

NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD

Guide for Livestock Exhibitors

The New Mexico Livestock Board is responsible for helping assure the health and ownership of livestock in New Mexico. To help you understand New Mexico Livestock Board's requirements for their safe and legal movement to and from New Mexico's stock shows and fairs, please consider the following:

CATTLE

The animal must have a Livestock Board inspection for movement, regardless whether traveling within or outside the District.

Brands: All show cattle must be branded with a New Mexico registered brand; if not that of the animal's owner, a letter of permission from the brand's owner is required. Fresh brands are not allowed—the brand must be “peeled and healed.” Freeze brands do not qualify. Dairy heifers may be shown with the originating dairy's registered brand only under a letter of permission from that dairy. Certificates of brand exemption are allowed only on registered breeding cattle—steers do not qualify.

A Bill of Sale must accompany the animal to the show.

All Breeding Bulls require a negative Trichomoniasis test.

Dairy cattle from out-of-state, 4 months and older, require a negative Tuberculosis test.

SHEEP & GOATS

The animal must have a Livestock Board inspection for movement, regardless whether traveling within or outside the district.

The animal must either (1) be tattooed (with approved 4H, FFA, or owner's tattoo), (2) have current owner's recorded ear-tag, or (3) have current owner's recorded earmark. If at least one of these requirements is not met, the animal will not be cleared for movement to the show.

The animal must have a current Scrapie tag.

A Bill of Sale must accompany the animal to the show.

HORSES

All horses moving in-state must be inspected for movement or be accompanied by a 1-H permanent inspection card.

All horses arriving in New Mexico from out-of-state must be accompanied by a negative Coggins test and a health certificate.

All breeding stallions must be accompanied by a negative Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) test.

SWINE

NMLB does not have in-state inspection requirements. You should contact the destination stock shows for their rules regarding ownership, identification, and health.

All in-state swine require an import inspection at destination and must be accompanied by the original official certificate of veterinary inspection and import permit.

This information is only provided 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, most importantly, your Livestock Inspector for updated information well ahead of your planned date of transport.