

**AS OF MAY 2, 2024
YOU AND YOUR VETERINARIAN NEED
TO MONITOR THE TEXAS ANIMAL
HEALTH COMMISSION WEBSITE
FREQUENTLY TO MAKE SURE NO
CHANGES OCCUR DUE TO THE AVIAN
INFLUENZA/BOVINE INFLUENZA
SITUATION AS WELL AS ANY
SITUATION THAT COULD ARISE
WITHIN THE SHEEP INDUSTRY**

**2024 NATIONAL RAMBOUILLET SHOW
& SALE
2024 NATIONAL JUNIOR SHOW
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

All rams born prior to February 1, 2024 must have a negative ELISA test for *Brucella ovis* within 30 days of the sale, with the negative result listed on the CVI, along with a copy of the individual lab test result for each ram. The premise ID, individual scrapie number and flock number, as well as the negative *B. ovis* result MUST BE STATED ON THE HEALTH CERTIFICATE. Rams may ORIGINATE from a *Brucella ovis* free flock but they must have a current test record included on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The 30 days is from the bleed date not the results date.

All rams must have a written statement of the CVI that the veterinarian issuing the CVI palpated the testicles of each ram and no abnormalities were found.

All certificates of veterinary inspection must be completed within 30 days of the sale, with 20 days being preferred, in order for those papers to be good on sheep that must travel longer distances to arrive at their new destination after sale.

<https://www.tahc.texas.gov/>

https://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/pdf/MovementRequirements_Sheep.pdf

(A) All sheep regardless of age or gender, bartered, exchanged, gifted, leased, or sold entering Texas **must be free of symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases**. Those with any signs of infection or contagious diseases will not be allowed in the show or sale and are not allowed in the show and sale penning area. All sheep must have:

1. An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. An approved Scrapie tag with Premise ID as well as individual tag number.
3. An individual flock tag that corresponds to the same number on the registration paper.
4. They must originate from a non-quarantined flock.
5. A negative ELISA test for *Brucella ovis* or ORIGINATE from a *Brucella ovis* free flock as referenced above.
6. ALL RECORDS ARE TO BE RETAINED FOR FIVE YEARS AND INCLUDE:
 - a. SCRAPIE TAG NUMBER
 - b. DATE SOLD and/or SHOWN
 - c. SELLER'S/EXHIBITOR'S NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE #

(B) All sheep must originate from a non-quarantined flock.

All rams born prior to February 1, 2024 must be tested negative by ELISA within 30 days prior to movement or ORIGINATE from a *Brucella ovis* free flock with a current test record and an official flock number.

STATE OF TEXAS DEFINED REQUIREMENTS FROM THIS POINT DOWN

Equine, Bovine, Porcine, Caprine, Ovine, Cervid Vesicular Stomatitis
Movement Notice:

Equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, or cervidae may not enter Texas from a premise or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis. All equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, or cervidae **from a vesicular stomatitis affected state must have a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 14 days of the date of entry into Texas. A copy of the certificate of veterinary inspection must accompany such animal shipments at all times.**

Texas animals moving out of state: Prior to shipping livestock during a VSV outbreak, check with the state of destination to ensure all entry requirements have been met. Confirmed cases of VSV must be reported to interstate and international trading partners, which may result in restrictions, additional inspections or testing requirements.

RULE §51.12. Sheep

(a) *Brucella ovis*. All breeding rams six months of age and over must have had a negative ELISA test for *Brucella ovis* within 30 days prior to entry into Texas or be from a *Brucella ovis* free flock. Each ram shall be individually identified with an individual eartag or registration tattoo. This number along with the test results and name of the approved laboratory and date of test shall be entered on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection accompanying the animal(s).

(b) Scrapie.

(1) Animals to be identified by official eartag.

