



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Texas Youth Livestock Exhibitions & Events

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### 1. Who is responsible for ensuring Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) requirements are met at livestock exhibitions and events?

It is the responsibility of show management to ensure all entry requirements have been met, prior to allowing an animal on the premises.

### 2. Who is responsible for keeping up with TAHC requirements that must be met prior to entering a livestock exhibition or event?

It is the responsibility of individual exhibitors or event attendees to keep up with all requirements that must be met prior to entering a livestock exhibition or event.

### 3. Where can I go to determine current regulations and requirements for my animals?

Complete and current TAHC requirements can always be found in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 4, Part 2 and under the "Statutes & Rules" tab on the TAHC home page, <https://www.tahc.texas.gov>. Contact the TAHC Program Records Department, 512-719-0777, for specific questions related to animal movement requirements. Contact individual events to determine if additional requirements must be met.

### 4. If you are hosting or attending a jackpot or open livestock show, who needs a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) to attend?

All livestock attending an interstate show or event must have a valid CVI if there is potential for out-of-state livestock to be present. The TAHC considers shows, fairs, rodeos, events, or exhibitions to be interstate if they allow livestock and poultry from other states to enter and be held or exhibited in common facilities with Texas origin livestock and poultry of the same species. If a show allows out of state animals, in-state exhibitors must also meet the same interstate requirements.

### 5. Does each animal attending an event need their own individual CVI?

Multiple species and animals can be listed on a single CVI, if they are coming from a single location. All animals must be listed, but an individual CVI is not required for each animal.

### 6. Can a single CVI be used throughout the show or rodeo season?

CVIs only qualify movement for one trip (point A to point B). A complete and specific physical location must be recorded, not a PO Box or the show name. The "show circuit" designation is not allowed.

### 7. If you are taking animals from one event directly to another event, how many CVIs do you need?

A CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of issue and must reflect complete and specific physical locations, not a PO Box, show name, or the "show circuit" designation. Livestock originating in Texas may move to more than one destination as long as the CVI is still valid and includes the physical address of each destination. Livestock originating from out-of-state must obtain a separate CVI for each physical destination in Texas.



## 8. Who can issue CVIs for exhibitions and events?

Authorized veterinarians are eligible to issue CVIs. Ensure your veterinarian includes the date of issuance and their accreditation number when issuing a CVI. Once filled out, the official document must not be altered or changed, including the date and location.

## 9. When should animals be tested to comply with change of ownership, movement, and other related requirements?

Regulatory testing for any exhibition or event animal should be conducted prior to an event. Start testing early, if possible. Unpredictable sample shipping issues, slow test results and other unforeseen delays happen frequently. Use the correct forms when submitting to help expedite the process.

## 10. What are the consequences for not following USDA or TAHC movement or exhibition and event requirements?

Livestock animals will be turned away at the show if all animal health requirements are not met. The TAHC has regulatory authority to pursue penalty violations on non-compliant shows, events, and individuals.

## 11. What is official identification (ID) for livestock animals?

Official ID is a fundamental part of traceability and animal disease programs. Cattle, sheep, goats, swine and other livestock are subject to official ID requirements, as outlined by the USDA and TAHC regulations.

## 12. What makes an identification device official?

Official ID devices include an official US shield, and a statement of “unlawful to removed, and a unique identification number.

## 13. Where can I obtain official ID tags for cattle, swine, sheep, and goats entered in livestock exhibition shows?

Contact the TAHC Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) Department, 512-719-0733 or [animal\\_ID@tahc.texas.gov](mailto:animal_ID@tahc.texas.gov), to get more information about official ID for individual species.

## 14. Are validation tags official ID?

Validation ear tags are official identification if they include an official US shield and the words “unlawful to remove.” If a validation tag is official ID, they are required to stay with the animal for the life of the animal.

### Examples of official identification



### Examples of validation tags

