoo that are located on or moved to premises where equine of different ownership are present must have a record of an official negative test for equine infectious anemia within the previous 12 months. The original laboratory test record or a legible copy will be acceptable.

## III. Swine

All swine consigned to petting zoos must meet the same interstate movement health requirements as such animals entering Georgia for breeding purposes. Swine four months of age or older must test negative for brucellosis and pseudorabies after thirty (30) days following the initial establishment of a petting zoo. These animals must have a negative test for brucellosis and pseudorabies before allowing initial contact with the public. Castrated males are exempt from the brucellosis test requirement.

## IV. Exotic Animals and Non-Traditional Livestock

A. Exotic animals such as llamas, alpacas and camels consigned to petting zoos must meet the same interstate movement requirements as such animals entering Georgia for breeding purposes. Any such animals which develop symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases will be quarantined and permitted directly back to the farm of origin.

B. Antelope consigned to petting zoos must meet the same interstate movement health requirements as such animals entering Georgia for breeding purposes. Any such animals which develop symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases will be quarantined and permitted directly back to the farm of origin.

For petting zoos that house animals continuously, yearly testing of all animals for the appropriate diseases is recommended.

For complete and current regulations, call (404) 656-3671.