

**LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**  
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**\*\*Please share this information with the accredited veterinarian issuing paperwork.  
If you have questions, please contact the State Veterinarian’s Office at (303) 869-9130 or consult our import requirements online.**

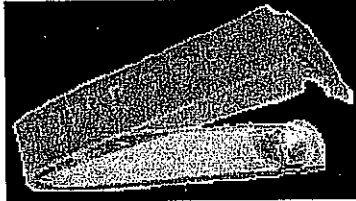
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**IMPORTANT ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION UPDATE:**

As of March 2013, all cattle moving interstate for exhibition or show events, such as the NWSS, are required to have individual identification ear tags present in the ear. To avoid potential problems, all U.S. cattle entering the NWSS grounds will be expected to have a USDA Official ID ear tag present in the ear. The following tags are considered official: Orange Metal Official Calfhood Vaccinate (OCV/Bang’s) tag, Silver Metal USDA tag, 840 RFID tag, visual/panel 840 ear tag, or an ear tag with the U.S. seal and “Unlawful to Remove” plus a unique animal number. Examples of these tags are below. Cattle without proper identification may have one placed at the discretion of the Colorado State Veterinarian’s office and the owner’s expense.

**Official Cattle Identification Examples:**

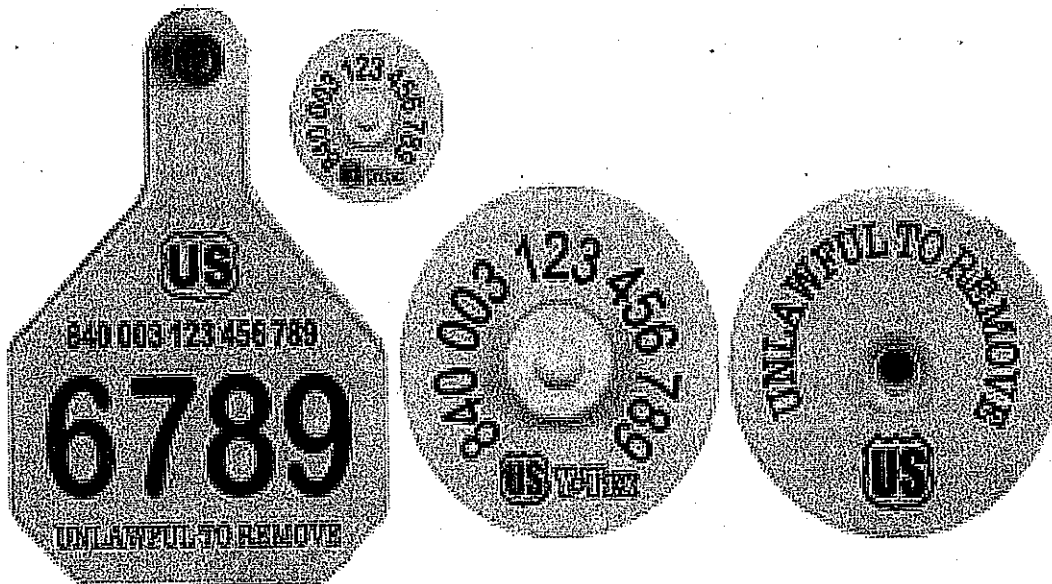
**USDA Orange OCV Tag**



**USDA Silver Metal Tag**



**Visual and RFID 840-tag**



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**SECTION ONE – HEALTH CERTIFICATES & GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. All animals entering Stock Show grounds must have a current health certificate issued within the last 30 days. See other testing requirements by species below.
  - a. **HEALTH CERTIFICATE/CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) -** Must be an official form from the State or Providence of origin, issued by an accredited licensed veterinarian, which shows that the animals listed meet the health requirements of the NWSS for import into Colorado. The certificates must be filled out legibly and completely. CVI's must accompany animals upon arrival and be turned into Animal Health Officials upon arrival. Each CVI must:
    - i. Have the original plus three (3) copies.
    - ii. Be issued within 30 days unless the state of origin has a confirmed index case of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) or has any premises under quarantine for VS. If a State has either of these cases, CVI's must be issued within five days of arrival.
    - iii. List required tests, vaccinations, and/or treatments.
    - iv. All Animals must be officially identified and listed individually. See official identification options in (2) below.
  2. **Official Identification by species. List all animals with their individual identification separately on the CVI. All animals must comply with the federal Animal Disease Traceability rule and be officially identified and listed individually on the CVI/health certificate:**
    - a. **Cattle:** Official USDA-approved unique identification ear tag placed IN the ear; Breed tattoos and brands are not considered official for CVIs. Call the Colorado State Veterinarian's office if you need assistance with official ID. Canadian cattle – see specific identification requirements under Canadian cattle.
    - b. **Sheep:** Official USDA Scrapie Eradication Program ear tag.
    - c. **Goats:** Official USDA Scrapie Eradication Program ear tag or legible tattoo accompanied by a breed registration certificate.
    - d. **Swine:** Ear notch. If a purebred animal, registration papers must accompany the ear notch.
    - e. **Alpacas/Llamas:** Microchip, ear tag, or tattoo.
  3. **Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD):** All cattle, bison, yaks, llamas, and alpacas must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI).
  4. All livestock entering this show will be subject to examination by a National Western Stock Show (NWSS) veterinarian or the State Veterinarian's Office upon arrival.
  5. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases will be immediately withdrawn from the show.
  6. Any animal with visible active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, or multiple warts will NOT be permitted to exhibit.
  7. An import permit is required for all non-OCV heifers/cows and all bulls, all sheep & goats, and all pigs. Permits can be obtained by calling the Colorado State Veterinarian's office with complete shipping information at (303) 869-9130.

