

## WORKING STEER HEALTH REQUIREMENTS\*

You and your veterinarian should fill out the Cattle Health Form for 4-H Livestock or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). 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 shows, and your approval, lease/loan, and registration papers. If you are chosen to participate at Eastern States Exposition, all cattle must have a CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) issued within 30 days of the event.

**Note: All animals over 6 months must be castrated.**

1. These certificates must be made available upon request to fair, field day and show inspectors. Documents of health certification for animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. Health Certificates must be dated January 1<sup>st</sup> (of the current year) or later.
2. All of the above animals must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pinkeye, ringworm, warts, cowpox, and open and draining wounds.
3. Shipping Fever- All 4-H cattle must have a Shipping Fever vaccination between 14 days and 6 months prior to the event which includes IBR, BVD, P13 and BRSV. Such vaccinations shall be documented on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (on our 4-H Health form for in-state activities) and shall include the date administered and the trade name of the vaccine.
4. Rabies: All cattle over 3 months of age shall have a current rabies vaccination administered according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Such vaccination shall be documented either on an individual rabies vaccination certificate or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (our 4-H Health form for in-state activities) and shall include the name of the vaccine used, serial number, date administered and its duration. Cattle 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 vaccine should be administered at least 30 days prior to the event and be current within the previous 12 months. The state veterinarian recognizes cattle must be over three months old to receive the vaccine. Vaccination less than 30 days should be accepted for younger animals not old enough to vaccinate in sufficient time prior to the event.

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