

## Exhibition Identification and Testing Guidelines for Minnesota Livestock and Other Species 8/2017

### Identification:

This is a minimum guideline for the Board of Animal Health; other groups such as 4-H or FFA may have more stringent rules. These identification rules apply to all forms of exhibition including children's barns and petting zoos.

**Cattle and Bison:** Must have at least one form of official identification (NUES, AIN/840, breed registry tattoo/tags and registry number. Cattle born prior to March 2015 may have AIN/900-998 or 'USA' with 8 or 9 numbers.

**Sheep and Goats:** Must have at least one form of official identification (Flock ID tags, serial tags, AIN/840, official tattoos with breed registry, state-approved tattoos recorded with state animal health officials).

**Chickens, turkeys, and game birds except baby poultry:** Must be individually identified with a leg or wing numbered band.

**Swine:** Must have at least one form of official identification (NUES, AIN/840, PIN, ear notching with breed registration, slap or ear tattoos for feeding swine, PIZ tags).

**Deer and Elk:** Must have at least one form of official identification (NUES, AIN/840).

**Llamas and Alpacas:** No requirement.

**See photos on reverse side for examples of official tags.**

See <https://www.mn.gov/bah/official-id/> for more information on official identification.

### Testing:

**Horses except suckling foals:** Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) tested within 12 months of exhibition.

**Poultry:** Negative test results must be within 90 days of the opening exhibition date or poultry must have a hatchery card indicating they originate from a NPIP certified flock.

**Chickens and Gamebirds:** Pullorum-typhoid (PT).

**Turkeys:** Pullorum-typhoid, Mycoplasma gallisepticum (MG), and Mycoplasma synoviae (MS).

### Vaccination:

**Dogs:** 4 months of age or older must be accompanied by a certificate of rabies vaccination and be currently vaccinated for rabies.

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**NOTE: These guidelines apply to all livestock. All animals imported for exhibitions purposes must meet state import requirements.**

See <https://www.bah.state.mn.us/imports/> for the list of requirements.

# Examples of Identification Tags

## Cattle and Bison:



## Swine:



## Sheep and Goats:



## Poultry:

