

State Horse Health Requirements

West Virginia Department of Agriculture
Charleston, West Virginia

WEST VIRGINIA FAIRS, FESTIVALS, AND PUREBRED CONSIGNMENT SALES HEALTH REQUIREMENTS 2004

- (1) This is an official interpretation of regulations promulgated under the authority of Chapter 19, Article 9 of the State Code of West Virginia. This applies to fairs, festivals and shows.
- (2) All livestock imported into the State of West Virginia for fairs, festivals, and shows shall be accompanied by an official health certificate approved by the livestock health official of the State of origin. A copy of the approved health certificate shall be forwarded to the Director of the Animal Health Division, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Capitol Building, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, and should be in his possession (5) five days prior to the arrival of livestock.
- (3) **Official Health Certificates are good for 30 Days**

Fairs and Festivals

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES From West Virginia

- (1) Must be uniquely identified, and
- (2) Have a negative Coggins' Test (from a USDA official approved laboratory) within the last 24 months.

From Other States

- (1) Must be uniquely identified.
- (2) Accompanied by an approved health certificate from the state of origin prior to show or fair, and
- (3) A negative Coggins' Test (from a USDA official approved laboratory) within the last twelve months, if State has a comparable program.
 - a. Negative Coggins' Test from states with no program.

Recommended Equine Vaccination

Vaccination Programs should include at least:

- Flu
- Tetanus
- Eastern & Western Encephalitis
- West Nile Virus
- Rabies

NOTE: No animals from any herd or herds under restrictions will be permitted to show or sell. Animal Health Officials of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture reserve the right to examine any animal consigned and exclude animals from the show or sale that exhibit signs of disease.

ALL LIVESTOCK MUST MEET THE STATE OF DESTINATION HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AS TO MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS. SOME VARIATION IS FOUND IN HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AMONG THE SEVERAL STATES.

The final disposition of all entries shall be made by a WVDA Animal Health Inspector or in their absence, a local fair official.



**Gus R. Douglass
Commissioner Of Agriculture**

These are the regulations set forth in the State Code of West Virginia for fairs and festivals. However, each fair and festival may apply more stringent regulations if they choose; but at minimal, must adhere to these regulations.

