SHEEP AND GOAT EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS

From The Ohio Department of Agriculture

NO PERSON MAY REMOVE OR TAMPER WITH OFFICIAL SHEEP AND GOAT IDENTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 9 CFR PART 79.2

In order for Ohio to maintain Consistent State Status, Ohio sheep and goat exhibitions will be considered Interstate Commerce.

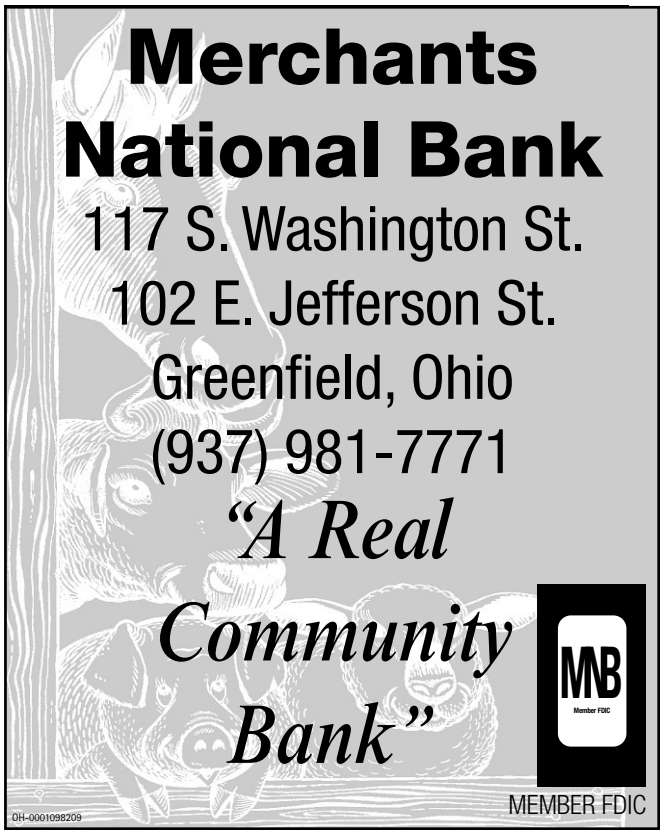
A. Requirements for bringing sheep and goats into Ohio for exhibition, sale or breeding
   1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 30 days of the opening date of the exhibition.
   2. CVI must be signed by the owner and the veterinarian attesting to the following statement: The sheep/goats in this shipment are not known to be under any movement restrictions because of scrapie.
   3. Show no evidence of infectious or contagious disease.
   4. All sheep and goats must be identified with official USDA identification (USDA approved sheep tags, USDA approved tattoos, or identification in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program)
   5. If the animal was born after January 1, 2004, it must have official USDA sheep/goat identification and be identified to the flock of birth.

B. Identification requirements for sexually intact sheep and goats moving within Ohio for exhibition including sales
   1. Official USDA sheep/goat identification in the form of an approved tag or tattoo
   2. If the animal was born after January 1, 2004, it must have official USDA sheep/goat identification and be identified to the flock of birth either by an ear tag or tattoo placed by the owner of the flock of birth, or a tag or tattoo placed by the purchaser.
   3. The identification requirements for flocks enrolled in the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program qualify as official USDA identification for exhibition and interstate movement; no other special identification is needed.

Ohio sheep and goat wethers that are less than 18 months of age exhibited in Ohio do not require USDA identification.

C. An exhibition means any public show of animals which is sponsored by or under the control of an Ohio county or independent agricultural society OR the Ohio State Fair OR which is assembled for a period which exceeds 36 hours OR contains animals of origins other than Ohio.
   - Includes show lamb and goat sales, consignment sales of livestock and jackpot shows

D. Responsibilities of an exhibition sponsor (includes show lamb and goat sales, consignment sales of livestock and jackpot shows):
   1. Must have an approved veterinarian
   2. Buildings, pens, stalls, rings and other enclosures in which animals are to be quartered for exhibition must be cleaned and disinfected prior to the exhibition under the direction of the approved veterinarian.
   3. The approved veterinarian is required to:
      a. Examine CVI when required; and
      b. Inspect livestock for infectious or contagious diseases within a reasonable time of arrival; and
      c. Inspect livestock daily.
   4. May order the immediate removal of any animal which, in the opinion of the approved veterinarian, places other animals at unacceptable risk of disease.
   5. Maintain a record for one year from the date of the exhibition of each animal present at the exhibit. Sheep and goat sale records must be kept for 5 years. (see (F) below)

E. For livestock purchased at an exhibition and moved out of state, an accredited veterinarian must issue a certificate of veterinary inspection before the animal moves across the state line.

F. The Code of Federal Regulations requires that sheep and goat sale records be kept for 5 years by the seller, the buyer and the exhibition/sale sponsor. The records must contain the following information:
   1. Name and address of the seller, telephone number if available; and
   2. Name and address of the buyer, telephone number if available; and
   3. Official identification when required as indicated in part A and B of these requirements; and
   4. Date of sale.