LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION RULES
*COMING 2025

The Missouri Department of Agriculture is implementing new animal health requirements for cattle and swine exhibitors at fairs and exhibitions in Missouri for 2025. MDA's goal is to ensure animals arrive to shows healthy and return home healthy. If the U.S. has a livestock disease outbreak, animal traceability will be crucial in allowing the continuation of animal exhibitions and commerce within the animal agriculture industry. MDA is taking a proactive step toward disease prevention and traceability. Similar rules are already in place for sheep, goats, poultry and equine.

Whats New?

Cattle and swine exhibitors must provide a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), completed by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the show.

- A printed or an electronic version of the CVI is acceptable.
- Ensure all the shows where you intend to exhibit within Missouri over the 30-day period are listed on one CVI.
- Cattle and swine projects must be identified with an official form of identification.

Official Identification

- An official National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tag
  - Begins with the official state number 43 for Missouri.
  - Allocated by USDA to accredited veterinarians.

- An official Animal Identification Number (AIN) tag
  - Consists of 15 digits, beginning with 840 for the United States.
  - Visual or Radio Frequency Identification (RFID).
  - Available directly from the manufacturer with proof of a Premises Identification Number, or provided by an accredited veterinarian.

- A registration tattoo and registration papers from the appropriate breed association.

2024 will serve as an educational year for exhibitors and exhibition leadership to become accustomed to the new rules. See Enforcement Discretion document.

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