(A) All breeding or exhibition animals shall have official premises, or approved USDA, eartag in place and recorded, except: Registered goats with a registration tattoo and accompanied by registration papers

(B) All animals in slaughter channels shall have official premises, or approved USDA, eartag in place, except:

(i) Sheep under 18 months of age

(ii) Goats that have not commingled with sheep

(2) Animals originating from scrapie-affected flocks, scrapie-positive, suspect, exposed, and/or high risk animals, or sheep originating from Inconsistent States, may be granted entry into Texas on a case-by-case basis only after permission of the Executive Director of TAHC or the Designated Scrapie Epidemiologist.

(3) Animals originating from Inconsistent States (without an active scrapie surveillance and control program) may enter the State of Texas only if:

- (A) Obtain an entry permit,
- (B) Consigned directly to a terminal feedlot,
- (C) Consigned directly to slaughter.

(4) All blackface ovine females and all blackface crossbred females, except hair sheep, imported into the State of Texas for breeding purposes shall originate from a Scrapie Certified Free Flock or have documentation supporting that the animals are of the genotype RR at codon 171 or AA at codon 136 and QR at codon 171.

(5) Certificate of Veterinary Inspection: Information on the Certificate of Veterinary

Inspection shall include:

- (A) Complete information on the consignor, consignee, and flock of origin, including the origination and destination addresses.
- (B) Date of inspection
- (C) Number of animals in the consignment and description of the animals (breed, gender, and other distinguishing characteristics).
- (D) Premise eartag identification number or official USDA eartag number, or (if goats accompanied by registration papers) registration tattoo).

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- (i) Animals for Breeding Purposes or Exhibition--All premises identification numbers (or) official USDA eartag numbers, or registration tattoos (in the accompaniment of registration papers) shall be recorded.
- (ii) Animals in Slaughter Channels--identification must be present on the animals but the numbers do not need to be recorded.
- (E) Statement of the purpose for transporting the animals (for exhibition, breeding purposes, or slaughter)
- (F) A statement by the accredited veterinarian issuing the Certificate that the animals are not exhibiting clinical signs associated with any infectious disease, including scrapie, at the time of examination.
- (G) A statement by the accredited veterinarian issuing the Certificate indicating if the animal(s) are not from a scrapie affected, high risk, source, or exposed flock.

Source Note: The provisions of this §51.12 adopted to be effective June 3, 2002, 27 TexReg 5182; amended to be effective March 16, 2005, 30 TexReg 1439; amended to be effective March 4, 2007, 32 TexReg 753



Sheep

Current as of May 6, 2022

Sheep include animals of the genus *Ovis*.

Interstate Movement (Out-of-State Moving into Texas)	Intrastate Movement (Texas Moving within Texas)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibited and Restricted Movement: Any animal that is affected, exposed or quarantined in any manner for an infectious, contagious, or communicable disease may not enter the state. Entry into Texas may be granted on a case-by-case basis only after permission is granted from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) Executive Director (4 TAC §51.5). Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242. 2. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection: A certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) is required within 30 days prior to entry into Texas (§51.2(b)), unless otherwise noted or excepted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Note: All ovine coming from a vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) affected state must have a CVI issued within 14 days prior to entry (§51.7(d)). 3. Entry Permit: An entry permit is not required for domestic sheep, unless excepted below. Entry permits may be obtained at any time by calling 512-719-0777, or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777, or by emailing the TAHC at permits@tahc.texas.gov. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Exception: Animals originating from an Inconsistent State (state without an active scrapie surveillance and control program) may enter Texas only if an entry permit is obtained, they are consigned directly to a terminal feedlot, or consigned directly to slaughter (§51.12(b)(2)). 4. Exhibition and Event Requirements: www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html#show <p><i>Entry requirements continue on page 2.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibited and Restricted Movement: Any animal that is under a Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) quarantine cannot be moved from a quarantined area unless movement is authorized by the TAHC Executive Director (4 TAC §51.5). Contact the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242. 2. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection: Sheep are not required to obtain a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI), unless otherwise noted or excepted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Note: Sheep must meet the same requirements as for those entering from out-of-state, and be accompanied by a CVI when entering interstate shows, fairs, and exhibitions (§51.4(b)(3)). 3. Exhibition and Event Requirements: www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html#show 4. Official Identification Requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 The following classes of sheep must be identified using official identification ear tags and applied before they are moved from the farm for intrastate or interstate commerce, exhibition, or to be commingled with animals from other farms (§60.2(a)), unless otherwise excepted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1.1 All sheep 18 months of age and older (§60.2(a)(1)(A)). 4.1.2 All breeding sheep regardless of age (§60.2(a)(1)(B)). 4.1.3 Sexually intact show or exhibition sheep (§60.2(a)(1)(C)).

