Animal Health Regulations
Rodeos in Wisconsin 2026 Season

This is a summary of animal health requirements for rodeos, including rodeos at fairs, shows, and exhibitions. *They are not necessarily the same as requirements for importing animals into Wisconsin or moving them within the state for other purposes. They may change if animal diseases occur in Wisconsin or elsewhere, so you should always check our website or contact us for current information. Local jurisdictions and rodeos or fairs, shows, or exhibitions may have additional requirements. Event organizers should contact local jurisdictions and exhibitors should contact the event organizers for more information.   Ref. s. ATCP 10.81 and 10.87, Wis. Admin. Code*

General Requirements for Event Organizers	**All rodeos of any length** must obtain, review, and keep for five years all required records and test results. ☐ Exhibitor's name and address ☐ Animal identification (number, type, description, and, when required, official identification (see requirements for different animals below)) ☐ Documents showing compliance with disease testing and other health requirements ☐ Livestock premises number, if any, where animals originated ☐ Documentation showing legal importation to the event (if applicable) and, when required, movement to the event (see requirements for different animals below) **Rodeos lasting more than 24 hours** must appoint a licensed veterinarian to inspect all animals daily. **These regulations apply** to all rodeos, including those that occur in conjunction with a fair, show, or other exhibition. • The **event organizer** responsible for the rodeo records is the rodeo organizer. When fairs, shows, and exhibitions hold rodeos as part of their event, they are also event organizers for the rodeos and are additionally responsible for keeping the records. • **Exhibitors** include individuals who bring animals to participate in the rodeo as well as suppliers of stock animals for use in bull riding, bronc riding, roping, wrestling, penning, etc. Exhibitors do not include participants that do not bring animals. • This document includes requirements for cattle/bison, horses, sheep/goats. If additional species will be part of the rodeo, including side acts, visit AnimalMovement.datcp.wi.gov, email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov, or call (608) 224-4874 for more information.
Diseases	**Animals that show evidence of having contagious or infectious diseases** may not be commingled (or housed/kept) with other animals at a rodeo in such a way as to allow disease to spread. Such animals should not attend the rodeo. Animals may be denied entry if they arrive at these events with contagious or infectious diseases, isolated and/or removed if they develop disease after arriving or be subject to other action as would be necessary to control disease. **Bovine animals with ringworm, mange, warts or scab** will be removed from the rodeo, unless the veterinarian in charge finds warts or ringworm lesions are incapable of transmitting disease.

Cattle and bison	**Cattle and bison from WITHIN Wisconsin:**
	o No requirements for tests, identification, or health documents
	o Records required include exhibitor's name and address, number/type/description of animals, livestock premises number, if any, where animals originated
	Cattle and bison from OUTSIDE Wisconsin must:
	o Be accompanied by **certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)** documenting import permit number, official animal identification (ID) of animals arriving, and all required tests and certifications
	o Have an **import permit number**
	o For information on obtaining an import permit:
	• Online *https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx*
	• Email *DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov*
	• Call (608) 224-4874
	o All cattle (all ages) must have **official ID** (including steers)
	o **Acceptable official individual ID**
	• 15-digit "840" RFID tags
	• Valid only if applied before November 5, 2024:
	• Visual only 15 digit "840" tags
	• USDA metal ear tag number that starts with the state 2-digit code and is followed by 3 letters and 4 numbers (e.g. 35ABC1234). This includes the orange brucellosis vaccination tag.
	• Valid only if applied before March 11, 2015:
	• Manufacturer-coded RFID tag - 15-digit number with the first three digits in 900s
	• American ID tag – 8 to 12-digit number prefaced with "USA"
	o Meet all of Wisconsin's normal testing requirements for import (see *https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx)*
	o No current requirements for brucellosis testing or vaccination
	o Currently **Tuberculosis testing is required** for cattle from Texas and Michigan, including whole herd and individual animal testing and additional statements for cattle from Michigan's Modified Accredited Zone. For more information see: *https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx*
	o Records required include exhibitor's name and address, official ID of animals, documentation showing compliance with TB testing if from Texas or Michigan, livestock premises number, if any, where animals originated, documentation showing legal importation to the event
	o Please note: All of this information should be included on the CVI (health certificate). If so, keeping a copy of the CVI would meet the records requirement.
	Cattle from Canada must meet current federal requirements to enter the United States. (Visit https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ca-protocol-imp-cattle-bison.pdf)
	Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check *https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx.*

