

Exhibition of Livestock in Minnesota (2026)

Always check with exhibition management to make sure they have not imposed any restrictions or additional requirements. For Minnesota State Fair exhibition requirements, call ☎ 651-288-4417 or visit 🌐 www.mnstatefair.org.

Animal Health

All animals will be inspected by the official veterinarian the opening day of the Fair and throughout fair week. The official veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any animal showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts. Any animal showing evidence of any disease, abscesses, or any open contagious lesions will not be allowed to exhibit or show and will be subject to isolation or expulsion depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease, abscess or lesion in question. If illness of any nature is suspected in any animal, said animal is subject to examination by the Official Veterinarian and Fair Superintendent and owner or exhibitor of said animal must abide by the decision of this Veterinarian and the designated Fair Superintendent. Animals with warts or ringworm may not be shown. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable. Animals known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined flock may not be entered in an exhibition.

Official Identification

Please note that the following types of identification are not considered official on certificates of veterinary inspection or test records required for exhibition:

1. 4-H tags
2. Producer tags without a state or USDA assigned premises number and individual animal number preceded by state abbreviation
3. Tattoos not registered with either a breed association or a state agency

For questions about approved official identification, contact the MN Board of Animal Health at ☎ 651-296-2942 or 🌐 www.bah.state.mn.us/official-id/

Cattle

Cattle must be officially identified:
🌐 www.bah.state.mn.us/official-id/

Sheep and Goats

Sheep and goats must be officially identified. No sheep or goat that is within 30 days of giving birth may be exhibited without prior approval from the Board of Animal Health.

Swine

Swine must be individually identified with an ear tag or tattoo.

Horses

Horses, except suckling foals accompanying a negative dam, must be negative to an official EIA test conducted within 12 months prior to the opening date of an exhibition.

Poultry

Poultry defined as "turkeys, chickens (fancy, exhibition, and game), waterfowl, and game birds maintained in captivity, excluding pigeons and doves"

Poultry Test Requirements: Pigeons and doves must have a seamless leg band. Chickens, turkeys, and game birds, except baby poultry, must be individually identified with a leg or wing band. Chickens, turkeys, game birds, and hatching eggs from these birds must be accompanied by a certificate or test chart to show that they originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified pullorum-typhoid clean or are negative to a pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Turkeys and turkey hatching eggs must be accompanied by a certificate or test chart to show that they originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified Mycoplasma gallisepticum clean and Mycoplasma synoviae clean or are negative to a Mycoplasma gallisepticum and a Mycoplasma synoviae test within 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition.