

# 2026 Animal Health Requirements and Recommendations for Animal Exhibition

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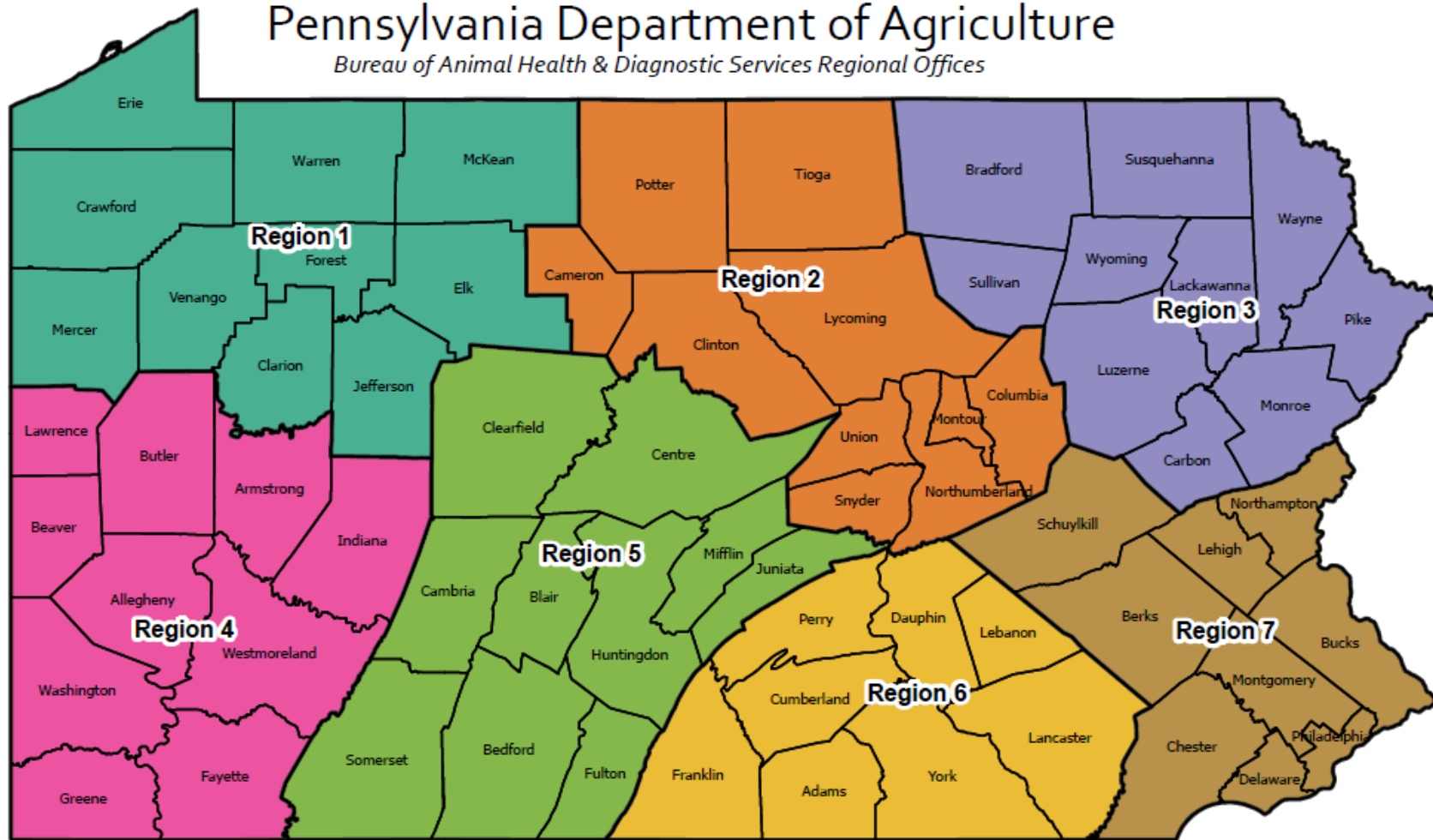
# BAHDS Mission:

To protect Pennsylvania's animal agriculture by preventing, detecting and eradicating dangerous transmissible animal diseases, promoting biosecurity and animal health programs, and ensuring compliance with animal health laws and regulations.



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# Animal Exhibition and Movement Rules

Contact information:

- Best option is your regional Veterinary Medical Field Officer
- General contact:
- 717-772-2852, option 2
- [RA-BAHDS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-BAHDS@pa.gov)

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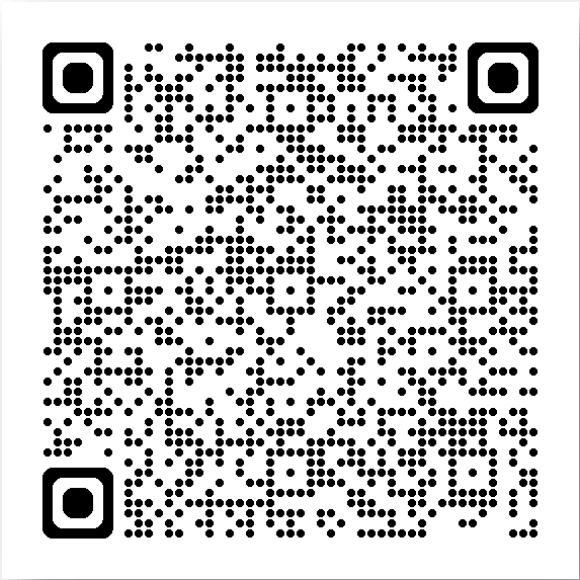
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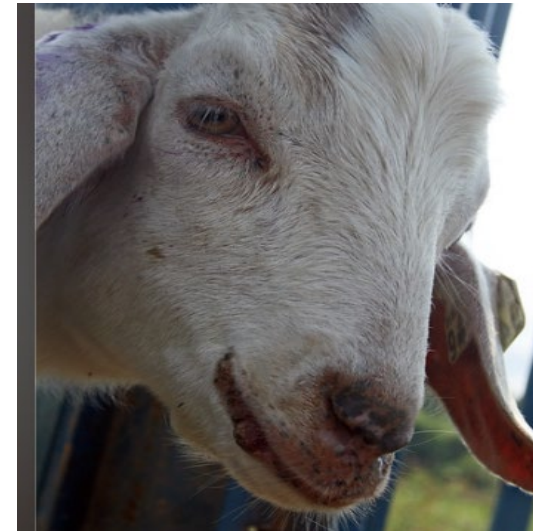


# ➤ Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law

- Applies to all state funded fairs
- Requirements
  - Adequate hand cleansing facilities
  - Signage encouraging handwashing after touching the animals and indicating the location of hand cleansing facilities
  - VCPR for all exhibited animals
- Purpose: Minimize risk of zoonotic disease transmission



# ➤ Many Animal Diseases are Zoonotic



Orf virus infection on the hand of a person with a weak immune system.

# ▶ Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law



## Stay Safe at the Fair

- ▶ Wash your hands before and after visiting animal areas
- ▶ Avoid eating or drinking in animal areas

Keep Yourself  
and Our Animals  
Healthy



- Posters available from PDA
  - Contact PDA staff in your region



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# Animal Health *Requirements vs Recommendations*

**Requirements** = Criteria that **must be met** according to state or federal laws or regulations for that animal to be exhibited

**Recommendations** = Criteria based on best practices and scientific judgement that PDA believes **should be met** to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious diseases, but are **not** enforceable by any state or federal law or regulation



# Commercial Animal Exhibits

- Petting Zoos
- Pony Rides
- Rodeo Animals
- Exotic Animals
- Racing Animals
  - Horses, pigs, ducks, etc.

