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SUBJECT: ***2016 Fair/Show Animal Health Recommendations, Regulations and Forms***

Following is information from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) concerning recommendations, regulations and forms for the 2016 fair/show season. Individual fair/show management may impose additional or more stringent health requirements as deemed necessary. It is recommended that organizers include statements on registration materials and other documentation to say, something to the effect of "*participating in the event is at your own risk and that of the health of your animals*".

As in the past, everyone associated with the 2016 fairs and shows is encouraged to remain vigilant for potential cases of unusual diseases or any suspicious or unusual conditions in an animal, herd or flock. In the event of such observations, please contact a veterinarian and the NJDA Division of Animal Health (DAH) (609-671-6400) or the USDA Veterinary Services office (609-259-5260) IMMEDIATELY.

Fair organizers should be particularly attentive to the following two diseases:

- Swine Enteric Coronavirus Disease - Swine Enteric Coronavirus Disease (SECD) is a gastrointestinal disease of swine that can cause severe production loss. It is a new emerging disease that entered US in 2013 but has yet to be identified in any NJ swine.
- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza - A dangerous new strain of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), also known as "bird flu", has been circulating around the US in domestic poultry and wild waterfowl since 2014. Although the disease has not be identified here in NJ, all poultry owners need to be on the lookout for signs of illness in their poultry and use good biosecurity practices to protect their birds.

If outbreaks of infectious diseases warrant additional restrictions on the movement of any species of animals into and/or through New Jersey, emergency rules may be enacted and all fair/show managers will be notified.

Security measures should also be considered to prevent unauthorized individuals from handling animals and/or their feed or water. Anyone acting in a manner that seems inappropriate or suspicious should immediately be reported to local law enforcement and the NJDA Division of Animal Health.

The following signs may indicate an animal has been exposed to a toxin or infectious agent:

- Excessive discharges from body orifices
- Off-feed or weight loss
- Skin lesions including blisters, pustules or discoloration around animal's mouth, nose, teats or hooves
- Abnormal behavior; excessive vocalization, depression
- Excessive urination, excessive salivation; excessive tearing
- Lameness, off balance, falling down, difficulty rising; circling, partial or complete paralysis
- Muscle tremors, seizures
- Sneezing, open mouthed breathing, gasping for air, nasal discharge, coughing, difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea, vomiting, constipation, excessive dry manure
- Twisting of head and neck
- Foaming at mouth or nose
- Head pressing, stargazing, no menace response, uneven pupil sizes
- Drooping wings, feather or hair loss, excessive loss of mane and tail hairs
- Partial to complete drop in egg production, production of thin-shelled eggs
- Swelling of tissues around eyes, neck or legs; cloudiness of eyes
- Abortions, still births, weak neonates
- Abnormal body temperature
- Unusual ticks or maggots
- Staggering, falling or central nervous system disorders

Animal Health Documentation

Fair/show management is responsible for ensuring that animals to be exhibited enter the grounds in good health and with proper documentation:

- **Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs)** - CVIs are completed and signed by accredited veterinarians for any animal being transported **interstate** (e.g. Pennsylvania to New Jersey) prior to travelling. CVIs are valid for 30 days from the date of examination. The official CVI must include the following:
 - Complete name and complete address of exhibitor
 - Complete address of the premises of origin
 - **Complete name and complete address of the fair/show to be attended. A separate CVI needs to be completed for each individual fair/show to be attended.**
 - Species, breed, sex, age of animals and official identification
 - Cattle and swine shall be identified by at least one of the following methods: official electronic ID, official unique ear tag, official tattoo or registration name or number with registration papers.
 - Horses and other equine shall be identified by electronic ID, physical description and/or tattoo. Physical description must match with EIA certificate.
 - Sheep and goats shall be identified by USDA approved official identification (ear tag and/or approved registry tattoo). For questions regarding the USDA's Mandatory Identification of Sheep and Goats regulation, or to obtain official identification tags for sheep and goats, call the USDA, APHIS, VS office at (609) 259-5260.
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/rule_movement_sheep.pdf
http://www.eradicatescrapie.org/State%20ID%20Requirements.html#Federal_Requirements

