

CATTLE HEALTH ID & REQUIREMENTS

All Species

All cattle will be inspected by the official veterinarian the opening day of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition. The official veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility, or from the exhibition premises, any animal showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts.

1. Any animal showing evidence of any disease, abscesses, or any open contagious lesions will not be allowed to exhibit or show and will be subject to isolation or expulsion depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease, abscess or lesion in question. If illness of any nature is suspected in any animal, said animal is subject to examination by the State Veterinarian and owner or exhibitor of said animal must abide by the decision of this veterinarian. Animals with warts or ringworm may not be shown. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable. Animals known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined herd may not be entered in an exhibition.
2. Identification. The goal of these ID requirements is to uniquely identify animals, so they can be traced to their source in a disease outbreak.

All cattle exhibited at the Beef Expo must have official identification (ID) that meets the requirements of both state and federal animal identification rules. The type of ID used in each species may vary, but each official ID is unique to that animal within the United States. For pictures of official ear tags and more information about official ID in livestock, visit the Board of Animal Health Official ID page at bah.state.mn.us/official-id/.

Cattle Health Regulations & Identification.

- A. Identification.** Individuals must be officially identified; the following ID types are considered official:
1. USDA National Uniform Ear-tagging System (NUES). Must display the U.S. shield. May be metal or plastic.
 2. Metal NUES tags may be ordered at no cost from the Minnesota Board of Animal Health by calling 651-201-6836 or using their online order form.
 3. Brucellosis (Bang's) orange vaccination tags may only be applied by accredited veterinarians.
 4. USDA AIN visual (840 tags) or RFID tags. 15 digit number starting with 840. Must display the U.S. shield.
 5. Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID). 15 digit number starting with 124.
- B. Cattle from Minnesota.**
1. No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) required.
- C. Cattle from outside Minnesota.**
1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must list the Minnesota Beef Expo as consignee and an import permit number must be documented on the CVI.
 2. CVI is valid for 30 days from the date the animals were inspected by an accredited veterinarian.
 3. Must meet the Minnesota Importation requirements. See bah.state.mn.us/imports or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-296-2942.
 4. Must meet the importation requirements of their state of origin if they are returning.