Equine	**Equine animals from WITHIN Wisconsin** need:

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- ☐ Documentation of a **negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA/Coggins) test** with a blood collection date within the previous 12 months, which clearly identifies the animal by complete description, digital photographs, or an approved microchip (if a reader is available). No test is needed for nursing foals accompanying negative dams. Documentation may be:
  - o Official test report VS 10-11, *or*
  - o USDA-approved electronic test form, *or*
  - o Global Vet Link EIA electronic form, *or*
  - o Certificate of veterinary inspection with the test results listed
- ☐ Records required include exhibitor's name and address, number/type/description of animals, documentation showing compliance with EIA (Coggins) testing, livestock premises number, if any, where animals originated
  - o Please note: All of this information should be included on the EIA (Coggins) test paper if the exhibitor is the owner indicated on the test document. If so, keeping a copy of the EIA (Coggins) test would meet the records requirement.

Equine animals from OUTSIDE Wisconsin need:

- ☐ **Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)** which clearly identifies the animal by complete description, digital photographs, or an approved microchip and documents import permit number (if required) and negative EIA (Coggins) test result
  - o Inspection date must be within 30 days of import into Wisconsin
  - o The first WI address to which the animals are imported must be on the CVI.
- ☐ **Negative EIA (Coggins) test** with a blood collection date within the previous 12 months that is reported on the CVI
  - o No EIA (Coggins) test is needed for nursing foals accompanying negative dams
- ☐ **Import permit required for rodeo stock horses** (not individual participant horses)
  - o For information on obtaining an import permit:
    - ▪ Online https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx
    - ▪ Email *DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov*
    - ▪ Call (608) 224-4874
- ☐ Records required include exhibitor's name and address, official ID of animals, documentation showing compliance with EIA (Coggins) testing, livestock premises number, if any, where animals originated, documentation showing legal importation to the event
  - o Please note: All of this information should be included on the CVI (health certificate). If so, keeping a copy of the CVI would meet the records requirement.

Individual participant equines from Minnesota are exempt from the CVI requirement if all conditions apply:

- ☐ Ownership does not change while the animal is in Wisconsin
- ☐ The animal remains in Wisconsin no longer than seven (7) days
- ☐ Proof of a negative EIA (Coggins) test in previous 12 months accompanies the animal

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check *https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HorseOtherEquineMvmt.aspx*

Sheep and goats	**Sheep and goats from WITHIN Wisconsin need:** ☐ **Official Identification** required 　　o If sexually intact, need official individual identification (ID) *at any age* 　　o If not sexually intact, need official individual ID if they are *12 months or older* 　　o See below for Official ID options. ☐ Records required include exhibitor's name and address, official ID of animals, livestock premises number, if any, where animals originated **Sheep and goats from OUTSIDE Wisconsin need:** ☐ **Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)** documenting import permit number, official animal identification (ID) of animals arriving, and all required tests and certifications ☐ Have an **import permit number** 　　o For information on obtaining an import permit: 　　　▪ Online *https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx* 　　　▪ Email *DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov* 　　　▪ Call (608) 224-4874 ☐ **Official individual ID** for all animals - see below for Official ID options ☐ **TB testing requirements for goats from Michigan's Tuberculosis Modified Accredited Zone** 　　o Originate from a herd that has a negative whole-herd TB test within 12 months before arrival in Wisconsin that includes all animals one (1) year and older 　　o Negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin 　　o Animals must return directly to the state of origin after the show, and there must be a statement on the CVI that they will be doing so ☐ Records required include exhibitor's name and address, official ID of animals, documentation showing compliance with TB testing if from Michigan, livestock premises number, if any, where animals originated, documentation showing legal importation to the event 　　o Please note: All of this information should be included on the CVI (health certificate). If so, keeping a copy of the CVI would meet the records requirement. **Official Identification includes:** ☐ Scrapie eartags ☐ USDA 840 ear tags ☐ Legible breed association tattoos if accompanied by registration papers in owner's name ☐ Legible scrapie tattoos ☐ Approved microchips if a reader is available (Electronic Identification/EID) – There are many requirements that need to be met to use microchips including a requirement for accompanying tattoos. VisitDATCP Website*. ☐ *For more information on official identification, visit the DATCP Website at https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/OfficialID.aspx Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check *https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SheepGoatMovement.aspx*.