STATE FAIR AND EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK

Showing livestock at the fair is a great learning opportunity for youth and all others involved in the endeavor. Here are a few animal health items to keep in mind during this fair season.

- All animals must have a current and accurately completed Certificate of Veterinary Inspection
- All out-of-state animals must meet South Dakota importation requirements
- No animal may enter or remain at a public exhibition that is showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts
- Always check with exhibition management for additional requirements.

Exhibition Poultry Must:

- Originate from a pullorum-typhoid clean source, OR
- Be tested negative for pullorum-typhoid disease within 90 days prior to exhibition

How to verify pullorum-typhoid clean sources:

- Official documentation including a CVI, a VS Form 9-3, a South Dakota Intrastate Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks, and Poults, or an invoice from a SD licensed hatchery or chick store with the SD pullorum-typhoid clean emblem
- Producer has a SD Poultry Hatchery or Chick Store license
- Test reports – VS Form 9-2 or laboratory reports
- Call Dr. Todd Tedrow at the SD Animal Industry Board (605)773-3321

Thank you and have a biosecure and healthy animal exhibition season.

THE “OPEN COW” RULE

The Animal Industry Board has received several questions and complaints recently regarding the sale of bred cows which were purchased as non-bred, non-virgin cows. These animals may appeal to producers or traders who may be unaware of the rules or are simply looking to make “easy” money with no regard to the disease risk inherent with purchasing these animals from multiple sources and commingling them.

Not only are these animals a risk for trichomoniasis (which the open cow rules were specifically implemented to address) but also for other potential communicable diseases such as BVD, Lepto, IBR, etc. Any of these diseases could easily be spread to a receiving herd or neighboring herds through fence line contact or animals which stray from their intended location.

Please remind clients of the rules prohibiting the purchase of non-virgin open cows for breeding purposes. The Animal Industry Board will follow up on reports of these animals being exposed to bulls and if these illegal activities are confirmed, quarantine and testing requirements will be imposed.

Thank you for your assistance in helping your clients to comply with regulations and maintain the health of the South Dakota cattle herd.

CHANGES TO REQUIRED TESTING OF BREEDING CATTLE EXPORTED TO CANADA

Brucellosis testing options will change for breeding cattle exported to Canada, effective September 1st, 2017. Importantly, the standard tube test (STT) and standard plate test (SPT) will no longer be accepted by Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). In addition, the Buffered Acidified Plate Antigen (BAPA) and competitive ELISA tests will be accepted as new options by CFIA. The florescence polarization assay (FPA) test will continue to be accepted. For additional information visit the following website listed below:

https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAAPHIS/bulletins/1ae29fc