

**Ohio Beef Expo  
2026  
Health Requirements**

**GENERAL HEALTH RULES:**

1. **IMPORTANT RULE: All sale bulls over 18 months and all non-virgin bulls are required to have a negative trichomoniasis per test.** See below under Health Requirements for Sale Cattle for information on Trich testing requirements.
2. **IMPORTANT RULE: All sale cattle are REQUIRED to have official 840 EID tags** in their ears prior to arrival at the Ohio Beef Expo. The animal's 15 digit EID number and the herd premise ID number must be on the CVI (Health Paper). EID tags are acceptable only if the first three numbers are "840". No other form of ID is acceptable for sale cattle.
3. **IMPORTANT RULE: All sale, display, and show cattle including genetic pathway bulls, and all junior show cattle are REQUIRED to be tested for Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD).** See below for information regarding BVD testing. **The animals MUST be tested prior to arriving at the show grounds.**
4. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Please print these health requirements and show them to your veterinarian** so that they may ensure that your consignments meet them. Health papers (CVIs) to go from the Ohio Beef Expo to the buyer will **NOT** be issued for cattle that do not meet the Ohio Beef Expo health requirements outlined herein Furthermore, if an animal meets the requirements for the Ohio Beef Expo but, to the knowledge of the veterinarian re-issuing the CVI on Friday/Saturday, does not meet the entry requirements of the state of destination (This is rare but does occur- see Rule # 9 below.), a CVI will not be issued and the buyer and seller will thus need to work out an equitable solution to the situation.
5. An Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) i.e. health paper is **REQUIRED** for **all sale cattle**. A CVI is also required for exhibition cattle and display cattle that originate from outside Ohio. A CVI is not required for exhibition / display cattle that originate from within Ohio and are not to be sold. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is a form from the state of origin that has been completed and issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian attesting to the health status of the animal listed thereon. All animals for which a CVI is required are required to have official individual identification. Sale cattle must have 840 RFID tags; acceptable forms of ID for display and show cattle are official 840 RFID tags, official USDA metal tags, or tattoos that correspond to breed registration certificates. RFID tags are only acceptable if the first three numbers are "840" and the herd premise ID number appears on the CVI. No other form of ID is acceptable.
6. Each sale animal must be issued its own individual CVI. That is, **bring one health paper for each lot**. Do not list more than one sale animal on a CVI. Please write the sale lot number of the animal on the top right corner of the CVI. In the case of cow-calf pairs, if the calf is of an age such that it will certainly not be split from its mother, the dam and calf may be listed on the same CVI. If there is any chance that the dam and calf will be sold to different buyers, they should each be issued an individual CVI.
7. CVIs are required to be issued within 30 days prior to the date of the sale (on or after February 20, 2026). Regarding these health requirements generally, the official date to be used when determining when tests must be performed (e.g. "within 30 days of the date of the sale") or when determining the age of the animal with respect to testing requirements for the 2025 Ohio Beef Expo is March 20, 2026.
8. It is not required but is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that all cattle receive at least one dose of modified live (2 to 4 weeks prior to the event) or two doses of killed (2 to 4 weeks apart with the second dose 2 to 4 weeks prior to the event) respiratory disease (IBR, BVD, BRSV, PI3) vaccine.
9. The Brucellosis, TB, and Trichomoniasis requirements for sale cattle are designed to be reasonable for the consignors and are based upon the fact that cattle sell into many states. Cattle health entry requirements for each state are continually changing. Cattle that meet the following requirements should meet the requirements for entry into most, but not all, states. For example, Montana, California, and some other states require that all females be Officially Calhhood Vaccinated (OCV) against Brucellosis. Given that the vast majority of the cattle sold at the Ohio Beef Expo do not sell into states that require females to be OCV, we have chosen not to require OCV of all females. If cattle sell into Canada or other foreign countries, further arrangements will need to be made between the buyer and the seller.
10. The Ohio Beef Expo and / or State Veterinarian may reject any animal that poses a threat from evidence of contagious or infectious disease (to include ringworm and warts).

# Ohio Beef Expo Health Requirement Checklist

(this page is to help you make sure you completed the required items  
Refer to previous pages for complete guidelines)

For Sale AND Exhibition/Display Cattle:

- Tuberculosis – NO test required if originating from a TB free state (if originating from the Michigan counties of **Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Oscoda, the animals will need a TB test within 30 days**)
- Brucellosis – **required for most cows, heifers AND bulls** – check complete guidelines
- Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD) test – **required for ALL cattle prior to arriving at the Expo**
- Trichomoniasis – ALL bulls over 18 months MUST have negative Trich. Test. ALL virgin bulls must have **virgin statement** on CVI. – see complete guidelines
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) – a health paper is required on **ALL SALE** cattle as well as show/display cattle originating from **out of state**. Each sale animal should have an individual CVI. Show/display/exhibition cattle can all be on one paper.
- “840” ear tag – required for ALL sale animals. Show/display animals must have an official form of identification – check complete guidelines

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## HEALTH REQUIREMENT FOR SALE CATTLE:

**Bovine Virus Diarrhea (BVD)** requirements for sale, display and show cattle including cattle originating in Ohio and including genetic pathway bulls and all junior show cattle.

