

Animal Health Regulations
Brunswick County Fair Livestock Exhibition

Link to full [NCAGR Animal Health Regulations](#)

1. All livestock will be checked in by an accredited veterinarian on **TUESDAY OCTOBER 20th** . If the veterinarian states that livestock appear to be free from contagious and infectious diseases following a visual inspection, animals may be allowed to unload and be exhibited at the fair. All out of state livestock must have a health certificate. **DO NOT UNLOAD ANIMALS OFF OF THE TRAILER PRIOR TO BEING CHECKED BY THE VETERINARIAN**
2. Due to concerns regarding biosecurity, any animal that has been on the premises of a public livestock auction facility within 30 days of the opening of the Fair will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.
3. The State of North Carolina Veterinary Extension Office and fair veterinarian will be on call during the fair for any concerns that are raised for all livestock on premises.
4. While at the fair, FAIR STAFF are responsible for keeping the animal's cages/environments CLEAN as well as feeding and watering the animals.
5. Please read this document in its entirety for information regarding livestock exhibition expectations for the Brunswick County Fair

***ALL Livestock (excluding poultry/fowl) must have **Permanent Identification** i.e an ear tag, a tattoo, registration papers or an 840 microchip. If your Livestock does NOT have permanent identification they will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. If you have 840 microchips, the fair vet will place them free of charge at check in if needed**

IF YOU NEED USDA 840 MICROCHIPS DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. Follow these steps:

1. **APPLY** for a premise ID number.
 - a. This is a unique code that is permanently assigned to a single physical location so animal health officials can precisely identify. Fill out the form linked below:
 - b. [LSPremiseRegistration.pdf](#)
 - c. EMAIL this form to ncfarmid@ncagr.gov
 - d. You will get your premise ID in the mail 1-2 weeks
2. **ORDER** your microchips from the link below and ENTER your premise ID in the comments when you are checking out
 - a. <https://www.revivalanimal.com/product/usda-840-id-official-microchip>
 - b. Microchips must be 840-ID to be USDA compliant
3. **BRING** your microchips to fair check-in and the fair vet will place them for you at NO COST.

Cattle

- All cattle must appear to be free of contagious and infectious diseases confirmed by an accredited veterinarian.
- All animals must be tattooed or tagged to match registration papers.
- Body condition scores will be determined by the vet; and they will have the final word.
- All out-of-state cattle must be accompanied by a health certificate dated no more than 30 days prior to the fair.
- **NO BULLS**

Sheep

- All sheep must appear to be free of contagious and infectious diseases confirmed by an accredited veterinarian.
- All sheep must be shorn or have well kept wool.
- All animals must be tattooed or tagged to match registration papers. All out of state animals must be tattooed or tagged to match health papers.
- **NO RAMS**

Goats

- All goats must appear to be free of contagious and infectious diseases confirmed by an accredited veterinarian. All out of state animals must be tattooed or tagged to match health papers.
- **NO BUCKS/BILLYS**

Horses

- All horses must appear to be free of contagious and infectious diseases confirmed by an accredited veterinarian.
- No equine is permitted on the grounds unless it has **a negative Coggins test** accomplished within 12 months of the date of the exhibition.
- **NO STALLIONS**

Things to Know Before Check-In

* ALL LIVESTOCK MUST HAVE PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION IN PLACE AT TIME OF CHECK-IN. NO EXCEPTIONS. *

Horses/Donkeys/Mules must have accompanying coggins PRESENT at check-in.

Sheep/Goats must either have an official scrapie tag, 840 Microchip or if registered with a breed association the registration papers must be physically present with matching tattoo (legible) in the designated location as specified by the breed association on the animal at time of check in.

Note: If you have question regarding the USDA APHIS Scrapie Eradication program please click this link
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IF YOUR ANIMAL IS SHOWING SIGNS OF ILLNESS/INJURY/DISEASE PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO THE FAIR.

PLEASE Have all check-in forms filled out and paperwork (If applicable; Breed association paperwork, coggins, health certificates etc.) readily available for each animal AT TIME OF CHECK IN **TUES OCT 20th** at the Fairgrounds.

We will accept animals until spaces are filled in a “first come, first served” fashion.

General Info for Check-in (9am 10/20)

- **Before** unloading any animal, the fair vet must perform a brief visual inspection and identification of the animal. There will be a fair veterinarian on sight for Tuesday drop off.
- **Poultry have a strict cut off of 12pm- if your bird does not have their blood drawn by the USDA employee they will NOT be allowed on the fairgrounds.**
- Each animal will be checked for a body condition score (BCS) of 1-9. The minimum acceptable BCS is a 4.
- NO animals that are sick, in poor health or that appear generally unthrifty will be allowed entry to the fair.
- No animals will be accepted for exhibition after the start of the fair 10/15.

TO BE ALLOWED ENTRY ANIMALS MUST SHOW NO EVIDENCE OF:

1. Skin lesions including but not limited to: missing hair, evidence of lice or mites, no evidence of ringworm, itching, redness, hair loss, wounds or unhealed incisions.
2. Mouth sores including ulcers, erosions or any lesion around the mouth.
3. Lameness including limping, swollen limbs or poorly managed hooves/claws. All animals must be able to stand and walk comfortably.
4. Diarrhea or evidence of diarrhea including scours, matted hair, watery or bloody diarrhea etc.
5. Runny nose or water eyes no mucus, productive coughing, swollen or red eyes.
 - **NO INTACT MALE LIVESTOCK**

The fair vet will perform daily visual inspections of livestock on the grounds. If an animal is determined to be unfit for the reasons listed above or others they must be isolated quickly and leave the fairgrounds **as soon as possible** to return to their property of origin. Dismissal of an animal is at the discretion of the fair veterinarian for the duration of the fair.

NC Exhibition Livestock Sanitation and Official Veterinarian: [02 NCAC 20B .0302](#)

FAQS

1. Why are you making up so many rules?
 - a. The state and federal government establish regulations concerning the movement and exhibition of livestock, this is not up to individual veterinarians. If you would like to learn more, please follow the links above.
2. I've been to X county fair and no one asked about tags on my animals, why ?
 - a. While regulations are set by the government it is ultimately each individual fair personnel and veterinarian's decision to be compliant with these laws or not. The Brunswick County Fair is employing best medical practices for the animals and people attending this event and we appreciate your support.
3. What is the point of all these rules anyway?
 - a. There are a few reasons why these rules and regulations are in place some to ensure the welfare of the animal is not infringed on as well as to keep the public safe from diseases that can be carried or spread by livestock. Also, livestock are part of our food chain so some of these regulations are to keep humans and animals healthier. Check above links for more information on this
4. These animals aren't livestock, they are my pets!
 - a. We love our goats/sheep/cows/chickens etc. as much as a dog or cat. However, in the eyes of the government any animal that is for food or fiber is considered livestock. No matter how cushy their life is.

Again, if your animal has any of the following do NOT bring your animal to the fair;

1. Mouth sores- Any lesions, ulcers, erosions around the mouth. This could indicate a few diseases that can be zoonotic (passed between animals and humans).
2. Lameness - Animal can stand and walk normally with level back and even stride. No overgrown hooves or limping.
3. Wounds - No areas of injury, lost hair, unhealed castration incision, disbud or horn removal sites, weeping or uncovered wounds.
4. Mites/Lice- No animals that have evidence of itching, redness, crusting or hair loss around ears, belly and legs
5. Diarrhea - Any scours, watery or bloody diarrhea will not be admitted. If any occur while at the fair, the animal must be returned to farm of origin.

6. Ringworm- Circle red rash on skin near claws, hoof, and horns. 1-6 week incubation 1-4 week infection spontaneous recovery circular (axillary, trunk, rump, neck, limb, eye and face) do fungal culture from broken hairs. Topical shampoo
7. Unthrifty- Dull coat, thin, crusty eyes or noses, dehydrated etc.