



# Sheep

Current as of May 6, 2022

Sheep include animals of the genus *Ovis*.

Interstate Movement (Out-of-State Moving into Texas)	Intrastate Movement (Texas Moving within Texas)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Prohibited and Restricted Movement:</b> Any animal that is affected, exposed or quarantined in any manner for an infectious, contagious, or communicable disease may not enter the state. Entry into Texas may be granted on a case-by-case basis only after permission is granted from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) Executive Director (<a href="#">4 TAC §51.5</a>). Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.</li> <li>2. <b>Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:</b> A certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) is required within 30 days prior to entry into Texas (<a href="#">§51.2(b)</a>), unless otherwise noted or excepted.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 <u>Note:</u> All ovine coming from a vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) affected state must have a CVI issued within 14 days prior to entry (<a href="#">§51.7(d)</a>).</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <b>Entry Permit:</b> An entry permit is not required for domestic sheep, unless excepted below. Entry permits may be obtained at any time by calling 512-719-0777, or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777, or by emailing the TAHC at <a href="mailto:permits@tahc.texas.gov">permits@tahc.texas.gov</a>.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 <u>Exception:</u> Animals originating from an Inconsistent State (state without an active scrapie surveillance and control program) may enter Texas only if an entry permit is obtained, they are consigned directly to a terminal feedlot, or consigned directly to slaughter (<a href="#">§51.12(b)(2)</a>).</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. <b>Exhibition and Event Requirements:</b> <a href="http://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html#show">www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html#show</a></li> </ol> <p><i>Entry requirements continue on page 2.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Prohibited and Restricted Movement:</b> Any animal that is under a Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) quarantine cannot be moved from a quarantined area unless movement is authorized by the TAHC Executive Director(<a href="#">4 TAC §51.5</a>). Contact the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.</li> <li>2. <b>Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:</b> Sheep are not required to obtain a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI), unless otherwise noted or excepted.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 <u>Note:</u> Sheep must meet the same requirements as for those entering from out-of-state, and be accompanied by a CVI when entering interstate shows, fairs, and exhibitions (<a href="#">§51.4(b)(3)</a>).</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <b>Exhibition and Event Requirements:</b> <a href="http://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html#show">www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html#show</a></li> <li>4. <b>Official Identification Requirements:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1 The following classes of sheep must be identified using official identification ear tags and applied before they are moved from the farm for intrastate or interstate commerce, exhibition, or to be commingled with animals from other farms (<a href="#">§60.2(a)</a>), unless otherwise excepted.                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1.1 All sheep 18 months of age and older (<a href="#">§60.2(a)(1)(A)</a>).</li> <li>4.1.2 All breeding sheep regardless of age (<a href="#">§60.2(a)(1)(B)</a>).</li> <li>4.1.3 Sexually intact show or exhibition sheep (<a href="#">§60.2(a)(1)(C)</a>).</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>



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<p>5. <b>Official Identification Requirements:</b></p> <p>5.1 All breeding, exhibition, or animals in slaughter channels are required to be identified by official ear tag prior to entry (<a href="#">§51.12(b)(1)(A)&amp;(B)</a>), unless excepted below.</p> <p>5.1.1 <u>Exception:</u> Sheep under 18 months of age in slaughter channels (<a href="#">§51.12(b)(1)(B)(i)</a>).</p> <p>6. <b>Testing Requirements:</b></p> <p>6.1 <b>Brucella ovis:</b> All breeding rams six months of age and over must have had a negative ELISA test for <i>Brucella ovis</i> within 30 days prior to entry into Texas or be from a <i>Brucella ovis</i> free flock (<a href="#">§51.12(a)</a>).</p> <p>6.2 <b>Scrapie:</b> All <i>blackface ovine females and all blackface crossbred females</i>, except hair sheep, imported for breeding purposes must originate from a Scrapie Certified Free Flock or have documentation supporting that the animals are of the genotype RR at codon 171, or AA at codon 136 and QR at codon 171 (<a href="#">§51.12(b)(4)</a>).</p> <p>7. <b>Other Requirements:</b></p> <p>7.1 <b>Scabies:</b> For requirements regarding scabies, visit <a href="#">§51.7(a)(2)</a>.</p> <p>7.2 <b>Screwworms:</b> For requirements regarding screwworms, visit <a href="#">§51.7(b)</a>.</p> <p>7.3 <b>Fever Ticks:</b> For requirements regarding fever ticks, visit <a href="#">§51.7(c)</a>.</p>	<p>4.1.4 All exposed, Scrapie-positive, suspect, test-positive, and high-risk animals (<a href="#">§60.2(a)(1)(F)</a>).</p> <p>4.1.5 <u>Exception:</u> If the animals are registered, an acceptable alternative to premise identification ear tag is the registration tattoo when the animal(s) are accompanied by the registration papers (<a href="#">§60.2(a)(1)(E)</a>), unless otherwise excepted.</p> <p>4.1.6 <u>Exception:</u> Wethers (<a href="#">§60.2(a)(2)</a>).</p>
<p><b>International Movement</b> (Sheep moved into Texas from foreign countries)</p>	
<p>Contact USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) for international animal requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Export call 512-383-2411</li> <li>• For Import call 301-851-3300</li> </ul>	