**SECTION TWO - SALE ANIMALS (CATTLE, BISON, YAKS)**

"Hill" cattle sales, "Yards" sales, Pen cattle, and Carload cattle.

Regardless of origin, all sale animals must meet the following requirements for transportation from NWSS to any state in the continental United States.

**IMPORTANT ALL SALE ANIMALS must arrive with the proper testing/requirements for Brucellosis, Tuberculosis, BVD, Scabies, Trich, and Anaplasma/Bluetongue. See Details below.**

**U.S. ORIGIN - COLORADO OR OUT OF STATE ORIGIN**

1. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE INCLUDING OFFICIAL ID PLUS
  - a. Import permit for non-OCV vaccinated heifers/cows
  - b. Import permit for all bulls
2. BRUCELLOSIS
  - Females
    - a. Official Calfhood Vaccinated (OCV) with a legible vaccination tattoo.  
AND
    - b. Females 24 months of age and over must test negative within 30 days prior to sale date or be from a certified free herd.
  - Bulls
    - a. Bulls six months of age and over must test negative within 30 days prior to sale date or be from a certified free herd.
3. TUBERCULOSIS - All breeding animals must be tested and negative within 60 days prior to sale date and/or be from an accredited herd. If from an accredited herd, list the last whole herd test date. If the animals are coming from California or Michigan, please call the Colorado State Veterinarian's office at (303) 869-9130 for complete testing details.
4. BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA (BVD) - Must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI).
5. SCABIES - All animals must have been officially treated for Scabies by the following: treated with an Ivermectin or Ivermectin-like product(s) at required dose, according to label directions, between 1 and 10 days prior to sale date.
6. TRICHOMONIASIS - All sale bulls 12 months of age or older shall have a negative PCR T. fetus test within 30 days prior to entry to the NWSS.
7. ANAPLASMOSIS AND BLUETONGUE - A test is recommended within 30 days of sale date, as animals may sell to some eastern states that require a negative test for either or both diseases.

**CANADIAN ORIGIN SALE ANIMALS**

1. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE PLUS
  - a. Import permit for non-OCV vaccinated heifers/cows
  - b. Import permit for all bulls
2. BRUCELLOSIS
  - Females
    - a. Females 6 months of age and over must be tested and negative within 30 days prior to sale date or be from a certified free herd.
  - OR
  - b. Be Official Calfhood Vaccinates (OCV) with a legible vaccination tattoo. This would occur if the heifer was vaccinated in the U.S. then moved to Canada. If OCV vaccinated, females over 24 months must be tested and negative within 30 days prior to sale date.
    - Bulls
      - a. Bulls six months of age and over must be tested and negative within 30 days prior to sale date or be from a certified free herd.
3. TUBERCULOSIS - All animals must be tested and negative within 60 days prior to sale date and/or be from an accredited herd. If from an accredited free herd then list last whole herd test date.
4. BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA (BVD) - Must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI).
5. SCABIES - Animals must have been officially treated for Scabies by the following; treated with an Ivermectin or Ivermectin-like products at required dose, according to label directions, between 1 and 10 days prior to sale date.

6. **TRICHOMONIASIS** - All sale bulls 12 months of age or older shall have a negative PCR T. fetus test within 30 days prior to entry to the NWSS.
7. **ANAPLASMOSIS AND BLUETONGUE** - A test is recommended within 30 days of sale date, as animals may sell to states that require a negative test for either or both diseases.
8. **IDENTIFICATION** - Canadian cattle coming to NWSS for sale must have all of the following:
  - a. CAN freeze brand or hot iron brand placed high on the right hip. The characters shall be a minimum of 2"x 2" and shall not exceed 3"x 3".
  - b. CAN ear tattoo.
  - c. Official RFID.
  - d. If Canadian cattle intended for exhibition only are sold, the Colorado Brand Commissioner shall be notified of this sale. The animal shall be CAN branded high on the right hip before leaving the NWSS grounds.