This is an unofficial summary of TAHC movement requirements. Visit the Texas Administrative Code, Title 4, Part 2 for official requirements:
[https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=3&ti=4&pt=2](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=3&ti=4&pt=2)



Interstate Movement (Out-of-State Moving into Texas)	Intrastate Movement (Texas Moving within Texas)
<p>5. Official Identification Requirements:</p> <p>5.1 All breeding, exhibition, or animals in slaughter channels are required to be identified by official ear tag prior to entry (§51.12(b)(1)(A)&(B)), unless excepted below.</p> <p>5.1.1 Exception: Sheep under 18 months of age in slaughter channels (§51.12(b)(1)(B)(i)).</p> <p>6. Testing Requirements:</p> <p>6.1 Brucella ovis: All breeding rams six months of age and over must have had a negative ELISA test for <i>Brucella ovis</i> within 30 days prior to entry into Texas or be from a <i>Brucella ovis</i> free flock (§51.12(a)).</p> <p>6.2 Scrapie: All <i>blackface ovine females and all blackface crossbred females</i>, except hair sheep, imported for breeding purposes must originate from a Scrapie Certified Free Flock or have documentation supporting that the animals are of the genotype RR at codon 171, or AA at codon 136 and QR at codon 171 (§51.12(b)(4)).</p> <p>7. Other Requirements:</p> <p>7.1 Scabies: For requirements regarding scabies, visit §51.7(a)(2).</p> <p>7.2 Screwworms: For requirements regarding screwworms, visit §51.7(b).</p> <p>7.3 Fever Ticks: For requirements regarding fever ticks, visit §51.7(c).</p>	<p>4.1.4 All exposed, Scrapie-positive, suspect, test-positive, and high-risk animals (§60.2(a)(1)(F)).</p> <p>4.1.5 Exception: If the animals are registered, an acceptable alternative to premise identification ear tag is the registration tattoo when the animal(s) are accompanied by the registration papers (§60.2(a)(1)(E)), unless otherwise excepted.</p> <p>4.1.6 Exception: Wethers (§60.2(a)(2)).</p>
<p>International Movement (Sheep moved into Texas from foreign countries)</p>	
<p>Contact USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) for international animal requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Export call 512-383-2411 • For Import call 301-851-3300 	

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[https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?toc_view=3&ti=4&pt=2](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?toc_view=3&ti=4&pt=2).

*****You must provide two (2) copies of the certified veterinary health inspection certificate as well as two (2) copies of the ELISA B. ovis negative test result for each entry that you have. Please have your veterinarian make**

those copies so that they are legible and are easily read.
ENTRIES WITHOUT COPIES THAT ARE EASY TO
READ WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO BE SHOWN OR
SOLD. ***

Copies made by the ARSBA copier/printer are usually not
clear enough to read.

HAVE YOUR VETERINARIAN VERIFY ALL REQUIREMENTS WITH TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION AND DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL HEALTH PRIOR TO COMPLETING YOUR HEALTH CERTIFICATE(S) AS REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS ARE ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO SPECIAL SITUATIONS THAT ARISE WITHIN A PARTICULAR STATE ON SHORT NOTICE.

ALL TRANSIT SHEEP MUST ALSO HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION available for REVIEW in accordance with State of Texas health standards, rules and federal law. These animals are not to be comingled with sale or junior show sheep on the premises. Visit with your personal veterinarian concerning this matter as the federal rules have changed concerning the point of origination and point of destination. You are responsible for any and all matters concerning this subject and the ARSBA has no liability concerning any issues with improper or incorrect CVI for sheep in transit.