

WARNING

ALL required health papers must accompany the cattle and be available for inspection upon arrival. Cattle will not be health tested at World Dairy Expo for the purposes of showing. World Dairy Expo staff, with assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), United States Department of Agriculture and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, will check all health papers. Animals will not be allowed on the grounds until health papers have been verified.

Please bring a printed copy of all health papers to turn in upon arrival.

Cattle without health papers:

- 1) Will be placed in a quarantine area until proper health papers are presented OR**
- 2) Will be required to leave the grounds**

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A (HPAI/H5N1) Testing Requirements

Guidance to the federal order requiring HPAI/H5N1 testing was updated in April 2026 to allow for the movement of lactating dairy cattle across state lines from states with **Unaffected State Status** under the National Milk Testing Strategy (NMTS) **without** testing. Additionally, the Wisconsin state order requiring testing for lactating dairy cattle going to Wisconsin exhibitions has been rescinded. When testing for HPAI/H5N1 is required, the required test is an Influenza A PCR, and testing details will refer to Influenza A throughout this document.

Lactating dairy cattle moving across state lines from states with **Affected or Provisional Unaffected State Status** under the NMTS continue to require a negative Influenza A PCR test on milk samples of all lactating dairy cattle with a collection date within 7 days of interstate movement. The test collection date, lab, accession number, and result must be written clearly on the CVI. Check the NMTS for your state's status: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock/nmts>

State statuses and requirements for Influenza A testing are subject to change.

World Dairy Expo requires **lactating cattle traveling WITH cattle from Affected or Provisional Unaffected State Status under NMTS, must also have a negative Influenza A PCR test** on milk samples of individual lactating dairy cattle with a collection date within 7 days of interstate movement. The test collection date, lab, accession number, and result must be written clearly on the CVI.

A second test is not required by the federal order for cattle to return to the farm of origin from a show or exhibition if the event does not exceed 10 days in length. Contact your state for requirements to return home after the show.

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AvianInfluenzaCattle.aspx

Identification Requirements

All cattle attending World Dairy Expo must have official individual identification regardless of age. Acceptable forms of animal identification are: a USDA AIN 840 RFID tag, a Canadian AIN RFID 124 tag, or, if applied prior to November 5, 2024 a USDA AIN 840 visual only tag.

Official identification applied after November 5, 2024 must be electronic (RFID) AND visually readable. Cattle with USDA 840 visual only tags applied before this date may continue to use that tag for the rest of that animal's life.

Paperwork Requirements from Affected and Provisional Unaffected States

All cattle must have a printed certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI, also known as a health certificate) documenting official animal identification and, when Influenza A testing is required, Influenza A test collection date, lab, accession number, and result. A printed copy of each lactating animal's negative Influenza A test results must also be available if testing is required.

Cattle from Texas and Michigan's Federal TB Free Zone

As long as you are not involved in any TB-positive or exposed herd investigations, here's what you need to bring in cattle from these states:

1. You must have a printed, Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI, also known as a health certificate) with an inspection date within 30 days of arrival to World Dairy Expo.
2. Each animal must be officially identified as stated above in Identification Requirements. There is no age or sexual status exemption for the ID requirement.
3. Influenza A: Check your origin state's status under NMTS: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock/nmts> State status is subject to change. Cattle from states with Unaffected state status have no Influenza A testing requirements. ~~Cattle from states with Affected or Provisionally Unaffected state status have no Influenza A testing requirements.~~ Cattle from states with Affected or Provisionally Unaffected state status are required under a USDA Federal Order to have a negative Influenza

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A PCR test on milk samples of all lactating dairy cattle with a collection date within 7 days of interstate movement. The test collection date, lab, accession number, and result must be written clearly on the CVI. A printed copy of each lactating animal's negative Influenza A test results is also required.

4. Tuberculosis: Each animal needs either a negative individual tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to the date of import to Wisconsin or, if the animals originate from a currently accredited TB-free herd, individual TB tests are not required, but the accreditation number and the date of the last whole-herd TB test must be on the CVI. A whole herd TB test is not required if the animals are individually tested. There is no age or sexual status exemption for the TB test requirement.
5. A brucellosis test, vaccination or statement is not required at this time.
6. No other tests or statements are required at this time.
7. An import permit is not required.
8. If the animals will be offered for sale, they must meet the requirements listed in the World Dairy Expo premium book.

