

2023 American Royal Animal Health Requirements

Health Requirements for All Exhibitors: The American Royal Animal Health Requirements may be stricter than those required by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health. In order to exhibit at the American Royal, you must adhere to the following requirements. **Please note:** Health Requirements are subject to change; the following requirements are posted as of July 1, 2023.

All animals exhibited must have a current health certificate/certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued within thirty (30) days before the show. The certificate must be issued from the state of origin by a licensed accredited veterinarian. The animals must have individual identification stating that each animal has been examined and/or are free of infectious, contagious, & communicable disease.

The following must be used as the official identification number:

Swine: Federal 840 tag number (Ear notches will be used as a secondary form of identification).

Steers: Federal 840 tag number

Lambs: USDA Scrapie ID

Goats: USDA Scrapie ID

Breeding Cattle: Registration tattoo with papers or official ID tag (Federal 840 Tag preferred).

Official veterinarians will maintain an office in the American Royal building. All livestock entering the show will be subject to examination by a show and/or State Veterinarian upon arrival to and/or during the show. Any animal, of any species, showing evidence of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable disease will be immediately withdrawn from the show, removed from the grounds, and/or held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense. These animals must remain in the quarantine area while on the grounds. Failure to cooperate with any precautions seen fit by the American Royal staff and/or show/State veterinarians may result in disqualification. There will be no refunds of any entry fees for animals withdrawn from the show.

Health Inspections for All Exhibitors: Upon arrival, animals will be briefly examined in their trailers. Please have health papers available for this inspection. Designated inspection locations for each type of livestock are listed below:

- Swine:
 - o The designated location for complete swine health checks will be under the viaduct South of Governor's Exposition Building. Upon approval of State Veterinarians, swine will be allowed to unload and stall.
- Lambs & Goats:
 - o After unloading on the East side of Lower Exhibition Hall, a complete health check will be conducted at the top of the ramp in Upper Exhibition Hall. Upon the approval from the State Veterinarians, lambs & goats should proceed to stalling.
- Cattle:
 - o All cattle will be inspected at the vehicle entry gate and then will be allowed to unload. Cattle ultimately must be individually viewed by State Veterinarians in their stalls. It is the responsibility of all livestock exhibitors to have their health papers checked by the State Veterinarians. Papers must be checked before animals will be allowed to show.

The American Royal Management reserves the right to change and/or modify vet check procedures as necessary.

Health Requirements for Out of State Exhibitors: If a permit is necessary for your animals to enter the State of Missouri, an accredited veterinarian needs to request the permit from the Missouri Department of Agriculture (573)751- 3377, not more than **15 days prior to arrival** at the American Royal Complex. Consult your veterinarian for interpretation of the requirements outlined on the next page. **All animals moving interstate for exhibition must have official individual identification on a health certificate.**

Cattle

Brucellosis:

- a) Breeding cattle from Brucellosis-free states may enter without a Brucellosis test.
- b) All breeding cattle, 18 months of age and over, from Brucellosis Class A states must be tested and negative within 30 days of the show.
- c) Herds that are certified for Brucellosis may enter on their herd number. The herd number and test date must be recorded on the health certificate.

Steers: All steers must be individually identified on a current health certificate which states they are free from warts and ringworm as well as infectious, contagious, and communicable disease. No Brucellosis test needed.

Tuberculosis:

All breeding cattle, 6 months of age or over must meet one of the following requirements:

- a) Originate from a Tuberculosis-free state
 - All Michigan origin animals must be tuberculosis tested prior to entry into Missouri. Animals originating from Michigan require an entry permit.
- b) Originate from a Tuberculosis-accredited free herd. The herd number and current test date must be recorded on the health certificate
- c) Test negative within 60 days

Lambs & Goats

All lambs and goats must be individually identified and must have an official Scrapie ID that lists their flock of origin and individual number. If lambs or goats have had ringworm or fungus, lesions must have dried and healed. Any animal found to have open, draining wounds or active infectious diseases will be disqualified.

Swine

All swine must have an official Federal 840 tag. Ear notches will be used as a secondary form of verification. All swine are required to have an entry permit.

Brucellosis:

- a) Breeding Swine from Brucellosis-free states may enter without a Brucellosis test.
- b) Breeding Swine originating from Brucellosis stage 2 states must be negative within 60 days of the show.
- c) Herds that are certified for Brucellosis may enter on their herd number. The herd number and test date must be recorded on the health certificate.

Pseudorabies:

- a) Swine originating from a state classified as Stage V in the National Pseudorabies (PRV) Eradication Plan may exhibit without a Pseudorabies test.
- b) All other swine must be tested negative within 60 days prior to show except swine from a qualified pseudorabies free herd. The qualified herd number and date of last qualifying test must be recorded on the health certificate.

Special Requirements for Consignment Sale Cattle

Regardless of origin, consigned sale cattle must meet Missouri Health Requirements. Individual health certificates are required for each animal or lot consigned to a sale held in conjunction with the American Royal. All non-virgin bulls and bulls older than 24 months must be tested negative for Trichomoniasis with an official Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test by an approved diagnostic laboratory within 30 days of the sale. Sale managers shall arrange for veterinary services to issue health papers to new owners of consigned animals.