

LIVESTOCK SHOW FACT SHEET

WHAT'S NEW FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION IN 2008

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The Ohio Livestock Show Reform Act authorizes the Director of Agriculture to adopt mandatory and optional rules. Mandatory rules apply to all livestock shows, while the sponsor has the option to opt out of the optional rules on an individual rule basis. If a sponsor decides not to opt out of an optional rule, the rule then becomes mandatory. The following is a clarification of how the statute (Ohio Revised Code) and rules (Ohio Administrative Code) are to be interpreted and applied at all **terminal, partial terminal and non-terminal** livestock exhibitions in Ohio:

1. Livestock is inclusive of all species, except equine;
2. Livestock exhibitions include all county and independent fairs, the Ohio State Fair and **all preview and jackpot shows**;
3. A sponsor is any entity who conducts an exhibition **including preview and jackpot shows**;
4. The sponsor **may** opt out of any or all of the optional rules at least **30 days prior to the opening** (a form will be provided and must be returned to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Oh. 43068);
5. Effective February 13, 2004, exhibitors shall annually attend or complete a quality assurance program before exhibiting terminal or partial terminal market livestock, or at the option of Ohio State University Extension, annually pass a test administered by or under the supervision of Ohio State University Extension.
6. Effective February 19, 2007, OAC 901-19-07, exhibitors may pass a test based on age and skill level to be exempt from quality assurance re-certification. This exemption is at the discretion of OSU Extension or Ohio agricultural education.
7. The department does not require Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for exhibition livestock originating in Ohio including swine. However, an exhibition sponsor can choose to require additional regulations above those of the department.
8. Ohio obtained Stage 5 pseudorabies status on January 1, 2001. Pseudorabies testing is no longer required for Ohio swine to be exhibited. **October 2004** - all states achieved Stage 5 status.
9. Effective February 15, 2003, the optional rule, OAC 901-19-33 (D), prohibits the slick clipping or body shaving of market hogs except on the ears and tails. The word "underline" has been removed from this rule;
10. Effective February 15, 2003, OAC 901-19-02 (II) "slick clipping" or "body shaving" means having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs;
11. Even if the sponsor opts out of one or more of the optional tampering rules, the **statute prohibits** the use of any material, gas, solid, or liquid, that **conceals, transforms or enhances** the true confirmation or configuration of **all livestock**, including by way of **example but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, and hemp**;
12. For **breeding classes** the rules of the breed association will constitute **acceptable** grooming practices;
13. Effective May 31, 2001, an acceptable practices rule, **OAC 901-19-12 (Q)**, only permits drenching of lambs for a medical condition at an exhibition when diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian and an unacceptable practices rule, **OAC 901-19-13 (H)**, drenching of lambs at an exhibition is prohibited except as permitted under paragraph (Q) of rule 901-19-12 of the Administrative Code.
14. Effective February 13, 2004, OAC 901-19-38 (C), **accessory reproductive tissue was removed from the false, deceptive or unacceptable practices rule**.
15. Effective February 12, 2007, identification requirements for sheep and goats were added to OAC 901:1-18-07 and OAC 901:1-18-09.

16. The Exhibition Livestock Health Rules apply to any exhibition over **36 hours** in duration or has livestock **whose origin is not Ohio** and that exhibition must have an **approved veterinarian** (a form will be provided and must be returned to the Ohio Department of Agriculture at least **20 days prior to the opening date**);
17. Junior market livestock shows at county and independent fairs and the Ohio State Fair are defined as either terminal or partial terminal shows:
 - a. partial means that at least the grand and reserve grand champion animals are required to go to slaughter or **directly** to a licensed livestock facility for slaughter only,
 - b. terminal means all market livestock go to slaughter or **directly** to a licensed livestock facility for slaughter only;
18. Preview and jackpot shows, as well as breeding classes are **non-terminal shows**;
19. At all terminal, partial terminal and non-terminal shows **urine and hair samples** may be collected;
20. A Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) **will be required** to be completed for all livestock for which a test sample is collected;
21. OAC 901-19-06 (D) the Director of Agriculture shall require a DUNF be completed for livestock including market steer, market hog, market lamb, veal calf, market dairy steer, market goats, market poultry, lactating dairy cattle and lactating dairy goats, and **be reviewed locally** (assistance will be available from the Ohio Department of Agriculture by faxing the form to 614-728-6310);
22. **For all shows the statute prohibits** the misuse of legal drugs (including but not limited to the use of drugs approved for use in humans, but not approved for animal use) and the use of illegal drugs;
23. The statute **prohibits** the showing of **tranquilized** livestock, including products such as Calf Calm, and **diuretics for cosmetic purposes**;
24. All livestock entered in a carcass contest at a terminal, partial terminal, and non-terminal show must be **drug free on the day of show**:
 - a. the withdrawal time must have elapsed by the day of show, or
 - b. the drug must not exceed the tolerance level on the day of show;
25. Immediately before or during a terminal and partial terminal show and sale and within a **valid veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR)** or for a **valid medical purpose** a drug or an over-the-counter (OTC) drug may be used if it is **declared on a DUNF** and the drug's **side effect does not conceal, transform or enhance** the conformation of the treated livestock, any such permitted drug use must be **disclosed at the time of sale**;
26. The drug use notification form shall be filed with the records official **prior** to the show in which the animal is entered. If at any time, the information on the original drug use notification form changes, an updated form shall be filed **immediately** with the records official.
27. At non-terminal shows the use of drugs requires a **VCPR** for prescription and extra-label use of drugs, and OTC drugs must be used for a **valid medical purpose** and according to label directions and **must be declared on a DUNF**.

The preceding is not intended to be an all encompassing review of the statute and rules as they pertain to livestock exhibitions in Ohio. Exhibitors, exhibition sponsors, parents, advisors, and veterinarians are encouraged to call the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Tony M. Forshey, D.V.M., at 614-728-6220 with any questions.

The success of this program is based on the continued input and cooperation of educators, industry, and government. Through your continued support, Ohio will continue to be a national leader in livestock show reform.