ALL of these animals must  
meet the same health  
*requirements* as competitive  
show animals  
  
AND  
  
The same biosecurity  
measures should be observed



# Certificates of Veterinary Inspection

- Must meet federal standards
  - Animals must be inspected within 10 days of issue
  - Valid for 30 days after date of inspection
  - Single destination
- Animals must be healthy at time of inspection
- Copies **must** be submitted to the Bureau
- Veterinarians are encouraged to use electronic CVI applications
- Must be completed by an accredited veterinarian



## CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION

Certificate #:

SPECIES (CHECK ONE)	
Bovine	Camel
Equine	Caprine
Porcine	Canine
Avian	Ovine

Entry Permit#:

**Inspection Date:**

Shipment Date:

**Total # of Animals:**

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# Veterinary-Client-Patient-Relationship Form

- Updated for 2026
- Fulfills requirements of Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law
- Allows verification of animal ID and applicable vaccinations and testing
- Must be signed by a veterinarian





### Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) Verification Form

**Part 1** to be completed by the owner or caretaker of the animal(s):

I, the undersigned, hereby verify the following:

1. I am the owner or caretaker of the animal(s) listed. *Use additional sheets as necessary.*

Official Animal ID/Other ID (list all IDs, including name*)	Breed	Sex	Age	Species	Vaccines/Tests (include name of test or product, date, results, etc.)

\*If the animal has no official ID, please include a description, including color and all markings.

2. I have an established, ongoing "veterinarian client patient relationship" for the animal(s) described in the preceding paragraph with

\_\_\_\_\_ (print veterinarian's name),  
a licensed practitioner of veterinary medicine having the following business address:

3. I understand this ongoing "veterinarian client patient relationship" to be a relationship in which the veterinarian named above has assumed the responsibility for making veterinary medical judgments regarding the health of the animal(s) listed and the need for veterinary medical treatment of said animal(s), and in which I, as owner and/or caretaker of the animal(s), have agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian in relation to zoonotic diseases.

4. I attest and affirm that a "veterinarian client patient relationship" – as that phrase is defined in the Veterinary Medical Practice Act and any amendments thereto – "exists with regards to the animals I will be exhibiting."

I verify the foregoing to be accurate. I make the foregoing statement subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities). In witness of this, I have signed and dated this



verification below. If the owner/caretaker is under 18 years of age, the signature of a parent/guardian is required.

Printed Name of Owner/Caretaker Signature of Owner/Caretaker Date

Address of Owner/Caretaker

Phone number of Owner/Caretaker

If the Owner/Caretaker is under 18 years of age the signature of a parent/guardian is required:

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Address of Parent/Guardian

Phone number of Parent/Guardian

**Part 2** to be completed by the veterinarian:

I, the undersigned, hereby verify that I have a VCPR as defined below with the animal(s) and owner/caretaker identified on this form.

**Veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR).** As defined in the PA Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, a relationship satisfying all of the following conditions: (i) the veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making veterinary medical judgments regarding the health of an animal and the need for veterinary medical treatment, and the client, owner or caretaker of the animal has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian; (ii) the veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate at least a general, preliminary or tentative diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal; (iii) the veterinarian is acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal by virtue of an examination of the animal or medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept; (iv) the veterinarian is available for consultation in cases of adverse reactions to or failure of the regimen of therapy; (v) the veterinarian maintains records on the animal examined in accordance with regulations established by the board.

Printed Name of Veterinarian Signature of Veterinarian Date

Phone number of Veterinarian Practice Name License number

This form shall be valid for no more than one year following the date of signature by the veterinarian. Copies should be retained by the owner/caretaker, veterinarian, and exhibition.

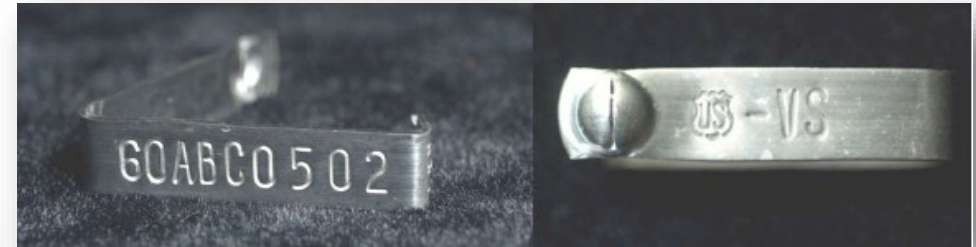
# Official Identification

- Metal NUES tags
  - No longer valid for cattle after Nov. 5, 2024

- 840 tags



- Scrapie tags
- Official ID must be recorded on CVI



# Additional PA Farm Show Complex Requirements

- 15 digit 840 ISO compliant RFID tag
  - Cattle
  - *Sheep and Goats – recommended*
  - Swine
- Rabies vaccination with certificate
  - Cattle
  - Horses
  - Sheep
  - Dogs
  - Camelids, goats, swine not required at discretion of the exhibitor's vet (any animal in which there is no rabies vaccine product labeled for use)





# Biosecurity Guidelines

- Best practices to minimize disease risk
  - For Exhibition Managers
  - For Exhibitors
- Handouts can be distributed



# ▶ Biosecurity is Vital

- Include dairy cows and milking equipment

## Poultry Exhibition Requirements

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Avian Exhibition General Quarantine Order

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Exhibition Bird Rapid Pullorum Plate Test Form

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# Who has the authority to turn these animals away?

- Fairs should have designated staff to check animals in
- A holding pen out of public contact is recommended
- Fairs have the authority to turn away animals with signs of disease



(Image source Catlett animal Hospital)

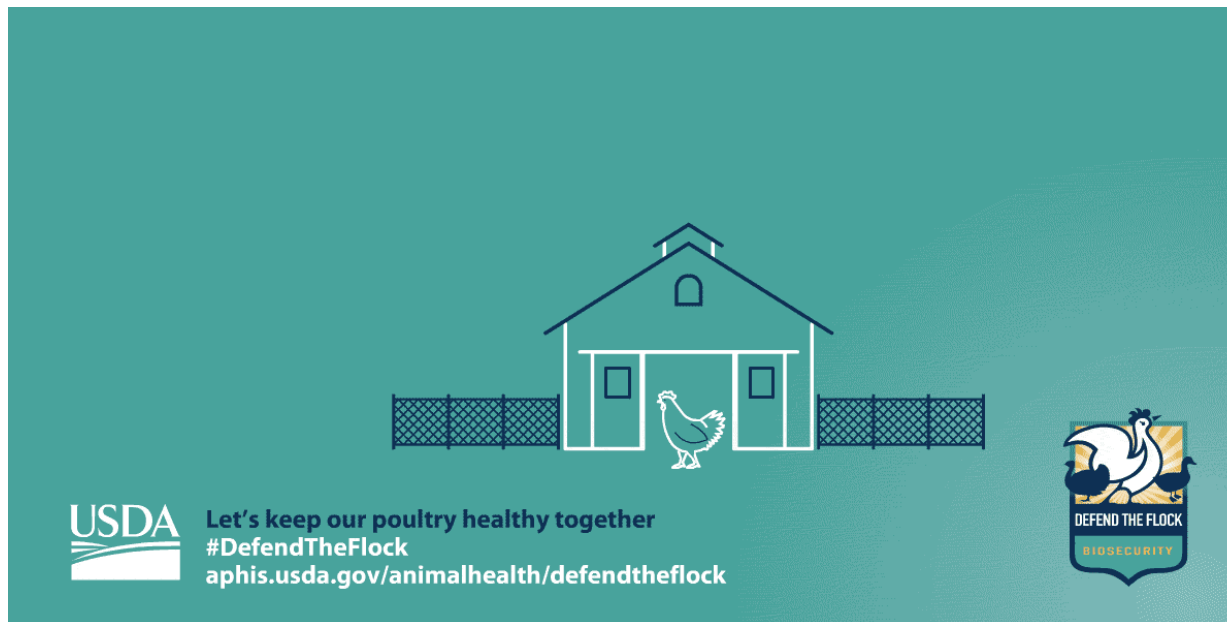


(Image Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture)