Cattle from Michigan's federal Modified Accredited (MA) Zone

These rules apply to cattle from the following Michigan counties: **Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Oscoda**. The import regulations for Michigan's MA Zone are the same for World Dairy Expo as they are for other cattle imports, with the exception of the show-only statement (see item 1 below):

1. You must have a current certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI, also known as a health certificate). The CVI must include a version of the following statement: "This animal is/these animals are coming to World Dairy Expo only and will return to the state of origin after Expo."
2. Each animal must be officially identified as stated above in Identification Requirements. There is no age or sexual status exemption for the ID requirement.
3. Influenza A: Check your origin state's status under NMTS: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock/nmts>. State status is subject to change. Cattle from states with Affected or Provisionally Unaffected state status are required under a USDA Federal Order to have a negative Influenza A PCR test on milk samples of all lactating dairy cattle with a collection date within 7 days of interstate movement. Cattle from states with Unaffected state status are ~~not~~ required under a USDA Federal Order ~~are required~~ to have a negative Influenza A PCR test on milk samples of all lactating dairy cattle with a collection date within 7 days of interstate movement. The test collection date, lab, accession number, and result must be written clearly on the CVI. A printed copy of each lactating animal's negative Influenza A test results is also required.
4. Tuberculosis: Each animal must have a negative individual TB test within 60 days before the date of import and originate from a herd that has had a negative whole-herd TB test for all animals one year and older within the last 12 months. The injection dates of both tests must be written clearly on both the import permit application form (see #4) and the CVI. There is no age or sexual status exemption for the TB test requirement.
5. An import permit is required. The import permit application form is available from: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/WorldDairyExpo.aspx, or you can have it faxed to you by calling (608) 224-4874 during regular business hours. Fill it out completely – all the boxes marked with an asterisk are required. You will need to write in the Alliant Energy Center's livestock premises code, which is 004A6S7. Import permit applications without the livestock premises code will not be processed. Note: The "applicant" who signs the form can be the owner, or it can be the veterinarian or someone from the vet clinic staff – it doesn't have to be the owner. When the form is completed, fax or email it, along with the signed and dated CVI, to (608) 224-4871 or DATCPAnimalImports@wisconsin.gov. When the import permit is approved, a permit number will be issued by a Wisconsin state veterinarian and provided back to requestor. The permit number must be written on the CVI.
6. A brucellosis test, vaccination or statement is not required at this time.
7. No other tests or statements are required at this time.
8. If you intend to sell animals at Expo, you may do so only if the animals return to their state of origin after the show (as stated on your certificate of veterinary inspection). The animals may then travel to their new owner with a new CVI. Make sure the animals meet the import requirements of the state of destination. Please consult the World Dairy Expo premium book for any additional testing requirements.

Cattle from All Other States

For animals from the states that aren't listed above, the import requirements are the same as for other cattle imports.

1. You must have a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI, also known as a health certificate).
2. Each animal must be officially identified as stated above in Identification Requirements. There is no age or sexual status exemption for the ID requirement.
3. Influenza A: Check your origin state's status under NMTS: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock/nmts>. State status is subject to change. Cattle from states with unaffected state status have no Influenza A testing requirements. Cattle from states with Affected or Provisionally Unaffected state status

are required under a USDA Federal Order to have a negative Influenza A PCR test on milk samples of all lactating dairy cattle with a collection date within 7 days of interstate movement. The test collection date, lab, accession number, and result must be written clearly on the CVI. A printed copy of each lactating animal's negative Influenza A test results is also required.

4. Tuberculosis testing is not required at this time.
5. A brucellosis test, vaccination or statement is not required.
6. No other tests or statements are required at this time.
7. An import permit is not required.
8. If the animals will be offered for sale, they must meet the requirements listed in the World Dairy Expo Premium Book.

Cattle from Outside the United States

To bring in cattle from outside the United States, you must meet the import requirements established by the United States Department of Agriculture. You can learn more at the website for the National Center for Import and Export (NCIE), <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/import-export> or by calling the NCIE at (301)851-3300.

All testing requirements are subject to change. For the most current testing information for cattle attending the show only, please go to https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/WorldDairyExpo.aspx

General Notes

All cattle exhibited must be free of contagious and infectious diseases, including ringworm, scabies, mange, warts and pinkeye. Cattle under quarantine are not eligible for exhibition. Cattle that come from an area which is considered to be quarantined because of the presence of or exposure to a highly contagious disease cannot be shown at World Dairy Expo. Expo or DATCP have the right to require such tests and examinations as may be necessary to determine the disease status of any animals exhibited, and to exclude or remove, under a permit from DATCP, any animal afflicted or suspected of being afflicted with any contagious disease.

Drug usage: Cattle at the show may only be treated with USDA-licensed FDA-approved drugs. Withdrawal time periods must be strictly observed. Extra label use of all drugs must be under the direction of a licensed veterinarian. Evidence of same shall be provided in writing if requested by Expo or DATCP.