- Other livestock shall be identified by ear tag, registration name and number, species, breed and physical description or microchip.
 - Statement the examining veterinarian personally inspected the animals described and found them free from visible symptoms of infectious, contagious and/or communicable disease or known exposure thereto within 30 days of shipment.
- **VS (Veterinary Services) Form 9-3** (Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks and Poultry) or **VS Form 9-2** (Flock Selecting and Testing Report) may be used for poultry in lieu of the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
- **Animal Health Certificates (AHC)** - AHCs *may only be used for animals native to New Jersey attending New Jersey fairs/shows. An AHC is NOT VALID for interstate shipment of animals.* An AHC can be issued by an accredited veterinarian prior to or at the fair/show. Issuance of an AHC at the fair/show is at the discretion of the organizers as it requires the presence of a veterinarian at the premises. It should be signed by both the veterinarian and the animal owner. Based on his/her knowledge and judgment, the examining veterinarian must indicate on the form whether the AHC is valid for 30, 60 or 90 days from date of examination. Animals listed on an AHC must be identified by an ear tag, tattoo, or other permanent identification or description (coat color, markings, age, etc...).
<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/pdf/HealthCertificate.pdf>.
- **4-H Poultry, Rabbit or Cavy Health Form** – This form can be used for the species indicated and can be completed by the 4-H leader or other qualified adult within 30 days prior to the exhibition at a 4-H sponsored show or demonstration. Animals listed on the 4-H Poultry, Rabbit or Cavy Health Form must be identified by an ear tag, tattoo, or other permanent identification or description (coat color, markings, age, etc...).
<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/pdf/4-Hpoultryrabbitcavyform.pdf>

Additional information regarding Fair and Show Animal Health Recommendations, Animal Health Certificates and the 4-H Poultry, Rabbit or Cavy Health Forms are available on the web at:
<http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/ah/news/fairsshows.html>

Please note:

The NJDA recommends that fair/show management arrange for veterinary medical assistance to be on-call for the duration of the exhibition and all animal exhibitors should be made aware of the local livestock accredited veterinarian(s) willing to provide medical attention for the animals being exhibited. Any animal showing obvious clinical signs of warts, ringworm, foot rot, parasites, pink eye, enlarged and inflamed lymph nodes, draining abscesses or open wounds must not be exhibited or allowed to remain on fair/show grounds.

All animals which are eligible for an approved USDA rabies vaccination should be current on rabies vaccination and proof of vaccination by a veterinarian should be provided upon entry. Domestic mammalian species susceptible to the disease for which there is no USDA approved vaccine are recommended to be vaccinated against rabies. Individual fairs/shows may require rabies vaccination for mammalian species for which there is no USDA approved vaccine. If vaccination is waived, the exhibitor or show should assure, whenever possible, these animals are separated from the public by sufficient means so as to disallow direct animal/public contact.

Sale of Poultry

Any person selling poultry (including baby chicks) at a fair/show shall provide to the buyer, a copy of the VS Form 9-2 or VS Form 9-3 which certifies the poultry originated from a pullorum-typhoid clean/NPIP approved hatchery or flock.

Permit Requirement to Sell Baby Chicks

Any person planning to sell baby chicks at a fair/show must obtain a permit from the NJDA-Division of Animal Health no later than 1 month in advance of the event (N.J.S.A. 4:3-12-19). Permit applications are available by calling (609) 671-6400. There will be a \$5.00 per day fee charged for each day chicks will be offered for sale. In addition, the seller will need to specify the number and breed of chicks to be offered for sale and provide documentation the chicks offered for sale are from a pullorum-typhoid clean/NPIP approved hatchery or flock. Along with the permit application, the seller will be provided with a spreadsheet that needs to be completed and returned to the NJDA-Division of Animal Health within 3 days following the end of the fair/show. The following information must be recorded on the spreadsheet:

- the number and breed of chicks sold
- the date they were hatched
- by whom they were hatched
- the name and complete address of each buyer

Humane Issues

The treatment of all animals present at the fair/show must adhere to the New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 2:8 “Humane Treatment of Domestic Livestock”. These rules establish minimum humane standards for the raising, keeping, care, treatment, marketing, and sale of domestic livestock and procedures for the enforcement of those standards.

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/pdf/HumaneStandards2010.pdf>

Should local or state SPCA agents visit the fair, they must abide by these rules. NJDA suggests that any investigators be provided with a copy of N.J.A.C. 2:8 and be reminded they may not handle animals, touch feed or water or enter livestock areas without complying with biosecurity protocols pursuant to 2:8-8.1 (c) which requires them to wear clean clothing and shoe protection to prevent the spread of infectious or contagious agents on or from the premises. Additionally, the NJDA should be contacted if the fair/show is visited by anyone inspecting livestock for any stated reason. All inspectors should be accompanied by a fair/show manager at all times while on the fair/show premises.

Questions and concerns regarding N.J.A.C. 2:8, including the failure of inspectors to adhere to biosecurity protocols, must be reported to the State Veterinarian at 609-671-6400.

