

DEPARTMENTS 10 & 11 – DAIRY CATTLE

Check-in and Paperwork: All dairy cattle will be inspected upon arrival by a veterinarian, superintendent or assistant superintendent before cattle enter the barns. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), HPAI test results if applicable, and registration and lease paperwork will be checked at this time - please have all paperwork organized and available for review with animals upon arrival.

Identification: All cattle must be identified with a USDA approved ear tag prior to leaving the farm. Official individual ID includes either a metal NUES ear tag if applied before Nov. 5, 2024 or an RFID ear tag.

Dairy cattle must have an accompanying current CVI detailing the following:

- Written proof of rabies vaccination according to manufacturer's recommendations between 30 days and 12 months prior to fair for animals over three months of age.
- Proof of shipping fever vaccination (per your veterinarian's recommendation) between 14 days and six months prior to the fair.
- All animals must be listed individually with official ID numbers and physical descriptions.
- Animals should be in good condition and must be free of visual evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic diseases at the time of arrival.
- Multiple animals of the same species from the same location may be listed together on one CVI.
- A single CVI from the animals' home state may be completed for travel to and from the New England states in which the animals will be exhibited. An itinerary of all event dates and locations must accompany the CVI. (For example: if you exhibited your animal at a fair or show anywhere in New England over the summer, the CVI obtained for that show may also be used for Tunbridge Fair.)
- The VT Fair Season is defined as May 1- October 31, 2026. The CVI for a dairy animal attending Tunbridge Fair must be completed between May 1, 2026, and September 2, 2026.
- Any animal listed on a CVI that becomes sick must remain home.

Out of state dairy exhibitors: must have a CVI (as above), plus are required to obtain an import permit from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Montpelier, VT. Call or write for them early. The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Food Safety and Consumer Protection Division, Vermont State Veterinarian's phone number: 802-828-2421.

HPAI (Avian Influenza) Requirements:

- **Lactating dairy cattle coming to the fair from ID, CA, ND, NC or FL are required to receive a negative HPAI PCR test (and have accompanying documentation) within seven days of arrival at the fair.** Please plan with your veterinarian ahead of time to meet these requirements. Because the fair is less than 10 days long, animals will be able to travel home on that same negative test. Non-lactating animals do not need to be tested.
- Lactating dairy cattle from unaffected states (which includes VT & NH as of June 2026) are not required to test.

If federal or state requirements or recommendations for HPAI testing are updated at any point prior to the fair, the Superintendent will notify all exhibitors of updated requirements.

For the health and safety of all dairy cattle, we recommend that exhibitors from different farms not share water or feeding equipment.

MILKING PARLOR: The milking parlor will be available for use in milking cows. Use of milking parlor is at your own risk. Be sure to sanitize the claws when you are done and prior to another farms use.

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Food Safety and Consumer Protection Division, Vermont State Veterinarian's phone number: 802-828-2421. Animal Health Recommendations for Vermont Fairs, Field Days and Festivals may be found [here](#). The New England Health Certificate rules may be found [here](#).

The Dairy Superintendent reserves the right to turn away any animal deemed unfit or unsafe for exhibition.