***For the most up-to-date health regulation information, please visit the
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection:
https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx

- World Dairy Expo Exhibitor Guidelines for Animal CVI and Influenza A Testing -

Things You Need To Know

1. In all animal health related situations, cattle exhibitors are strongly encouraged to work closely with their veterinarian and state animal health officials to ensure all state, federal and CFIA/HPAI orders are correctly followed to participate at this year's World Dairy Expo. The responsibility to organize entry into the United States and return home, along with any arrangements and communication, with the CFIA is solely that of the exhibitor/animal's owner.
2. All animals coming to World Dairy Expo must have a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).
3. Influenza A testing requirements will depend on your origin states' status, based on Testing/Surveillance Activities, as part of the USDA's National Milk Testing Strategy (NMTS). States are one of three statuses: Affected, Provisional Unaffected or Unaffected. Check your origin state's status under NMTS: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock/nmts>

Lactating Cows from Affected States and Lactating Cows from Provisional Unaffected States:

- World Dairy Expo requires a negative Influenza A PCR milk sample test report and a current CVI to get into WDE. The Influenza A test report **and CVI** must include the collection date, lab, accession number and result. A printed copy of a current CVI and a copy of each lactating animal's negative Influenza A test result is required.
- To return home, you must work closely with your veterinarian and your State's Animal Health Officials to develop a plan that will not require an Influenza A test to be done at Expo.
- These animals may apply for Influenza A Early Release to accommodate USDA and your local state or provincials order of a shorter length of time on the original negative Influenza A test. *See below for more details.

Lactating Cows Traveling WITH Cattle from Affected or Provisional Unaffected:

- World Dairy Expo requires a negative Influenza A PCR milk sample test report and a current

CVI to get into WDE. The Influenza A test report [and CVI](#) must include the collection date, lab, accession number and result. A printed copy of a current CVI and a copy of each lactating animal's negative Influenza A test result is required.

- To return home, you must work closely with your veterinarian and your State's Animal Health Officials to develop a plan that will not require an Influenza A test to be done at Expo.
- These animals may apply for Influenza A Early Release to accommodate USDA and your local state or provincials order of a shorter length of time on the original negative Influenza A test. *See below for more details.

Lactating Cows from Unaffected States:

- Only a current CVI is required to get into Expo. An Influenza A milk sample is NOT necessary.
- Influenza A Early Release is NOT available to any animal returning to an origin of an Unaffected State.

Lactating Cows from Canada:

- A current CVI is required to get into Expo.
 - It is possible that additional testing requirements for animal movement across the Canadian border, interstate within the US and intrastate in WI will change between now and your departure for World Dairy Expo.
 - The responsibility to organize entry into the United States and return home, along with any arrangements and communication, with the CFIA is solely that of the exhibitor/animal's owner.
4. Veterinary services will be available at Expo as they always have been.
 5. If the WDE Vet Team identifies an animal showing clinical signs that warrant an Influenza A test, the milk sample PCR test will be administered.

Expo will allow early departures only to allow you to meet Influenza A test requirements without another test to return home to states with NMTS status of Affected and Provisional Unaffected.

Animals are eligible for early release if they meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

1. If you have lactating dairy cattle with a return destination to a state with a NMTS status of Affected or Provisional Unaffected as of August 31, 2026 and if additional states are identified with Affected or Provisional Unaffected state status after 8/31. (Heifer-only groups are not eligible).
2. If your travel and exhibition time at World Dairy Expo would meet one of these two requirements:
 - a. If your travel and exhibition time will exceed the USDA order which states that, "animals may travel to their home herd using the same negative test result [that they came in on], provided the exhibition, show or sale does not exceed 10 days of length and a new test would be required.
 - b. If your travel and exhibition time will exceed your local state or provincial order of a shorter length of time (ex: 7 days) on the same negative test and a new test would be required.
3. If your cattle are traveling WITH cattle from states with Affected or Provisionally Unaffected state status under NMTS as of August 31, 2026 and if additional states are identified with Affected or Provisionally Unaffected state status after 8/31.
4. Proof of testing and travel time is the burden of the dairy cattle exhibitor.
5. Exhibitors traveling back to an Affected or Provisionally Affected State Only or with cattle from either of those state statuses, must complete the WDE Influenza A Early Request Form by September 17, 2026.
6. Request Link for WDE HPAI/H5N1 Early Release is in the Dairy Cattle Show Exhibitor Dashboard: <https://forms.gle/HEQNdYQh1fcS1ci69>
7. WDE will provide written communication of confirmation or denial to the email address provided with the request.

If late arrival becomes a necessity, based on NMTS status only, exhibitors from impacted states will be required to apply and be approved.



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Move-in details

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Updates during Expo week

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