Fair/show management are reminded:

- Rabbits, turtles, baby chicks, ducklings or other fowl under two months of age may not be sold, offered for sale, bartered or given away for use as household or domestic pets (N.J.S.A. 4:22-26q);
- Baby chicks, ducklings or other fowl or rabbits, turtles or chameleons which have been dyed or artificially colored or otherwise treated so as to impart to them an artificial color, may not be sold, offered for sale, bartered or given away or displayed (N.J.S.A. 4:22-26r).

Food Safety

Any food animal exhibited should be accompanied by a Drug Use Form available at: <http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/ah/pdf/DrugUseForm.pdf>.

This form will certify that:

- The animal has not been treated with drugs or medications; OR the animal does not contain a drug for which the withdrawal period has not yet elapsed as per label directions.
- The animal has received drugs or medication and the withdrawal period has not yet elapsed as per label direction.

The form should be made available to in-state and out-of-state exhibitors since it helps protect the consumer and teaches exhibitors responsibility in the management and care of food animals. (This documentation should follow the food animal to its final slaughter destination.) If the animal has received drugs or medications for which the withdrawal period has not yet elapsed, this must be documented on the form. The animal identification, drug name, date(s) of administration, the route of administration, and the drug withdrawal time prior to slaughter must be documented. **Animals cannot be turned away from the show because they received medications. The drugs simply need to be documented, and the withdrawal time clearly stated.** *Certain drugs, such as gentamicin, are illegal for use in food animals.* It is the responsibility of the animal producer to check with his or her veterinarian as to what medications can be given. It is recommended exhibitors become educated about the proper use of antibiotics and other medications.

Public Health Concerns

Interactions between people and animals provide valuable and enjoyable educational experiences that should be encouraged. However, during such contact, there is some risk of disease transmission. To protect both humans and animals, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture in consultation with the New Jersey Department of Health encourages all fairs/shows to implement the following precautionary steps to protect both visitors and animals from disease:

- Provide hand-cleaning stations/facilities for use prior to and after contact with animals
 - Provide running water and soap or antibacterial hand wipes to clean dirt off hands
 - Provide *alcohol-based hand rubs* for use on clean hands
- Maintain safe and clean stations/facilities to protect visitors and animals
 - Trash cans should be available and emptied regularly
- Post signs indicating the location of hand-cleaning stations/facilities
- Do not allow human food or drink in animal contact areas
- Forbid smoking in animal contact areas and at hand-cleaning stations/facilities
- Ensure that no feed is fed to the animals unless specifically provided by the fair

In addition, the “Lose the Germs” poster series intended for posting at hand-cleaning stations/facilities is available at: <http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/news/biosecurity.html>.

Recent Travel in Foreign Countries

Fair/show attendees should be questioned prior to entry onto the fair/show grounds about recent travel to foreign countries to determine potential exposure to disease-infected livestock and poultry. Anyone who has been within 1 mile of foreign livestock or poultry areas, zoos, or game parks in the past 5 days should be considered potentially exposed. These individuals should have their shoes cleaned and disinfected at the fair/show entry point and discouraged from visiting the livestock and poultry. Vinegar should be offered to disinfect watches, eyeglasses, etc. If no single entry point/control point can be established on fair/show grounds to question attendees, it is recommended that attendees not be allowed to get close to or touch the animals.

Species Specific Health Regulations and Recommendations

- **Regulations, identified by an arrow, must be enforced.**
 - **Recommendations are identified by a bullet.**

NEW JERSEY CATTLE ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or AHC

IMPORTED CATTLE ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI
- Shall be negative to a tuberculosis test within 60 days of entry – Cattle from an accredited free State, zone, or herd are exempt from testing.
- For an accredited herd, the CVI shall include the date on which the herd of origin was last tuberculin tested, and a statement by the accredited veterinarian that the cattle to be imported were:
 - included in the most recent test of the herd of origin and testing with negative results occurred within one year prior to the date of movement or
 - they are natural additions to the herd.
- Six months of age or over shall be negative to an official brucellosis test within 30 days of entry – brucellosis vaccinated heifers under 14 months of age, steers, and spayed heifers are exempt from brucellosis testing. Cattle to be imported that originate from a Class Free State or Area are exempt from brucellosis testing.
- Shall be negative to an official anaplasmosis or bluetongue test within 30 days prior to entry if they originate from a state that is determined by the USDA to be endemic for anaplasmosis or bluetongue.