- All sale, display and show cattle are required to be tested for Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD) persistent infection (PI) status. Acceptable tests include and are limited to: Immunohistochemistry (IHC) on skin, Antigen-capture ELISA (ACE) on serum or skin, Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) on whole blood, serum or skin. Animals must be individually tested. Pooled testing is acceptable only if documentation is provided that the animal was specifically included in the pool and that the pool contained no more than 7 animals. Type of test and test result must be listed on the CVI.
- **All animals must have a negative BVD test prior to arriving on the show grounds. Animals without proof of negative BVD test will not be permitted to enter the barns or sell in the sales.**

**Brucellosis** requirements for sale cattle including cattle originating in Ohio:

- Animals originating from a certified Brucellosis free herd: No test required.
  - The date of the last herd test and the herd certification number MUST be listed on the CVI.
- Animals originating from a non-certified herd:
  - Animals under 6 months of age: No test required.
  - **Bulls over 6 months** of age on the date of the sale must be negative to an official Brucellosis test conducted within 30 days of the date of the sale.
  - **Females between 6 months and 18 months** of age:
    - If Officially Calhhood Vaccinated (OCV) against Brucellosis, no test required. Proof that the female is OCV must be written on the CVI by the veterinarian. “Proof” must be as outlined below.
    - If not OCV, then must be negative to an official Brucellosis test conducted within 30 days of the date of the sale.
  - **Females over 18 months** of age (regardless of OCV status) must be negative to an official Brucellosis test conducted within 30 days of the date of the sale.
- Note: Official Calhhood Vaccination (OCV) for brucellosis is not required but is desirable since some states will not allow females to enter the state if they were not vaccinated as calves. If a female was OCV then it is required that some evidence proving this appears on the CVI. Examples of “proof” include and are limited to:
  - “V” series USDA tag number recorded on CVI.
  - The letters “OCV” with the veterinarian’s initials written on the CVI attesting that the veterinarian has observed a legible official OCV tattoo in the animal.
  - A copy of the original OCV certificate that clearly identifies the animal that was OCV as the same animal listed on the CVI.

**Trichomoniasis** requirements for sale bulls:

**ALL Bulls MUST have EITHER of the following:**

- **Virgin bulls under 18 months** of age on the date of the sale:
  - The following statement must appear on the CVI accompanied by the veterinarian’s and owner’s signature:  
“This bull is a virgin and has had no contact with breeding females.”
- **Bulls 18 months of age or older** on the date of the sale and all non-virgin bulls:
  - PCR test within 28 days of the date of the sale. A single culture test does not meet the requirement.

**General Information:**

- Ohio has mandatory Trichomoniasis rules for all bulls entering Ohio from any other state..
- Nearly all states require a negative Trich test prior to entry.
- Health Papers WILL NOT be written for bulls that do not meet destination state Trich requirements.
- Information for your vet on how to perform the test can be found at:  
<http://vetmed.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/vdl/disease-topics/Trichomoniasis-Sample-Submission.pdf>

**Tuberculosis (TB)** requirements for sale cattle –

- No TB test required if cattle originate from a TB free state. Cattle coming from the four counties of Michigan (**Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Oscoda**) will need a TB test. Contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture (614) 728-6220 for additional direction.

## **HEALTH REQUIRMENTS FOR SHOW / EXHIBITION / DISPLAY CATTLE:**

Cattle originating within Ohio:

- **IMPORTANT RULE:** All show, display, and junior show cattle as well as genetic pathway bulls must be tested for **BVD** as outlined above.
- It is recommended that all show and display cattle including genetic pathway bulls that originate within Ohio have official individual identification. Acceptable forms of ID for show and display cattle are official 840 RFID tags, official USDA metal tags, or tattoos that correspond to breed registration certificates. RFID tags are acceptable only if the first three numbers are "840". Tattoos are only acceptable if the registration certificate is also presented.
- CVI (Health Paper) is not required for steers or heifers in the junior show that originate in Ohio.
- CVI is not required for open show cattle that are not to be sold that originate in Ohio-but note BVD rule above.
- CVI is not required for display cattle that originate in Ohio- but note BVD rule above.

Cattle originating outside Ohio

- **IMPORTANT RULE:** All show, display, and junior show cattle as well as genetic pathway bulls must be tested for **BVD** as outlined above.
- **IMPORTANT RULE-** this is Ohio law and applies to all bulls coming into Ohio from any other state for any reason:  
**Trichomoniasis testing requirement:**  
Virgin bulls under 24 months of age on the date of the show:
  - The following statement must appear on the CVI accompanied by the veterinarian's and owner's signature:  
"This bull has had no contact with breeding females."Bulls over 24 months of age on the date of the sale and all non-virgin bulls:
  - PCR test within 28 days of the date of the show single culture test does not meet the requirement.
- CVI (Health Paper) is required. See above under general rules. Multiple animals (that are not to be sold) may be listed on the same CVI.
- All show and display cattle including genetic pathway bulls that originate outside Ohio are **REQUIRED** to have official individual identification. Acceptable forms of ID for show and display cattle are official 840 RFID tags, official USDA metal tags, or tattoos that correspond to breed registration certificates. RFID tags are only acceptable if the first three numbers are "840" and the herd premise ID number appears on the CVI. Tattoos are only acceptable if the registration certificate is also presented.
- Animal(s) must meet requirements for import into Ohio:
  - In general, cattle from Brucellosis and Tuberculosis free states require no testing for entry into Ohio but, again, a CVI is required. See above regarding Trichomoniasis requirements.
  - If in doubt as to specific requirements, contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture at 614-728-6220.

**Destination to be written on the CVI** – Your vet will need this address:

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