



General information:

A general overview is presented below, though more information can be found on our Fair and Exhibitions webpage: <https://agr.wa.gov/departments/animals-livestock-and-pets/animal-health/fairs-and-exhibitions>.

Fairs and shows must meet basic federal and state regulations; however, they may choose to exceed these standards on a show to show and state to state basis.



Fair exhibition requirements:

All out-of-state livestock attending fairs must meet import animal health requirements when attending fairs and exhibitions within Washington. Comprehensive import requirements to the state of Washington can be found outlined in (WAC) 16-54-31. **Call the Help Desk with questions or concerns: (360) 902-1878.**

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 16-54-31 Physical address requirements:

Certificate of veterinary inspection, entry permit, movement permit, and temporary grazing permits shall contain the destination physical address for animals entering Washington state except where specifically exempted in this section. For purposes of this section, a physical address is the actual street location of the destination.

Fair exhibitors' additional identification requirements for swine, sheep/goats, and cattle/bison

Swine – official identification:

- All swine leaving the farm of origin, passing through livestock markets or collection facilities, or participating in exhibitions must have USDA-approved identification.
- FREE USDA-approved electronic ID tags and applicators for Washington fairs and youth exhibitors.

FREE IDENTIFICATION TAGS & APPLICATORS TO WA FAIRS & YOUTH SWINE EXHIBITORS

Contact our animal disease traceability coordinator, David Hecimovich, at (360) 725-5493 or dhecimovich@agr.wa.gov to obtain your free tags.

Sheep and goats – scrapie identification:

- Goats traveling, sold, or shown without registration papers require an official scrapie tag, or a tattoo which lists the entire scrapie flock ID and individual animal ID; for example, WAABC 001 or WA1234001. WA livestock markets request that all goats be tagged.
- Castrated sheep and castrated goats under 18 months of age do not require a scrapie id, however most WA markets, fairs, and other areas of commerce require identification.

Cattle and bison — official identification:

- Effective November 5, 2024, newly applied cattle and bison official ID tags will need to have both a visual and an electronic component. Currently, the only official tags that meet these requirements are 840 RFID tags.
- Cattle and bison tagged with metal official tags, including the orange tags used for brucellosis vaccination, will be considered officially identified for their lifetime if the tags were applied before November 5, 2024.