NEW JERSEY GOATS ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or AHC
- **All goats**, of any age, must be identified by USDA approved official identification - approved ear tag and/or tattoo. A microchip is also acceptable but it must be a USDA approved device. If a microchip is used for ID, the animal owner must bring the microchip reader to the fair.

IMPORTED GOATS ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI
- **All goats**, of any age must be identified by USDA approved official identification - approved ear tag and/or tattoo. A microchip is also acceptable but it must be a USDA approved device. If a microchip is used for ID, the animal owner must bring the microchip reader to the fair.
- All goats to be imported shall be negative to an official tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to entry. Goats from an accredited-free state or zone or from an accredited herd shall be exempt from testing.
- For an accredited herd, the CVI shall include the date on which the herd of origin was last tuberculin tested, and a statement by the accredited veterinarian that the goats to be imported were:
 - included in the most recent test of the herd of origin and testing with negative results occurred within one year prior to the date of movement or
 - they are natural additions to the herd.
- All goats to be imported four months of age or over shall be negative to an official brucellosis test within 30 day prior to entry. Wethers shall be exempt from brucellosis testing.

Please note: In lieu of brucellosis testing, the State Veterinarian will allow goats that do not originate from brucellosis free herds to attend New Jersey fairs/shows if the owner contacts the New Jersey Division of Animal Health at (609) 671-6400 between 9:00am - 4:30pm M-F to obtain a permit number to be included on the CVI. Owners will need to provide the following information:

- Name of owner
- National Premise Identification number or scrapie identification number
- Address of premises of origin
- Address of premises of destination
- Number of goats to enter into New Jersey
- Date of movement.

NEW JERSEY HORSES ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or AHC
- Shall be accompanied by a valid EIA (Coggins) form certifying the animal has had a negative official test (AGID or ELISA) for equine infectious anemia within the past 24 months – horses younger than 6 months and accompanied by a dam that has a negative official Coggins test within the past 24 months are exempt from testing.
- That are to change owners via sale, barter, or trade – shall have a negative Coggins test within 90 days prior to exchange.

IMPORTED HORSES ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI.
- Shall be accompanied by a valid EIA (Coggins) form certifying the animal has had a negative official test (AGID or ELISA) for equine infectious anemia within the past 12 months – horses younger than 6 months and accompanied by a dam that has a negative official Coggins test within the past 12 months are exempt from testing.
- That are to change owners via sale, barter, or trade – shall have a negative Coggins test within 90 days prior to exchange.

NEW JERSEY LLAMA (all species of the genus **Lama**) ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or AHC

IMPORTED LLAMA (all species of the genus **Lama**) ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI
- Shall be tested negative for Bluetongue within 30 days prior to entry. Camelids to be imported that originate from states where Bluetongue is not endemic or considered low risk shall be exempt from testing.
- Shall be negative to an official tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to entry. Camelids to be imported that originate from an accredited-free state or zone shall be exempt from testing. All camelids to be imported six months of age or over shall be negative to an official brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entry. Neutered male camelids are exempt from testing.

NEW JERSEY POULTRY ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI, AHC, VS Form 9-2 or 9-3, or a 4-H Poultry, Rabbit, or Cavy Health Form

- All poultry, including baby chicks, exhibition, exotic, and game birds (including ostrich, emu and rhea but excluding waterfowl) going to public exhibitions in New Jersey shall originate from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, OR
- All poultry over 4 months of age shall have an individual negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days prior to the exhibit.
 - Turkeys shall be blood tested at more than 12 weeks of age
 - Game birds shall be tested when more than 4 months of age or upon reaching sexual maturity, whichever comes first
 - Ostrich, emu, rhea and cassowaries shall be blood tested when more than 12 months of age. All ostrich, emus, rhea and cassowaries less than twelve months shall originate from Pullorum-Typhoid negative flocks.
- All birds less than four months of age shall originate from Pullorum-Typhoid negative flocks or poultry less than 4 months in age shipped directly from a hatchery shall be accompanied by a VS Form 9-3.

Contact information for certified pullorum testers is available by calling the Division of Animal Health at (609)-671-6400.

