

Sale of Livestock at Community Sales

[See MN Revisor rules 1721.0090](#)

Responsibilities of Sale Manager:

1. Obtain a permit from the Board prior to the sale.
2. Employ an official veterinarian.
3. Prohibit the sale of imported livestock not accompanied by an import certificate, permit, and/or test chart.
4. Prohibit the sale of livestock when so ordered by the official veterinarian.
5. Prohibit the sale of livestock that do not meet the requirements for sale.
6. Maintain records of each animal handled including official identification numbers and the name and address of each respective seller and buyer. Send sale records to the Board within 5 days of the event.

Responsibilities of Official Veterinarian:

1. Inspect all livestock and prohibit the sale of animals with contagious or communicable diseases.
2. Write certificates of veterinary inspection for exportation of livestock.
3. Apply ear tags to unidentified breeding cattle, swine, sheep, and goats.
4. Maintain ear tagging records and export certificates as required. Submit CVIs to the Board.

Cattle and Bison:

Breeding cattle must be officially identified prior to being offered for sale. Breeding cattle means all cattle except heifers of beef breed less than 18 months of age maintained for feeding purposes, bulls under 10 months of age maintained for feeding purposes, and steers and spayed heifers. See attached [official identification for cattle and bison document \(https://www.bah.state.mn.us/media/official-id-cattle-and-bison.pdf\)](https://www.bah.state.mn.us/media/official-id-cattle-and-bison.pdf). Imported cattle must be accompanied by an import permit and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

Swine:

Breeding and feeding swine must be officially identified prior to being offered for sale. See attached [official identification for swine document \(https://www.bah.state.mn.us/media/Swine-official-id.pdf\)](https://www.bah.state.mn.us/media/Swine-official-id.pdf).

Sheep and Goats:

Sheep and goats must be officially identified before being commingled with other sheep or goats or offered for sale. See attached [official identification for sheep and goats document \(https://www.bah.state.mn.us/media/sheep-and-goat-official-id.pdf\)](https://www.bah.state.mn.us/media/sheep-and-goat-official-id.pdf).

Poultry:

1. All poultry and ratites, except baby poultry, must be individually identified with a leg or wing band with a set of characters on the band. The band may include letters such as names/initials.
2. All hatching eggs, poultry and ratites must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified pullorum-typhoid clean or be negative to a pullorum-typhoid test within 30 days prior to the sale.
3. All hatching eggs, poultry, and ratites must be accompanied by a certificate or test chart approved by the board to show compliance with these requirements.

Submit records and questions to:

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