# ▶ Disease reporting is mandatory

- Fairs should involve their accredited veterinarian
- Signs of dangerous transmissible diseases must be reported to the Department of Agriculture
  - 717-772-2852, option 1 (24 hours/day, 7 days/week)



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# Disease specific information and requirements



# ➤ Rabies Vaccination

- Rabies vaccination is required for dogs
- Rabies vaccines are licensed for use in sheep, cattle, and horses
  - 21-day meat withhold
- Recommended for all other species
- Required at the PA Farm Show Complex for sheep, cattle, and horses
  - Including market animals







# PA Rabies Tracking Dashboard

Bureau of Animal Health & Diagnostic Services (BAHDS)



Select a Month  
12-December



Select a Year  
2025



Select a County  
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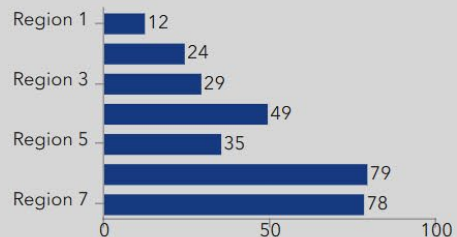


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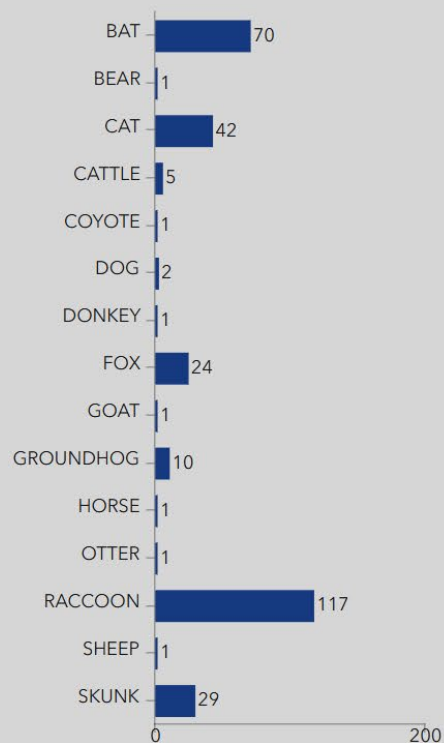


## Positive Rabies Counts Reported Cumulative to Selected Month per Selected Year

### Reported Positive Rabies Cases by Region



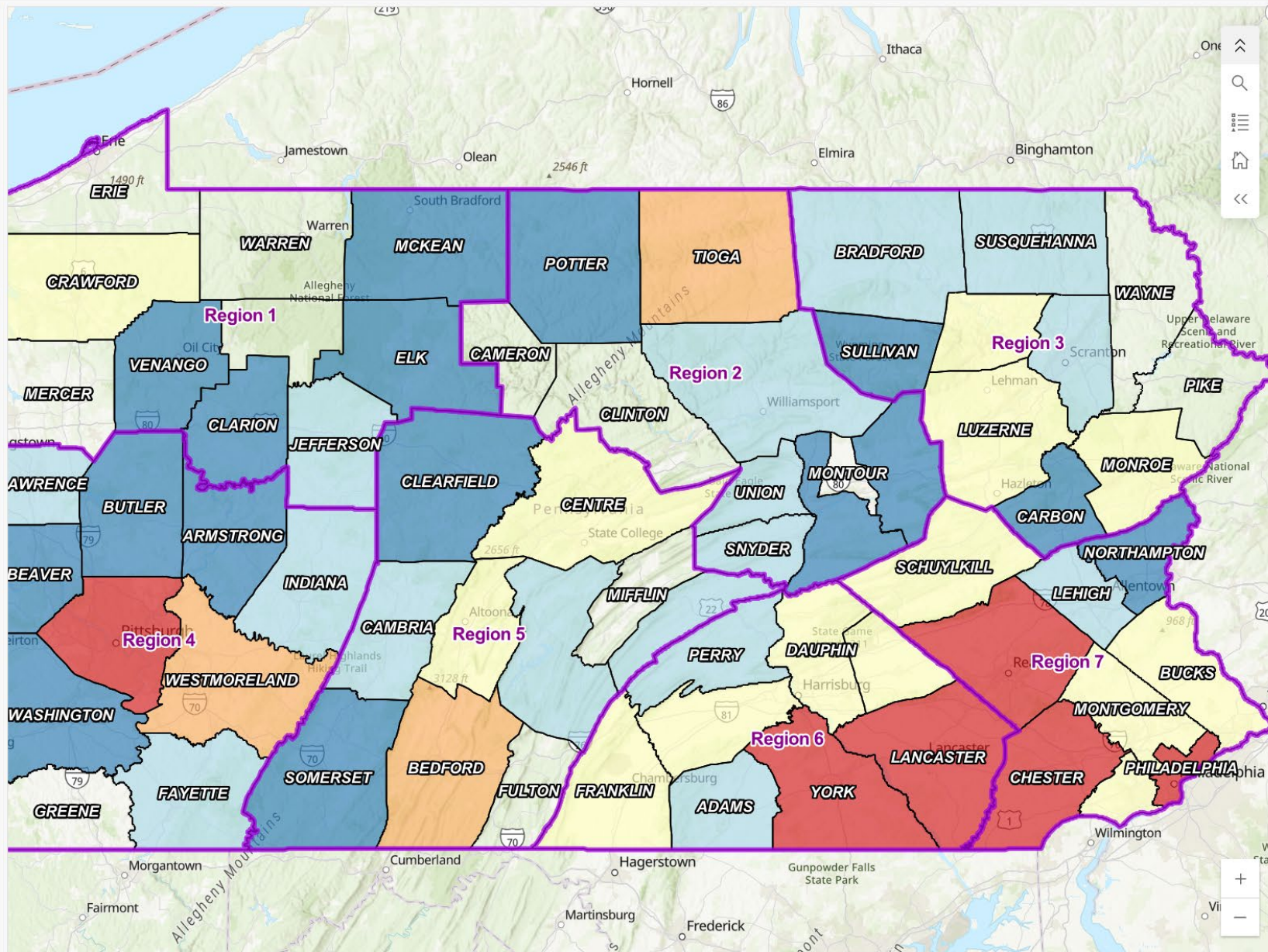
### Reported Positive Rabies Cases by Animal



### Total Positive Rabies Cases to Selected Date

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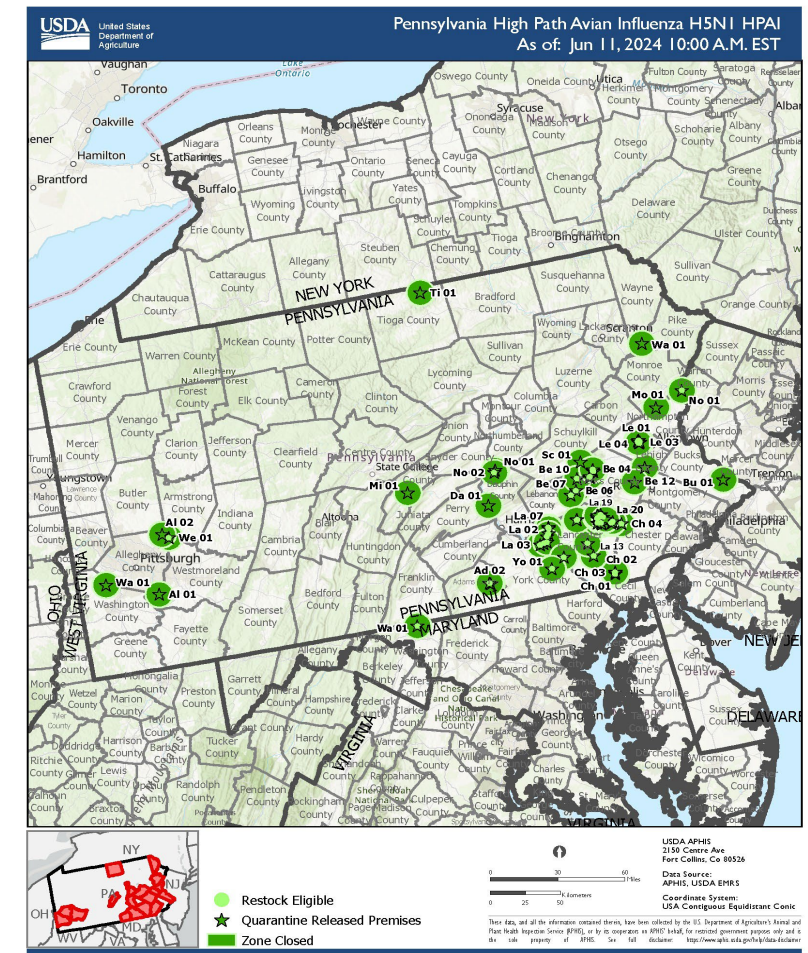
### Cumulative Positive Rabies Cases





# Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

- Ongoing outbreak in poultry since 2022
  - Pennsylvania:
    - 110 cases
    - 7.4 million birds
    - 26 counties
    - No dairy cattle affected to date
  - Nationwide
    - All 50 states have been affected
    - 2026 premises, 186.1 million birds impacted
    - In last 30 days, 1.48 million birds impacted



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# ➤ Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

- Signs in poultry
  - Sudden death
  - Lack of energy and appetite
  - A drop in egg production or soft-shelled, misshapen eggs
  - Swelling of the eyelids, comb, wattles, and shanks
  - Purple discoloration of the wattles, comb, and legs
  - Gasping for air (difficulty breathing)
  - Nasal discharge, coughing, sneezing
  - Neurologic signs
  - Diarrhea



# ▶ HPAI in Dairy Cattle

- Newly emerging disease:
  - Over 1000 cases in 19 states
    - No cases in PA to date
  - No concerns about food safety of pasteurized milk or meat
  - Sequencing and epidemiologic data suggest a single spillover event in late 2023
  - Spreads rapidly on a farm and spreads between farm through movement of animals, people, and equipment
  - Virus can spread back to poultry farms





# ➤ Vesicular Stomatitis

- Statement required on CVI for out of state animals (equines and all cloven hooved animals) from a state with a case in the last 12 months
- Arizona is the only state with cases in the last 12 months





# ➤ Tuberculosis testing requirements

- Goats, camelids, and cattle\* must be tested within 60 days if coming from a modified accredited state and have had a negative herd test within the last 60 days
  - Currently only Michigan
- \*Additional requirements for rodeo cattle: All rodeo cattle and bison from out of state shall be negative on an official tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to entering Pennsylvania unless they originate from and are members of an Accredited Tuberculosis-free herd within an accredited Tuberculosis-free state or zone. This requirement for rodeo cattle from out-of-state is in addition to all other requirements listed above for out-of-state cattle.
- Additional requirements for captive cervids



# ➤ African Swine Fever

- Highly contagious
  - Economically devastating
  - No vaccine or treatment
  - Can persist in the environment
  - Main disease of concern behind swine exhibition regulations
- Signs:
    - High fever
    - Decreased appetite and weakness
    - Red, blotchy skin or skin lesions
    - Diarrhea, vomiting, or both
    - Coughing and difficulty breathing
    - Abortions or sudden death



# Species-Specific Requirements





# Camelids

- PA Requirements
  - Verification of VCPR
  - Free of infectious/contagious disease
- Out of state requirements:
  - CVI with statement of free of evidence of infectious/contagious disease
  - Official individual ID: NUES, AIN (840), ISO compliant 15-digit microchip (with reader)
  - Tuberculosis testing
- Recommendation
  - Extra-label use of rabies vaccination should be discussed with exhibitor's veterinarian
  - Official ID recommended for PA animals



# ➤ Cattle – General requirements

- Prohibition of dairy cattle from influenza positive, suspect, or high-risk farms:
  - Dairy cattle from a farm showing signs of H5N1 influenza may not be exhibited
  - Dairy cattle from a farm that has tested positive for H5N1 influenza (in dairy cattle or domestic birds) may not be exhibited
  - Dairy cattle from a farm located within 3 km of a positive farm may not be exhibited





# ► Pennsylvania Cattle

- Requirements
  - Verification of a VCPR
  - Free of infectious/contagious disease
  - Official identification
    - NUES tag if applied prior to Nov. 5, 2024
    - 840 RFID tag
    - Brands or tattoos accepted, but RFID tags preferred
  - Influenza testing – applicable only to dairy cattle if there is a positive case in PA
- Recommendations
  - Rabies vaccine



# Out of state cattle

- Requirements
  - CVI with statement of free of evidence of infectious/contagious disease
  - Official identification
    - NUES tag if applied prior to Nov. 5, 2024
    - 840 RFID tag
    - Brands or tattoos accepted, but RFID tags preferred
  - Influenza A testing requirements for dairy cattle
  - Tuberculosis testing requirements
- Recommendations
  - Rabies vaccination



# ➤ Influenza testing for cattle

- Testing required for:
  - Lactating dairy cattle from out of state (milk sample)
  - Non-lactating dairy cattle >18 months from a positive state (nasal swab)
  - Lactating dairy cattle from PA if there is a positive case (milk sample)
  - Non-lactating dairy cattle >18 months from PA if there is a positive case (nasal swab)
- Sample must be collected within 7 days of show
- Tested at an accredited lab
- Test results must accompany animal
- Exception: Herds enrolled in weekly, voluntary testing program do not need to test individual cattle



# ➤ Cervids: CWD Susceptible Species

- In State Requirements:
  - Verification of a VCRP
  - Individual official ID
  - Free of infectious/contagious disease
- Acceptable official ID:
  - Metal NUES tag
  - 840 series 15-digit ear tag (including RFIDs)
  - 840 series 15-digit microchip
  - Premises ID number with individual numbering





# ➤ Cervids: CWD Susceptible Species

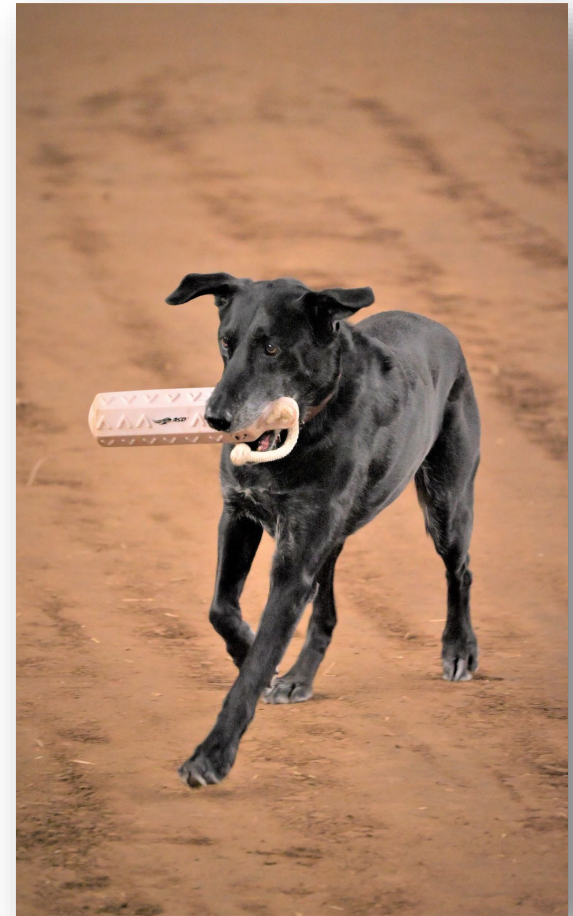
- Out of State Requirements:
  - Two forms of individual ID
    - Individual official ID
    - Second form of official ID or individual ID unique within the herd that is linked to the CWD database
  - An import permit
  - CVI:
    - Confirming from a CWD Certified herd
    - VS statement and free of evidence of infectious/contagious disease
    - Tuberculosis testing
    - Brucellosis testing





# Dogs

- In state requirements:
  - Proof of current rabies vaccination for dogs 12 weeks and older
    - Rabies certificate (or copy)
- Out of state requirements:
  - Proof of current rabies vaccination for dogs 12 weeks and older
    - Rabies certificate (or copy)
  - CVI is not required if entering PA for exhibition for 30 days or less
    - Dog must have a collar with name plate
    - Otherwise, CVI is required
  - Special note: APHIS form 7001 is not acceptable
- Recommendations
  - Exhibition of dogs less than 12 weeks of age is not recommended
  - Identification, including a microchip, recommended for all dogs



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ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

**UNITED STATES INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL  
CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH EXAMINATION  
FOR SMALL ANIMALS**

No dog, cat, nonhuman primate, or additional kinds or classes of animals designated by USDA regulations shall be delivered to any intermediate handler or carrier for transportation in commerce unless accompanied by a health certificate executed and issued by a licensed veterinarian (7 U.S.C. 21.43.9; CFR, Subchapter A, Part 2).

