

## Summary guidelines for import of cattle to Pennsylvania, cattle at Pennsylvania fairs, and additional guidance for livestock markets

### Requirements for cattle imported to Pennsylvania NOT intended for immediate slaughter:

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)
2. CVI Statement for Vesicular Stomatitis: (**currently applies to CA only**).
3. Official identification – applies to dairy cattle of all ages, sexually intact beef cattle of all ages, and cattle for rodeo and exhibition. **Starting Nov. 5, 2024, official ID must be electronically and visually readable.**
4. Tuberculosis Testing Requirements
5. Influenza A Testing Requirements: Applicable only to dairy cattle, including crossbreds.
  - a. Milk testing within 7 days of movement for lactating cattle from ANY state
  - b. Nasal swabs within 7 days of movement for non-lactating animals over 18 months of age for [states with a current positive case](#).
  - c. See [USDA Testing Guidance for Labs for Influenza A in Livestock](#) for further assistance

### Requirements for cattle imported to Pennsylvania for immediate slaughter:

1. CVI or [Owner-Shipper Statement](#): Backtags are acceptable ID for an Owner-Shipper Statement, but not a CVI.
2. Identification Requirements: Official ID not required if moving directly to slaughter with a USDA-approved back tag and an Owner-Shipper Statement
3. No testing required (including for lactating dairy cattle) moving directly to a recognized slaughter establishment provided that they are not commingled with any animals other than those also destined for immediate slaughter.
4. Animals sold directly from a farm (whether in or out of state) to a recognized slaughter establishment do not require official ID, a CVI, or influenza A virus testing. These animals can move on an Owner-Shipper Statement

### Cattle at Pennsylvania Fairs

1. Cattle from out of state must meet all import requirements, including HPAI testing
2. If Pennsylvania has a case of HPAI in dairy cattle:
  - a. All lactating dairy cattle from PA must be tested prior to entering a PA exhibition
  - b. All non-lactating dairy cattle over 18 months of age from PA must be tested prior to entering a PA exhibition
  - c. Notification of a positive case in Pennsylvania will be posted on the [BAHDS website](#)

### Additional guidance for livestock markets and tagging sites:

1. Intrastate movements to a Pennsylvania livestock market do not require official ID, a CVI, or influenza A virus testing

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2. Animals sold to a Pennsylvania livestock market or tagging site from out of state, even if intended for slaughter, must have official ID and a CVI, and meet influenza A testing requirements
3. Movements from a livestock market to a slaughter facility (in or out of state) can be done with only an OSS (not a CVI) and no testing required
4. Movement from a livestock market or approved tagging site of out of state animals to a PA farm requires a CVI and testing prior to movement from the livestock market or tagging site
5. Check [InterstateLivestock.com](https://www.interstatelivestock.com) and/or contact the state directly for import requirements of other states

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