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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fair Officials

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Enclosed is a summary of Tennessee Fair Regulations - health requirements for livestock at fairs and exhibitions.

Special Comments:

1. Health certificates issued in satisfaction of these Tennessee Fair Regulations shall be good for **90** days for Tennessee livestock only. Please note the additional requirements listed below for the Knoxville Spring Junior Cattle Exposition and the Tennessee Junior Livestock Exposition and associated shows (county and district).
2. As noted in the enclosed health requirements, Tennessee requires that all poultry assembled at shows or exhibitions be accompanied by evidence of a negative test for Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days or originate directly from a flock which has been certified as Pullorum-Typhoid Clean under the Tennessee Poultry Improvement Plan. As per last year's testing guidelines, on-site testing of poultry is no longer allowed. As part of increased awareness and surveillance for Avian Influenza and other poultry diseases, all birds physical health appearance should be assessed at the time testing is conducted. Testing must be completed prior to commingling with birds of other ownership.
3. Any "chick chain" birds that have been commingled with birds of unknown disease status must test negative for Pullorum-Typhoid prior to entry.
4. Please note that exhibition requirements for out-of-state livestock are the same as regular import requirements.
5. Requirements for the Junior Livestock Exposition in Murfreesboro (beef) and sheep consigned to the Junior Livestock Exposition in Cookeville must meet the following requirements:
 - **Health Requirements:** Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) will be required for every animal exhibited at the Knoxville Spring Junior Cattle Exposition and the Tennessee Junior Livestock Exposition and associated shows (county and district). It is expected that junior exhibitors will bring only healthy animals to the Expos. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must be dated within 45 days of the respective show. All animals are subject to being inspected after arrival at the show facilities and any with clinical signs of contagious disease will be sent home

immediately. Certificate(s) of Veterinary Inspection are to accompany the animal(s) to the respective shows.

- All sheep that show in EXPO must have approved ear tags. Any sheep that are to be exhibited in any show (including Commercial Ewes and Market Lamb) will be required to have an approved Scrapie Program ear tag in their ear. This will apply to the sheep shown in the Tennessee Junior Livestock EXPO. This must be done in accordance with the guidelines provided by USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the rules of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. **Note: Wethers are no longer exempt from the Scrapie identification requirements.**
 - Exhibitors who have breeding flocks will be required to have official USDA identification in order to show or to sell ewe or ram lambs for exhibition and/or breeding. This is done by filling out the appropriate form to obtain a flock/premise identification number and ear tags. Existing flock identification numbers may be allowed if properly registered. If this has not already been done, it is recommended that it be done as soon as possible.
 - Exhibitors who purchase the ewes they will show must be certain the ewes have been tagged by the breeder (flock of birth). Avoid purchasing ewes to exhibit if they don't have approved ear tags.
6. **Warts and ringworm are considered contagious and infectious diseases and are permissible exclusions only if considered inactive by the issuing veterinarian and noted as such on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
 7. **Scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), footrot, cutaneous fungal and bacterial infections (i.e. club lamb disease, caseous lymphadenitis) are considered contagious and infectious diseases, and are permissible exclusions only if considered inactive by the issuing veterinarian and noted as such on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
 8. **Fair officials are responsible** for reporting any violations of these regulations to the state veterinarian or his agent.

Please retain this material for reference during the 2009 fair season.

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