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0579-0036

1. TYPE OF ANIMAL SHIPPED (select one only)

☐ Dog ☐ Cat ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Nonhuman Primate ☐ Ferret ☐ Rodent

2. CERTIFICATE NUMBER - OFFICIAL USE ONLY

3. TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS

4. PAGE

5. NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF OWNER (CONSIGNOR)

6. NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF RECIPIENT AT DESTINATION (CONSIGNEE)

USDA License/Registration Number (if applicable)

**7. ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION**

NAME, AND/OR TATTOO NUMBER OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION	BREED – COMMON OR SCIENTIFIC NAME	AGE	SEX	COLOR OR DISTINCTIVE MARKS OR MICROCHIP
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

**8. PERTINENT VACCINATION, TREATMENT, AND TESTING HISTORY**

RABIES VACCINATION		OTHER VACCINATIONS, TREATMENT, AND/OR TESTS AND RESULTS	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> 2 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> 3 YEARS			
Vaccination Date	Product	Date	Product Type and/or Results

9. REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS (WHEN REQUIRED)

VETERINARY CERTIFICATION: I certify that the animals described in box 7 have been examined by me this date, that the information provided in box 8 is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that the following findings have been made ("X" applicable statements).

☐ I have verified the presence of the microchip, if a microchip is listed in box 7.

☐ I certify that the animal(s) described above and on continuation sheet(s), if applicable, have been inspected by me on this date and appear to be free of any infectious or contagious diseases and to the best of my knowledge, exposure thereto, which would endanger the animal or other animals or would endanger public health.

☐ To my knowledge, the animal(s) described above and on continuation sheet(s) if applicable, originated from an area not quarantined for rabies and has/have not been exposed to rabies.

ENDORSEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL EXPORT (IF NEEDED)

PRINTED NAME OF USDA VETERINARIAN

NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ISSUING VETERINARIAN

LICENSE NUMBER AND STATE

Accredited ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, please complete below  
NATIONAL ACCREDITATION NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF USDA VETERINARIAN Apply USDA Seal or Stamp here

DATE

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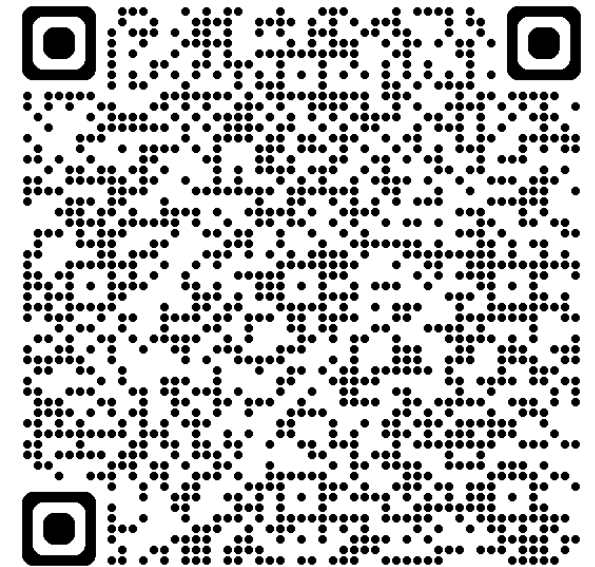
# Equine

- Pennsylvania Equines
  - Negative Coggins test within 12 months
  - Verification of a VCPR
- Out of state equines
  - CVI with statement of free of evidence of infectious/contagious disease
  - Negative Coggins test within 12 months
  - If the equine has resided in TX or NM for 30 days or more within the past six months, that animal must be test-negative for *Babesia caballi* and *Theileria equi*
- Recommendation
  - Rabies vaccination
  - Permanent identification, including a microchip, tattoo, or brand



# Equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy (EHM)

- Temporary order through Feb. 28, 2026
  - Applies to out-of-state horses
  - Additional statements required on CVI
  - Horses cannot be showing signs of EHM or have been in contact with horses that have EHM
- New guidelines published for disease prevention at equine events
  - Developed with input from USEF
- EHM is a reportable disease





# ➤ Sheep and Goats

- In State Requirements:
  - Verification of a VCPR
  - Free of infectious/contagious disease
  - Official ID
- Out of State Requirements
  - CVI with VS statement and free of evidence of infectious/contagious disease
  - Individual ID
  - TB testing requirements for goats only
- Recommendations
  - Sheep – rabies vaccination
  - Goats – Extra-label use of rabies vaccination should be discussed with exhibitor's veterinarian





# Sheep and Goat Identification Requirements

- All sheep and goats must have some official form of ID linking that animal to its farm of origin. Acceptable forms:
  - Scrapie program tags
  - Metal NUES tags
  - 840 series 15-digit tags, including RFIDs tags
  - Must have US shield



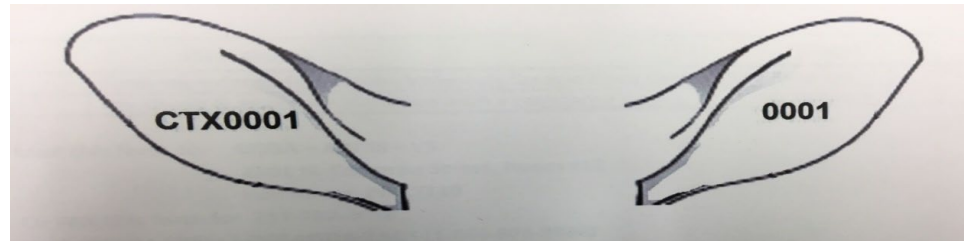
# \*Except blue meat tags

- These tags are for slaughter-only animals and are not acceptable for exhibition



# Sheep and Goat Identification Requirements

- Scrapie Flock Tattoo with Individual ID



- Registry Tattoo- Only if legible AND with papers accompany animal



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**Certificate of Registry**  
AMERICAN SAANEN

NAME: CALIFORNIA DENALI ENIGMA REGISTRATION ID: AS1345711

SIRE: WILLLOW-LANE ATLAS DENALI AI \*B AS1257164

DAM: DES-RUHIGESTELLE ESPRIT 8\*M AR2002 LA2002 AS1201370

SIRE'S SIRE: AS1064696  
WILLOW RUN DRZ ATLAS \*\*\*B AR2000 ST2004

SIRE'S DAM: AS0973850  
GCH WILLOW-LANE EQUUS ELLENORE AI 5\*M AR1996 ST2000

DAM'S SIRE: AS1053784  
DES-RUHIGESTELLE LEONARD \*\*\*B AR2002 ST2002

DAM'S DAM: AS1141275  
GCH DES-RUHIGESTELLE ELENARA 7\*M AR2001 LA2003, 2002, 2001

DESCRIPTION: WHITE; WATTLES  
SEX: DOE  
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OWNED BY: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS 0588103 03/14/2005

DATE OF BIRTH: 03/14/2005  
TATTOO: RE: UCD LE: V316

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# ➤ Sheep and Goat Identification Requirements

- Must be permanently affixed
  - A tag on a collar is not acceptable
- Tags with US shields may not be removed without special permission or defaced.



