

Indiana Entry Health Requirements

Entry Requirements: Cattle, Bison, Camelids

The following is a summary of Indiana's animal health laws governing the transportation of cattle into Indiana. For additional information, contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health Cattle & Ruminant Division at (317)227-0315 or [click here](#) to submit an e-mail inquiry.

Animal Identification:

REQUIRED: All animals regardless of purpose or ultimate destination must be identified and the numbers must be on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:

Required. Must be completed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian within the 30 days immediately prior to the animal entering Indiana. Although a certificate of veterinary inspection is not required for animals consigned for immediate slaughter or delivered directly to a slaughter establishment, the animals must be individually identified with the Identification record on the CVI. Shipments of slaughter animals must be accompanied by a shipping manifest or bill of lading that documents the movement.

Entry Permit:

Required. A permit to transport cattle, bison and cervids into Indiana must be obtained prior to transporting such animals into Indiana. Additionally, prior to import, cervid owners must fill out a Pre-Import permit prior to being given a permit number for importation. This can take 5 to 7 days. With the exception of the cervid requirements, permits for other animals may be obtained at any time by calling (317)227-0316.

Testing:

No animal that has tested positive for Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, or any other infectious or contagious disease may enter Indiana. No animal that originates from a herd that is quarantined for Tuberculosis or Brucellosis may enter Indiana.

Brucellosis:

Dairy and breeding cattle must test negative for Brucellosis within the 30 days immediately prior to entering Indiana. The following animals must have official identification but do not need a Brucellosis test prior to entry:

1. Cattle that originate from a state designated Brucellosis-free by the United States Department of Agriculture.
2. Calves under 400 pounds and under 180 days of age.

3. Beef cattle that are under 24 months of age and that are officially vaccinated, identified with a vaccination tattoo, and accompanied by proof of vaccination.
4. Dairy cattle that are under 20 months of age and that are officially vaccinated, identified with a vaccination tattoo, and accompanied by proof of vaccination.
5. Animals originating from a certified Brucellosis-free herd.

Dairy and breeding cattle that originate from a state designated Class A or Class B for Brucellosis by the United States Department of Agriculture must meet the following requirements:

1. Animals originating from a certified Brucellosis-free herd do not need a Brucellosis test to enter Indiana if the certificate of veterinary inspection accompanying the animal indicates the certified herd number and the date of the last herd test. The last herd test must have been within the 12 months immediately prior to entering Indiana.
2. All other cattle must be tested for Brucellosis within the 30 days immediately prior to entering Indiana and are quarantined at the point of destination and must be retested for Brucellosis between 45 and 90 days after entry.

Tuberculosis:

TB-Free states and zones

Cattle or bison, **excluding** dairy breed females (see above), may move with no restrictions.

Modified Accredited Advanced States or Zones

(most of Michigan, New Mexico and California)

Cattle and bison, excluding dairy breed females (see above), must test negative for tuberculosis within 60 days prior to entering Indiana if they are 18 months of age and older.

Modified Accredited States or Zones

(TB-infected zone in northeastern Michigan)

- Steers and spayed heifers two months of age and older must test negative for tuberculosis within 60 days prior to entering Indiana.
- All sexually intact animals must originate from herds that test negative for TB within one year prior to the date of movement into Indiana; and be individually tested within 60 days prior to entering if the animal is two months of age or older.

Exceptions to TB Testing Requirements

(all sexes, breeds, and states or zones)

- Animals moving directly to slaughter or to slaughter through only one approved livestock facility.
- Animals originating from an accredited herd (note accredited number must be provided).
- Animals moved on accordance with a BOAH-approved commuter herd agreement.

Identification

Animals must be individually and officially identified and moved on a 30-day Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. A pre-entry permit may be obtained 24 hours a day from BOAH at 317-227-0316.

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF CATTLE IN INDIANA

Please call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at 1-877-747-3038 with questions concerning animal health requirements.

A. Limitations on Exhibition

This section describes limitations on exhibiting animals in Indiana. There may be other exhibition limitations that are described in the specific species requirements.

1. Failure to meet all animal health requirements will result in removal of animals from the exhibition premise.

2. The following animals are not eligible for exhibition in Indiana:

- a. Animals that originate from a herd that is under quarantine.
- b. Any animal classified as a brucellosis "suspect".
- c. Animals showing symptoms of any infectious or communicable disease or that are a health hazard to persons or other animals.
- d. Any animal that does not meet state animal health requirements.

3. Any animal that develops or shows signs of any infectious or communicable disease during exhibition must be removed from the premise including the surrounding exhibition grounds. An owner that is disputing the exclusion of their animal from exhibition may not exhibit the animal in question pending any appeal.

B. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection

1. **For animals that originate in Indiana**, contact the exhibition organizer to determine the certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) requirement, if any.

2. **For animals that originate outside the State of Indiana**, the exhibitor must have a properly completed official certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI, commonly known as "health papers") for the animal. This CVI requirement applies to the following types of animals:

- a. All animals of the family Bovidae, including cattle, sheep, goats, and buffalo.

A certificate of veterinary inspection on any animal coming from outside Indiana for exhibition in Indiana is valid for 30 days.

3. Certificates of veterinary inspection accompanying animals for exhibition must be completed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian who has personally inspected the animals and must clearly include a description of each animal including the age, sex, and breed of the animal, and the official identification for each animal.

4. Certificates of veterinary inspection for all out-of-state swine and cattle going to the Indiana State Fair must have the import permit number for the 2010 Indiana State Fair, "INSF10", written on the certificate.

5. A copy of the official certificate of veterinary inspection for each animal exhibited must be on file at the state veterinarian's office prior to the opening day of the exhibition.

C. Identification

All exhibition animals must be permanently and individually identified by an acceptable method. Acceptable methods vary by species but may include an ear tag, legible tattoo, standard ear notch, and individual brand or breed registration number. Official identification acceptable for specific species of livestock exhibited in Indiana are as follows:

Cattle: official ear tag, tattoo, or individual brand or registration number if accompanied by registration papers. Indiana steers that do not require testing may use an ear tag (e.g. plastic ear tag).

D. Testing

All tests required for exhibition must be conducted at the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) at Purdue University, a laboratory approved by the Indiana Board of Animal Health or a state-federal approved laboratory.

CATTLE

1. **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES.**

2. **Cattle from Indiana** do not need a brucellosis test or a tuberculosis test for exhibition in Indiana.

3. The following **cattle from outside the state** must test negative for **tuberculosis** within 60 days prior to the date of arrival to the exhibition:

a. All sexually intact female dairy cattle that are six (6) months of age or older that will be sold or otherwise not removed from the state within ten (10) days of the fair.

b. **Cattle from states that are not designated tuberculosis free by the U.S. Department of Agriculture** must meet additional requirements for entry into Indiana. Contact the Indiana Board of Animal Health for specific information at 1-877-747-3038, extension 315. As of November 1, 2009 areas of Minnesota, Michigan, California and New Mexico are not USDA designated tuberculosis free.

4. **Cattle from outside the state** do not need a brucellosis test as long as the state of origin is classified as brucellosis free by the United States Department of Agriculture.

5. All cattle, including Indiana cattle, that are to be offered for sale at an exhibition must have the necessary testing and other requirements completed within 30 days prior to the sale date.

For more information on cattle health requirements, call the Indiana Board of Animal Health at (317) 227-0315.