IMPORTED POULTRY ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or VS Form 9-2 or 9-3
- All poultry, including baby chicks, exhibition, exotic, and game birds (including ostrich, emu and rhea but excluding waterfowl) shall originate from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, or
- All poultry over 4 months of age shall have an individual negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days prior to the exhibit. See testing information below:
 - Turkeys shall be blood tested at more than 12 weeks of age
 - Game birds shall be tested when more than 4 months of age or upon reaching sexual maturity, whichever comes first.
 - Ostrich, emu, rhea and cassowaries shall be blood tested when more than 12 months of age. All ostrich, emus, rhea and cassowaries under twelve months shall originate from Pullorum-Typhoid negative flocks.
- All birds less than four months of age shall originate from Pullorum-Typhoid Avian Influenza Clean flocks or ship directly from Pullorum-Typhoid Avian Influenza Clean hatcheries accompanied by a VS 9-3.
- All poultry and hatching eggs originating from areas or counties with confirmed cases of Avian Influenza must obtain a permit number for entry. This number must appear on the original health certificate or VS Form 9-2 or 9-3 issued by an accredited veterinarian. Permits may be obtained by contacting the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health, at (609) 671-6400, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Please note:

Concerns regarding Avian Influenza virus continue.

Since December 2014, a dangerous new strain of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), also known as “bird flu” has been found in domestic poultry and wild migratory waterfowl. All poultry owners need to be on the lookout for signs of illness in their poultry and use good biosecurity practices to protect birds. Signs of HPAI may include sudden increase in bird deaths, sneezing, gasping for air, coughing and nasal discharge (runny nose), watery and/or green diarrhea, lack of energy and poor appetite, drop in egg production or soft- or thin-shelled misshapen eggs, swelling around the eyes, neck and head and purple discoloration of the wattles, combs and legs.

This avian influenza strain is deadly to birds but **poses no immediate public health concerns**. Additional information on biosecurity for backyard flocks (including handouts on avian influenza and on biosecurity) can be found at <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov/>. In order to protect the State's poultry industry, the NJDA recommends fair/show management adopt rules requiring all exhibited poultry and hatching eggs be accompanied by certification they are free from avian influenza, regardless of where the birds originated.

NEW JERSEY SHEEP ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or AHC
- Sexually intact sheep must be identified by USDA approved official identification (approved ear tag, tattoo and/or microchip (owner must provide microchip reader).

IMPORTED SHEEP ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI
- Sexually intact sheep must be identified by USDA approved official identification (approved ear tag, tattoo and/or microchip (owner must provide microchip reader).
- From states with endemic Bluetongue, must be tested negative within 30 days prior to entry

NEW JERSEY SWINE ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or AHC.
- The CVI or AHC must contain the following statement from the issuing veterinarian, "To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on this certificate have not originated from a premises known to be affected by SECD, and have not been exposed to SECD within the last 30 days.
- Shall be negative to a SECD test within 30 days prior to entry. Testing must be repeated between fairs. Individual fairs/shows may waive some or part of this SECD recommendation. If testing is waived, the exhibitor and the show/fair organizer should be aware of possible consequences if a SECD outbreak is traced to fair attendance.
- Pigs attending fairs/shows should not return home or be re-introduced to other pigs. If pigs are to return to the herd, preventive measures should be put in place (isolate and test prior to returning to the herd). For more information on SECD and how to introduce animals to the farm, visit the following web site:
<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/prog/swineentericdiseases.html>
- SECD is not zoonotic and does not pose public health risks. However, the public can spread the virus to other pigs at the fair/show. Public separation is not required but recommended. Enhanced biosecurity measures to prevent the potential spread of this disease are recommended.

IMPORTED SWINE ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI.
- The CVI must contain a statement from the issuing veterinarian that he/she personally inspected the pigs and are free of symptoms of infectious contagious or communicable diseases or known exposure within 30 days of the shipment.
- Shall be negative to an official brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entry – swine from a validated brucellosis-free state or a validated brucellosis-free herd are exempt from testing
- Shall be negative to an official pseudorabies test within 30 days prior to entry – swine from a pseudorabies State IV or V State/Area or originate from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd are exempt from testing.
- Shall be negative to a SECD test within 30 days prior to entry. Testing must be repeated between fairs.

Please note:

Swine Enteric Coronavirus Disease (SECD) is a gastrointestinal disease of swine that can cause severe production loss to pork producers. Fair organizers should be attentive to this disease. It is an emerging viral disease of concern to the U.S. swine industry causing severe diarrhea and high mortality in young pigs. It entered the US in 2013 but has yet to be diagnosed in NJ despite being found in neighboring states. This disease does not affect humans or compromise food safety.

NJDA recommends that planning and implementation of biosecurity measures for SECD be done at the local level with the collective input from veterinarians, swine farmers, 4-H livestock committees, and fair manager/fair board. Hopefully these measures will increase awareness and promote better animal health practices at home and at fairs/shows.

It is also recommended that organizers include statements on registration materials and other documentation to say, something to the effect of “*participating in the event is at your own risk and that of the health of your animals*”.