# ➤ Post exhibition sales requirements

- Market sheep and goats must be documented on sales slips that include:
  - Official identification
  - Sale date
  - Sale location
  - Name, address, and phone number of the exhibitor
  - Hauler contact information
  - Destination name and contact information
  - Total number of animals in the shipment
  - Type of sheep or goat (i.e., meat, dairy, specific breed)
  - For sheep, face color
  - Signature of consignee, agent, or hauler
- Sales slips must follow the goats to their destination (including slaughter facilities)
- Keep records for 5 years





# ➤ Avian Exhibition Requirements

- Requirements are the same for in and out of state
- Avian influenza testing required for all classes of birds and bird products
- Source flock must have premises ID
- Source flock and/or fair may not be in a HPAI control area
- Source flock premises may not have avian influenza in birds or dairy cattle (until cleared by state vet)



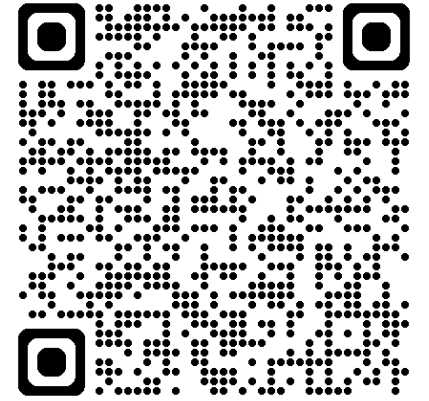
# ▶ Avian influenza testing

- Must be a representative flock test of 30 birds (not just the birds going to the show)
- Birds must be >3 weeks of age
- Must be collected by a CPT or accredited veterinarian
- Within 14 days of entry
- Waterfowl – PCR testing on cloacal swabs
- Other birds – PCR testing on oropharyngeal swabs or blood test (AGID)
- A tested flock cannot have contact with untested birds after samples are collected before the show







Set location

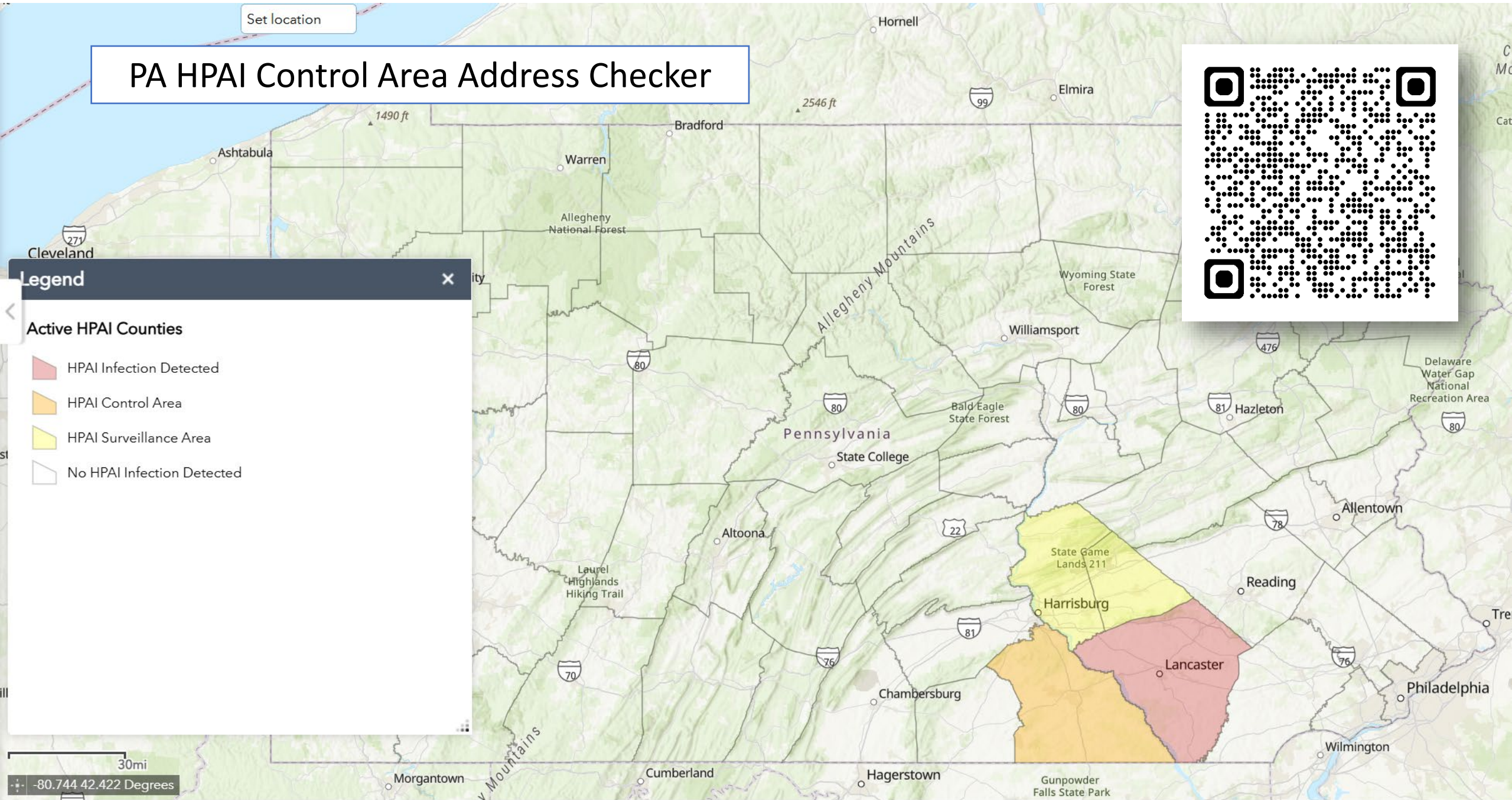
# PA HPAI Control Area Address Checker



## Legend

### Active HPAI Counties

-  HPAI Infection Detected
-  HPAI Control Area
-  HPAI Surveillance Area
-  No HPAI Infection Detected





# Definition of Poultry & Non-Poultry

- **Poultry:**

All birds reared or kept in captivity for the production of any commercial animal products or for breeding for this purpose, fighting cocks used for any purpose, and all birds used for restocking supplies of game or for breeding for this purpose, until they are released from captivity.

- **Non-Poultry:**

- Birds that are kept in a single household, the products of which are used within the same household exclusively, if no direct or indirect contact with poultry or poultry facilities.
- Birds that are kept in captivity for shows, racing, exhibitions, zoological collections, and competitions, and for breeding or selling for these purposes, as well as pet birds, if no direct or indirect contact with poultry or poultry facilities.
  - Includes NPIP flocks on Subpart E (hobby type hatcheries). It's understood hatching eggs and chicks may be sold from these NPIP flocks, but they still qualify as non-poultry if they are exhibition-type breeds, the sales are to add to or create other exhibition type flocks, and there is no contact with birds defined as poultry.
  - However, if exhibition type birds or eggs are sold for human consumption, any advertising of this or sales within the past 2 weeks before a show causes these flocks to be classified as POULTRY.





# Health Certification

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) from a Category II Accredited Veterinarian
  - Valid for 30 days after inspection
  - Valid for only one destination
  - Must also have biosecurity statement from the owner
- Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement





**OWNER ENDORSED AVIAN HEALTH CERTIFICATE  
AND BIOSECURITY STATEMENT**

**Introduction:** Highly pathogenic avian influenza is a fatal and contagious disease of poultry and has led to the loss of more than 100 million birds in the United States since 2022. The virus causing this disease can be spread by infected wild and domestic birds, on products such as feathers and eggs, on clothing, vehicles, equipment, and other fomites such as packing materials, and through the air. However, if all protocols for reducing the risk of spreading disease are followed, market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers may be exhibited or displayed, in accordance with the standards established under the Department's *General Quarantine Order; 2025 Exhibition of Market Birds, Non-Poultry, Hatchlings, Feathers, and Eggs*.

