

A summary of health requirements for goats

Consigned to the 2016 Western Maryland Pasture-Based Meat Goat Performance Test

1. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

a. Maryland goats

All Maryland goats must be accompanied by Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). Veterinarians completing Certificates of Veterinary Inspection must fill out these forms completely, accurately, and legibly and include official identification information on the CVIs. CVIs must be submitted to the Maryland Department of Agriculture within 5 working days of inspection. There is no requirement for review, approval and stamping of the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

b. Out-of-state goats

All out-of-state goats must be accompanied by an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. An APPROVED copy of this certificate must be forwarded by the State of Origin to the Animal Health Section. The Interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of inspection. The Intrastate CVI must be filled out, completed, and signed by an accredited veterinarian using the proper CVI form. The veterinarian is required to send the original top (white) copy to MDA Headquarters, the middle (yellow) transport copy is to be retained by the owner of the livestock and the last (pink) copy is for the veterinarian's records.

c. Each animal must be properly identified on the Intrastate or Interstate CVI.

2. Identification requirements - all goats

All goats must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification includes:

a. USDA approved ear tags

b. Legible registration tattoos, for which the registration paper shall accompany the animal;

c. Legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the flock in one ear and the official scrapie premise identification number (flock ID) in the other ear, except that the tail web or flank may be used for the earless animals or animals with damaged ears and must be accompanied by an owner statement.

d. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

To receive official ear tags or devices for interstate movement, call 1-866-USDA-TAG to be connected to your local Veterinary Services Area Office.

3. Self-certification

Both Maryland and out-of-state consigners must fill out and bring the "Livestock Exhibitor's Self-Certification of Animal Health." The self-certification form is a document signed by the owner/caretaker/transporter stating that the animals presented for exhibition are not showing any signs of, or having recent exposure to (within 21 days) infectious or contagious diseases. Self-Certification forms must be filled out within 24 hours prior to loading and presented upon request to the designated representative.

<http://www.mda.state.md.us/AnimalHealth/Forms2/Livestock%20Exhibitors%20Self%20Certification.pdf>

Other requirements for goats

1. Maryland goats

a. Brucellosis: Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland goats.

b. Tuberculosis: Maryland is a Tuberculosis Free State. A tuberculin test is not required for Maryland Goats.

2. Out-of-state goats

a. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States, Region, or Zone: No Tuberculin test required.

b. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or State (Not TB free): As all goats consigned to test are under 6 months of age, the only requirement is that the TB status of the herd and area be shown on the certificate.

Source: 2016 Maryland Animal Health Fair and Show Requirements

<http://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Forms2/Livestock%20Exhibitors%20Self%20Certification.pdf>