**SECTION THREE - SHOW OR EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS**  
**(CATTLE, BISON, YAKS)**

**OUT OF STATE ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS - SHOW OR EXHIBITION**

1. **CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE INCLUDING OFFICIAL ID PLUS**
  - a. Import permit for non-OCV vaccinated heifers/cows
  - b. Import permit for all bulls
2. **BRUCELLOSIS** - No animals from a Brucellosis quarantined herd are permitted entry. Animals may enter the show if they qualify for Brucellosis in one of the following ways:
  - a. Originate from a herd not under quarantine in a Brucellosis Class Free State. Animals coming from the Designated Surveillance Areas of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming must have both:
    - i. A negative Brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entry into Colorado or originate from a certified free herd.
    - ii. Be Officially Calfhood Vaccinated (OCV)
  - b. Originate from a Brucellosis certified free herd. Certification number/date of test recorded on the CVI.
  - c. Be Officially Calfhood Vaccinated (OCV) with a legible tattoo and ear tag. Information should be properly recorded on CVI.
3. **TUBERCULOSIS**
  - a. Beef cattle or bison from herds not under quarantine or current investigation for tuberculosis originating from tuberculosis accredited free-State or area or accredited free herd may enter without a test, unless they are coming from California or Michigan.
  - b. If the animals are coming from California or Michigan, please call the Colorado State Veterinarian's office at (303) 869-9130 for complete testing details.
4. **BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA (BVD)** - Must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI).
5. **TRICHOMONIASIS** - Exhibition bulls are exempt from testing as long as no potential breeding contact will occur while in Colorado.

**IN STATE/COLORADO ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS - SHOW OR EXHIBITION**

1. **CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE**
2. **BRUCELLOSIS** - No test required. Must be from a herd not under quarantine or investigation.
3. **TUBERCULOSIS** - No test required. Must be from a herd not under quarantine or investigation.
4. **BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA (BVD)** - Must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI).
5. **TRICHOMONIASIS** - Exhibition bulls are exempt from testing as long as no potential breeding contact will occur while in Colorado.

**CANADIAN ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS - SHOW OR EXHIBITION**

1. **CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE**

2. **BRUCELLOSIS** – Animals must not be from a herd under Brucellosis quarantine and they must have a negative test within 30 days of the show for animals 6 months of age or older.
3. **TUBERCULOSIS** - Cattle or bison must originate from herds not under quarantine or current investigation for tuberculosis and must have a negative test within 60 days of the show for animals 6 months of age and older.
4. **BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA (BVD)** – Must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI).
5. **TRICHOMONIASIS** - Exhibition bulls are exempt from testing as long as no potential breeding contact will occur while in Colorado.
6. **IDENTIFICATION** - Canadian cattle coming to NWSS for exhibition and returning to Canada must:
  - a. Have a legible CAN ear tattoo.
  - b. Official RFID ear tag.
  - c. Return directly to Canada or to the state they originated in prior to coming to the NWSS. If an animal intended for exhibition only is sold, the Colorado Brand Commissioner shall be notified of this sale. The animal shall be CAN branded high on the right hip before leaving the NWSS grounds.

#### **SECTION FOUR - OPEN BREEDING SHEEP AND GOAT REQUIREMENTS**

1. **CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE**
2. **EXAMINATION** - All sheep and goats will be subject to re-examination before stalling. Sheep and goats with lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of wool/hair and/or sores that are not completely healed (with wool/hair regrowth) will not be permitted to exhibit. If signs of dermatitis, lesions, and/or fungus (ringworm) are visible, such animal will immediately be removed from the NWSS grounds.
3. **BRUCELLA OVIS** – All rams, 6 months of age or older, to be sold at auction or private treaty during the NWSS shall be ELISA test negative for Brucella Ovis within 30 days prior to sale or be from a certified Brucella ovis free flock.
4. **SCRAPIE** – All sheep and goats coming to the NWSS must comply with current scrapie tagging rules that requires sheep and goats to have flock identification ear tags that list their flock of origin and individual animal number. Exhibitors are encouraged to contact their State Veterinarian for current Program requirements.
  - a. Sexually intact animals, regardless of age, must have official USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Identification and identification numbers must be listed on the CVI.
  - b. Goats that have a legible tattoo must be accompanied by a registration certificate showing tattoo from the respective goat breed association.
  - c. Exhibitors with ewes and nannies that are close to lambing or kidding are strongly advised to leave those animals at home. If those animals lamb or kid or show signs of birthing while at the show, they will be isolated and/or possibly asked to leave the grounds. Scrapie Flock Certification Program participants, contact NWSS Livestock Office to make special arrangements for separation of your animals.

#### **SECTION FIVE - JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS** **MARKET STEER AND CATCH-A-CALF:**

1. **CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE**
2. **BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA (BVD)** – Must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds. Pooled samples are accepted so long as individual animal identification is maintained and documented. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI).

#### **SWINE:**

1. **CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN SECTION ONE**

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