A completed *Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement* must accompany market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers, to a Pennsylvania Venue or Fair within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which is sponsored by or receives funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act (act of July 8, 1986, P.L. 437, No. 92)(3 P.S. §§ 1501- 1510). The certificate must be presented to exhibition management prior to cooping of market birds and non-poultry, or display of hatchlings and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers. The form must be endorsed with the signature of the owner of the market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers.

**The following information is required:**

**1. Exhibition Information:**

a. Name of exhibition: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Address of exhibition: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Route, or Box Number

City State Zip

**2. Owner Information:**

a. Owner and exhibitor name: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Owner and exhibitor address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Route, or Box Number

City State Zip

c. Owner and exhibitor telephone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

d. Owner email address: \_\_\_\_\_



**3. Verification of Biosecurity:** Biosecurity measures for all market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers being exhibited or displayed include a biosecurity plan which is followed on the premises where the source flock is located, to include at minimum:

- Visitors to bird housing areas are restricted.
- Anyone visiting the bird housing area should have clean clothing and should have used hand sanitizer or washed their hands before handling birds, feathers, eggs, or related equipment.
- Designated footwear or footwear that has been cleaned and disinfected is worn in the bird housing area by anyone entering the area. A clear line of separation exists at the entrance to the bird housing area.
- All ornamental feathers and unfertilized and fertilized eggs for exhibition are maintained in a biosecure manner, separate from birds and other avian products, prior to entry into the exhibition.
- All conveyances, including transport vehicles, coops, crates, boxes, and other containers used to transport market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers to an exhibition are cleaned to be free of visible manure, litter, or other debris.
- All coops, crates, boxes, and other containers used to transport market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers to an exhibition shall be disinfected with a product effective against the avian influenza virus and allowed to dry before use.
- All exhibitors should follow the current biosecurity guidelines: *Keeping Your Show Animals Healthy-Guidelines for Exhibitors*.

**4. Owner Endorsement:**

I certify that the above information represents a true and accurate statement regarding my market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers, and their home flock(s). I further attest and affirm that a "Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship" – as that phrase is defined in the Act relating to Animal Exhibition Sanitation found at 3 Pa.C.S.A. § 2501 *et seq.* and any amendments thereto – "exists with regard to any market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers which I will be exhibiting."

**5. Owner Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Owner Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

For questions, please contact the Department by email ([RA-ahds@pa.gov](mailto:RA-ahds@pa.gov)), by fax (717-787-1868), or mail at the address below.

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture/Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services  
2301 N. Cameron St./Harrisburg, PA 17110

**To report illness or unusual mortality in your flock, please call the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at 717-772-2852, option 1 (24/7).**

# ➤ Official ID – PDA Leg Bands

- Official butt-end bands
- Free to Certified Poultry Technicians and Veterinarians
- Other bands may be approved by PDA on a case-by-case basis for growing birds or small breeds



# ► Birds and Products Allowed

- Market Birds
- Non-Poultry
- Hatchling Educational Displays
- Unfertilized and Fertilized Eggs
- Ornamental feathers
- Feathers for arts and crafts





# Market Bird Requirements



- Official ID
- Health certificate & biosecurity statement
- Poultry or non-poultry source
- AI test – 30 birds ( $\geq 3$  weeks) representative of the flock within 14 days prior to entry
- No Pullorum-typhoid test requirement
- 72 hours from time 1<sup>st</sup> market birds enter until last market birds leave
- Must go directly to a licensed slaughter facility after leaving
- Fair management must keep records of movement to slaughter for 1 year



# BID. BUY. DONATE.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS SUPPORTING FOOD BANKS

## BID AT PA FAIRS

When youth sell animals (cattle, hogs, goats, lambs) at local fairs, the winning bidder can choose to donate the meat to a local food bank.

## BUY AND SEND TO A PROCESSOR

Meat processing, packaging and transportation costs at a USDA-certified processor are covered by PA Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) funding.

## DONATE TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS

The processed meat is then donated to food banks and will provide Pennsylvania families facing hunger in your area with nutrient-rich food.

## INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?

LEARN MORE: [feedingpa.org/ag-partnerships](https://feedingpa.org/ag-partnerships)

CONTACT US: Tom Mainzer  
Director, Agricultural Partnerships  
[tmainzer@feedingpa.org](mailto:tmainzer@feedingpa.org)

Jenny Groff  
Program Coordinator  
[jgroff@feedingpa.org](mailto:jgroff@feedingpa.org)



# Exhibition-type Birds (Non-Poultry)

- Official ID
- Health certificate & biosecurity statement
- AI test – 30 birds ( $\geq 3$  weeks) representative of the flock within 14 days prior to entry
- Pullorum-typhoid test requirement
  - NPIP flock (not just from NPIP clean hatchery) **or**
  - State PT program **or**
  - Test individual birds within 90 days prior to entry if of age
    - If too young, test 300 birds of age or entire flock if less than 300
    - NPIP rules for minimum age for test
    - PA Waterfowl excluded
- Rapid whole blood test may not be used for turkeys



Frizzle Silkie,  
Courtesy of Sam Geibel



# ▶ Hatchlings for Educational Display

- Health certificate & biosecurity statement
- Each group of hatchlings originates from one source flock
- Poultry or non-poultry source
- AI test – 30 birds ( $\geq 3$  weeks) representative of the flock within 14 days prior to
- Pullorum-typhoid test requirement
  - NPIP flock (not just from NPIP clean hatchery) or
  - State PT program or
  - Test 300 birds of age or entire flock if less than 300 within 90 days prior to entry
  - NPIP rules for minimum age for test
  - Waterfowl excluded
- Must go directly to a premises without poultry after exhibition
  - After reach 21 days of age, AI test required to move to slaughter or poultry premises
  - Fair management must keep records of movement for 1 year





# Unfertilized or Fertilized Eggs

- Health certificate & biosecurity statement
- Poultry or non-poultry source
- AI test – 30 birds ( $\geq 3$  weeks) representative of the flock within 14 days prior to entry
- Pullorum-typhoid test requirement for fertilized eggs
  - NPIP flock (not just from NPIP clean hatchery) or
  - State PT program or
  - Test 300 birds of age or entire flock if less than 300 within 90 days prior to entry
  - NPIP rules for minimum age for test
  - Waterfowl excluded
- Eggs must be sanitized and kept separate
- Cleaned and disinfected plastic egg cartons or new egg cartons



Amazon



# Ornamental Feathers

- Health certificate & biosecurity statement
- Poultry or non-poultry source – US flock
- AI requirement:
  - AI test – 30 birds ( $\geq 3$  weeks) representative of the source flock within 14 days prior to entry **or**
  - Ornamental feathers shall be clean, and held in a clean area separate from birds and other avian products for at least 120 days, at a minimum of 68°F before being shipped (and records of this shall be included with certification)
- No Pullorum-typhoid test requirement
- Feathers must be free of visible debris



# ▶ Arts and Crafts Feathers

- If imported, must meet USDA standards
- If US origin, must be cleaned and dried
- Owner must keep source or purchase information, supply if requested
- Not affected by HPAI control areas



# Cooping

- Market birds – 72 hours maximum time frame (first in to last out)
- Exhibition type non-poultry – no time limit
- No restriction on using the same cooping area on the grounds for poultry and non-poultry
- Biosecurity and clean coops are important





# Transportation

- Includes movement of all birds and avian products to show, slaughter plant, farm, or other destination as allowed in the exhibition order
- All transport of birds or products must be in a biosecure manner
- Conveyances must meet PDA quarantine order in effect regarding sanitation, cleaning and disinfection
  - Only clean conveyances should enter PA or a PA farm



