

DEPARTMENTS 60 & 70 – SHEEP & GOATS

All animals must, at a minimum, comply with Animal Health Recommendations for Vermont Fairs, Field Days and Festivals as set by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets (VAAFMM) Food Safety & Consumer Protection Division. Those recommendations may be found [here](#). The VAAFMM State Veterinarian's phone number is 802-828-2421. Additional requirements may be set by the fair.

All animals are subject to inspection by the superintendent and a veterinarian or veterinary technician before admission to the fair. No animal may be unloaded prior to such inspection. Any animal may be rejected at any point during the fair for health concerns at the discretion of the superintendent or veterinarian regardless of CVI. Visual indication of infectious, contagious, or parasitic disease or open wounds will result in the animal's rejection.

- All sheep and goats must have a current CVI dated May 1 or later. No animal may be admitted after having been rejected from another fair except with a new CVI.
- All sheep and goats must have a USDA scrapie identification. Ear tags, tattoos, and chips are acceptable provided the superintendent or on-site veterinarian can read them.
- Out of state sheep and goats are subject to additional testing requirements. Please consult state health requirements for guidance. The 2023 New England Health Certificate rules may be found [here](#).
- All sheep five months or more of age must have written proof of a current rabies vaccination dated between twelve months and thirty days prior to the first day of the fair.
- Lambs aged three to five months may be admitted with written proof of a rabies vaccination administered fewer than thirty days prior to the start of the fair.
- Lambs under three months may be admitted prior to vaccination at the discretion of the superintendent and veterinarian.
- No intact male goat over the age of eight weeks may be admitted. For wethers, castration by banding must be complete at the time of admission with no evidence of testicles regardless of whether testicular function has ceased. Wethers castrated by crimping may be rejected at superintendent or veterinarian's discretion.