

# 2009

## New Mexico Livestock Board Guide for Livestock Exhibitors

Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

### CATTLE

- Proof of ownership (NMLB “form 1” inspection certificate) must accompany the animal when traveling out of district and is strongly recommended even in district. This will help assure that all requirements are met well before fair time.
- Brands:
  1. All show cattle must be branded with a New Mexico registered brand; if not that of the brand’s registered owner, a bill-of-sale and a letter of permission from the brand’s owner is required.
  2. Fresh brands are not allowed – the brand must be “peeled and healed”.
  3. A freeze brand does not qualify as a New Mexico registered brand.
  4. Dairy heifers may be shown with the originating dairy’s registered brand with a bill-of-sale and a letter of permission from that dairy.
  5. Certificates of Brand Exemption are allowed only on registered breeding cattle under that ownership. Exempt cattle must have breed registry tattoo. Steers do not qualify for a Certificate of Brand Exemption.
- All breeding bulls require a negative trichomoniasis test.
- All cattle, steers and sexually intact, 4 months and older, require a negative TB test prior to showing.
  1. Steers: one test will be sufficient for the 2009 show season.
  2. Sexually intact cattle: within 60 days of any exhibition, including the New Mexico State Fair, with the following exceptions;
    - within 90 days of the Southern New Mexico State Fair
    - within 90 days of the Eastern New Mexico State Fair.
  3. If a nursing cow-calf pair, the test will be on the cow.
  4. **Accredited TB Free Herd** status will be recognized

### SHEEP AND GOATS

- Proof of ownership must accompany the animal (NMLB “form 1” inspection certificate) must accompany the animal when traveling out of district and is strongly recommended even in district. This will help assure that all requirements are met well before fair time.
- At least one of the following requirements must be met:
  1. Be tattooed with approved 4-H, FFA, or owner’s tattoo
  2. Have current owner’s recorded ear tag
  3. Have current owner’s recorded earmark

- Sexually intact Sheep and goats must have a current scrapie tag or registration tattoo.
- Due to the nature of the disease, sheep do not require a TB test.
- Sexually intact goats must have a negative TB test within 60 days of any exhibition, including the New Mexico State Fair, with the following exceptions;
  1. within 90 days of the Southern New Mexico State Fair
  2. within 90 days of the Eastern New Mexico State Fair.
- ***Accredited TB Free Herd*** status will be recognized.

#### SWINE

- Proof of ownership must accompany the animal (NMLB “form 1” inspection certificate) and must be presented at all livestock shows attended.
- All health and ID requirements must be met.
- All swine from out-of-state must receive an import inspection (an NMLB “form 1” inspection certificate), based on the original official certificate of veterinary inspection and import permit. If not an original certificate, the copy must be verified and stamped by an NMLB inspector.

NOTE: All above mentioned animals will require, without exception, a Form 1 inspection certificate for entry into the ***New Mexico State Fair.***

#### HORSES

- Proof of ownership must accompany the animal; either an NMLB “form 1” certificate of inspection, or a 1-H permanent inspection card.
- A current negative Coggins test, performed within the preceding twelve months, must accompany the animal.
- Any horse arriving from out-of-state must be accompanied by a current health certificate.
- All breeding stallions 12 months and older must be accompanied by a negative Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) test within the previous 30 days, or proof of vaccination.

#### GENERAL NOTES

No copies or faxed copies of TB test charts or health certificates will be accepted unless signed by the veterinarian in blue ink certifying the copy.

This information is provided only as a guide and may not contain all necessary requirements for livestock bound for exhibits and shows. It is extremely important to consult your 4-H Leader, FFA Advisor, County Agent and your Livestock Inspector for updated information well ahead of your planned date of transport.

***New Mexico has been downgraded in Bovine Tuberculosis Status, being classified as having an increased risk for Bovine Tuberculosis throughout the state. USDA's, and neighboring states' - expectation for diligence throughout New Mexico will continue, regardless of the proposed establishment of a Modified Accredited Advanced, or Split State, status. New Mexico must maintain a high level of surveillance in order to (1) demonstrate minimization of the potential for spread of TB, (2) insure buyers are receiving disease free animals, (3) prevent putting out-of-state animals at risk, and (4) preserve the confidence of all states in the stream of commerce that receive New Mexico cattle.***

***Because of the high level of intermingling of livestock at fairs, all bovine exhibition cattle will be required to show evidence of a negative tuberculosis skin test prior to exhibition. The New Mexico Livestock Board will assist in whatever ways available to help make this process as simple and feasible as possible.***

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The New Mexico Livestock Board will assist, at its expense, the required TB test, under the following conditions:

1. Cattle will be brought to a common location on an appointed date set by NMLB for injection of tuberculin.
2. The tested cattle will be returned to said location on an appointed date after 72 hours for reading of the test.
3. The tests will be performed by State Veterinarian staff or accredited veterinarians contracted by NMLB.
4. Arrangements with the State Veterinarian will be made by the 4H Leaders and/or FFA Advisors through the county extension agent's office.
5. Any arrangement for testing other than stated above will not be paid for by NMLB.