Melhorn



# ▶ Records and Health Monitoring

- Fair management must maintain records of entries and other records as required by the exhibition order
- Health of the birds at the fair must be monitored
  - Sick birds should be moved to isolation
  - Show veterinarian should be contacted immediately
  - Suspicion of DTD must be reported to PDA

**717-772-2852, option 1 (24/7)**



# Public Access Restrictions

- All live birds must be behind barriers to prevent public access
- Signs are required at the barriers



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Department of Agriculture

# ▶ Certified Poultry Technician classes

- Jan. 30 – Virtual
- Additional classes to be scheduled
- Email Stacy Etzweiler ([setzweiler@pa.gov](mailto:setzweiler@pa.gov)) to enroll
- Current CPTs are welcome to audit for a refresher





# Rabbits

- PA Requirements
  - Verification of VCPR
  - Free of infectious/contagious disease
- Out of State Requirements:
  - If from a state with Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD) in the last 12 months
    - CVI within 72 hours with four special statements (see page 26)
- Recommendations:
  - Vaccination against RHD (now conditionally licensed)
  - CVI recommended for out of state rabbits from states without RHD

Note: Required to report all mass mortality events and all rabbits who are ill exhibiting clinical signs consistent with RHD to the Department 717-772-2852 select option 1



Legend

Stable-Endemic Area

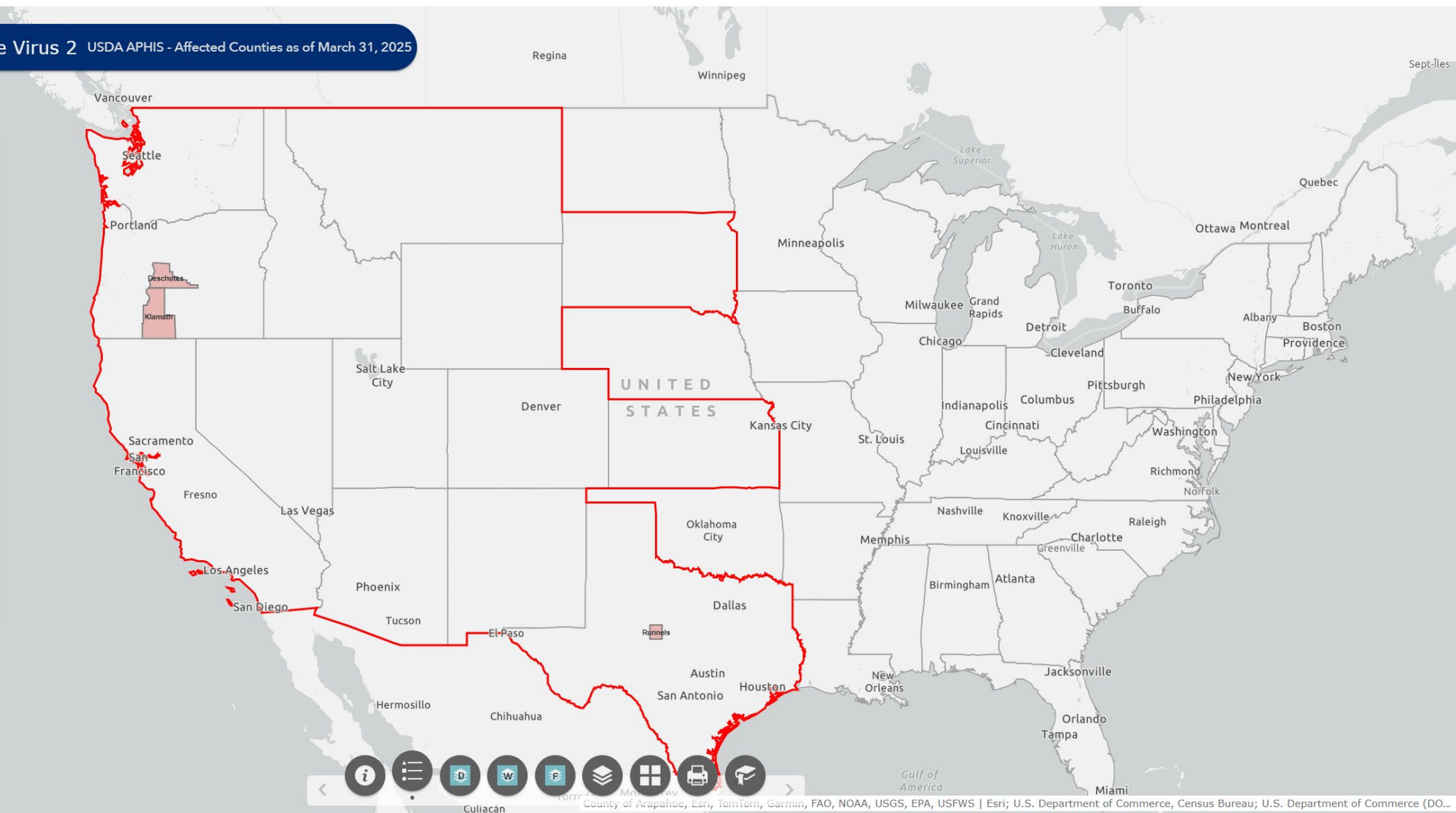
New Domestic Cases Jan - Mar 2025

New Wild Cases Jan - Mar 2025

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# ➤ Swine – General Requirements

- Swine must be examined and free of signs of contagious disease before unloading by accredited vet or Swine Health Monitor
- Swine Health Monitor completes daily health inspections of all swine on site
- Show has a VCPR with Cat. II Accredited Vet for examination, health management, and reporting
- Breeding swine must exhibit prior to market swine
  - Must arrive, exhibit, and depart in no more than 72 hours
- Market swine must move directly to slaughter following exhibition
  - Shows should keep records for 2 years



# Pennsylvania Show and Fair Swine Health Monitor Training

This training is required to become a PDA swine health monitor. Volunteers learn roles and responsibilities, rules and regulations, and common signs of disease.

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365

Sections

1

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1 hour, 30 minutes

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English

Note

You will become a volunteer PDA Swine Health Monitor with successful completion of this course.

Options\*

Choose a selection... 

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# ➤ Swine – General Requirements

- Educational displays may occur concurrently but should be kept biosecurely separate from exhibition swine
- Conveyances used to transport animals should be cleaned between uses
- After departure of all swine, fair must clean all exhibition areas



# Swine

- PA Swine
  - Official ID 840 RFID ear tag
  - CVI within **30 days** of exhibition, Official ID recorded on CVI
- Out of State Swine
  - Official ID 840 RFID ear tag
  - CVI with statement of free of evidence of infectious/contagious disease
    - Statement that the swine have not been fed raw garbage
    - Vesicular stomatitis statement
  - Brucella testing requirements
  - Pseudorabies testing requirements
- Recommendation: Extra-label use of rabies vaccination should be discussed with exhibitor's veterinarian



# ▶ Brucellosis and Pseudorabies testing

- For all out of state swine
  - Either:
    - From a tested free herd
      - Date of last test and herd number must be on CVI
- OR
- All animals must be tested within 30 days of show
    - Date of test and results must be on CVI



# ➤ Swine Exhibition Rules

- Jackpots and round ups
  - All general requirements apply
    - Swine Health Monitor
    - CVI
    - RFID
    - Vet of record for the event
  - No terminal requirement provided:
    - All swine arrive, exhibit, and depart in 72 hours
    - **No public access to the animals** other than viewing the exhibition





# Other swine scenarios

- Racing pigs
- Animals that cannot go directly to slaughter
  - Require a permit for movement from show
- Pet pigs
- Lost tags while at show
  - Notify PDA



# Questions?

- General
  - 717-772-2852
  - [RA-ahds@pa.gov](mailto:RA-ahds@pa.gov)
- Dr. Luley
  - 717-257-6520
  - [eluley@pa.gov](mailto:eluley@pa.gov)
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