

Exhibition Requirements for Lactating Dairy Cattle

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This document serves to outline the requirements for lactating dairy cattle to be brought to an exhibition in the State of Minnesota under the context of the emergence of H5N1 influenza in cattle in the State.

The restrictions will be in effect through March 31, 2024, unless they are extended or rescinded before then.

Definitions

- Dairy: cattle breeds raised for the primary purpose of milk production
- Lactating: dairy cows currently in one of the lactation phases (i.e., early, mid, and late) of their current production cycle
- Exhibition: bringing livestock or poultry owned by two or more persons to one location in Minnesota for judging or for display to the public, except when there is only one animal of each species exhibited.

Requirements

Lactating dairy cows are required to have a negative test for H5N1 and have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for all exhibitions in MN, effective June 18, 2024.

- Negative tests must be received from a lab that is a participant in the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN). Samples must be collected and submitted in a manner approved by the Board.
- Samples must be collected no more than 7 days prior to the animal arriving on the exhibition site.
- The animals can move intrastate on the same negative results for 10 days from date of collection.
- If going to multiple exhibitions within that time, all locations the animal is unloaded must be indicated on a CVI.
- The CVI can act as record of negative test if test information is included on the document.

Non-Negative Results

A quarantine will be placed on the herd of origin with conditions outlined by the Board. This may include up to all livestock and poultry on the premises.

Authority

The exhibition requirements are being implemented pursuant to the Board's authority per Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1721 and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 35.

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