

2021 4-H Dairy Animal Health and ID Requirements

You and your veterinarian should fill out the Universal Health Form for 4-H Livestock or a CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection). A licensed veterinarian certifying that the animal is clinically free of all infectious or contagious diseases and exposure from such diseases should sign this form. You will need to have this form with you at all 4-H dairy shows, and your approval, lease/loan, and registration papers.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

A **Shipping Fever** vaccination is required (within 6 months but no less than 14 days before the show). **Rabies:** All 4-H dairy animals must be vaccinated against rabies and have veterinarians' certification of vaccination, at least 30 days before the show. Animals without certification will not be admitted to the show. Rabies vaccinations are valid for 1 year. Cattle vaccinated last year must be vaccinated again for this year's show. The state veterinarian recognizes cattle must be over three months old to receive the vaccine. Calves under three months should be exempt until they are over three months unless otherwise stated by fair and field day regulations.

Tuberculosis:

No blood test for Tuberculosis is required for the County or State Vermont 4-H Dairy shows. Eastern States has changed the requirements; no test for Tuberculosis is required (rev. 2000)

Brucellosis:

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General:

It is required that animals are free from ringworm and warts and other infectious, contagious or parasitic diseases.

Just a reminder to please have your signed approval forms, lease/loan papers, health forms, and registration papers available at every 4-H Dairy show, otherwise you will not be allowed to show. It is your responsibility to keep your approval forms and lease/loan papers from previous years. Remember: Fairs & Field Days may have additional requirements.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Identification Requirements for moving cattle In-State/Out of State!

Act 30 requires all livestock being transported within the State to satisfy the requirements for official identification for interstate movement under the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Disease Traceability rule, 9 C.F.R. part 86 prior to leaving the property of origin, regardless of the reason for movement or duration of absence from the property.

All animals must have one of the following:

National Uniform Ear-tagging System (NUES)

- NUES ear tags begin with an official state number followed by three letters and then four numbers. The official state number for Vermont is '13'.
- Metal NUES tags are provided at no cost to veterinarians, livestock dealers, and producers.
- In compliance with federal law, NUES tags must display the U.S. shield if applied to the animal after March, 2015

Animal Identification Number (AIN) - '840 Tags'

- AIN ear tags begin with an official country code followed by an additional 12 digits; 15 digits in total. The official U.S. country code is '840'.
- In compliance with federal law, AIN tags must display the U.S. shield if applied to the animal after March, 2015.
- May be purchased from most ear tag distributors.
- 15-character tags beginning with the letters 'USA' or manufacturer-coded tags beginning with any number between 900 – 998 are only official if applied to the animal prior to March, 2015.

To obtain RFID tags here are some suggested links:

<http://www.holsteinusa.com/>

www.cattletags.com

<http://www.eartagcentral.com/home.php>

Any other questions that you have about the new tagging rules, please contact your veterinarian or the Vermont State Veterinarian Office.