

Animal Disease Traceability Frequently Asked Questions

Cattle Moving to Wisconsin Fairs, Rodeos, Recreational Events, Shows or Exhibitions

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What do my Wisconsin cattle need to go to a Wisconsin event?

The state of Wisconsin has no requirements for a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) or official identification for Wisconsin cattle moving only within Wisconsin to an event in Wisconsin. Additionally there are no requirements for testing for such movements. In general, cattle with mange, scab, active ringworm, or active warts will not be allowed. You will be asked to provide your livestock premises code.

Individual events may have additional requirements for Wisconsin cattle. Contact the event organizers to verify their requirements.

What do my out of state cattle need to go to a Wisconsin event?

- Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate).
- Official identification for all animals (this includes steers and calves at side). The complete ID number must be written on the CVI. Partial ID numbers are not accepted.
- Tuberculosis (TB) testing may be required depending on the state of origin. Please see our website Animalmovement.datcp.wi.gov, click on Cattle and Bison and then click on your individual state. If you have questions not addressed on the web page, call 608-224-4874 between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Rodeo cattle may have specific TB testing requirements as noted. Contact the event organizer to make sure they have no additional requirements.
- At this time the state of Wisconsin has no requirements for other types of testing or vaccination. Contact the event organizer to make sure they have no additional requirements.
- At this time there are no requirements for any statements except for cattle from Michigan's MA zone (Montmorency, Alpena, Alcona, and Oscoda counties). See Animalmovement.datcp.wi.gov, Click on Cattle and Bison, and then click on Michigan MA zone or call 608-224-4874. Contact the event organizer to make sure they have no additional requirements.
- No import permit is required except for:
 - Cattle from Michigan's MA zone (Montmorency, Alpena, Alcona, and Oscoda counties). For more information, visit animalmovement.datcp.wi.gov. Select Cattle and Bison, and then click on Michigan MA zone. If you have questions not addressed on the web page, call 608-224-4874 between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 - All rodeo cattle. For an import permit application, see animalmovement.datcp.wi.gov, select Import Permit Applications Forms, and select Circus, Rodeo and Menagerie Forms or call 608-224-4874 between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

*What is considered official ID
for cattle?*

- Contact the show organizer to make sure they have no additional or specific requirements.
- Make sure to check the whole tag for the official number. Sometimes the official number is smaller than other information on the tag and closer to the center of the attachment portion of the tag.
- Eartags issued by USDA that conform to the National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES). These tags are usually metal, must have a US Shield if applied after March 11, 2013, and conform to the following numbering system: your state's 2 digit code, 3 letters, and 4 numbers (e.g. 35 ABC 1234)
- Brucellosis (Bang's) vaccination tags (these are the same as above except that they are orange)
- 840 tags--15 digit numbers, the first 3 of which are "840". Can be either visual only or RFID
- 124 tags (Canadian origin tags)-- 15 digit numbers the first 3 of which are "124".
- Manufacturer-coded Animal Identification Numbers – 15 digit numbers the first 3 of which are in the 900 series (982, 985, 980). These are acceptable if they were applied prior to March 11, 2015.
- American ID – 8-12 digit number preceded by "USA". These are acceptable if they were applied prior to March 11, 2015. Include the USA on official paperwork like the CVI.
- The complete ID number must be written on the CVI. Partial numbers are not accepted.