

2024 new testing requirements for dairy cows for Minnesota State Fair dairy cattle shows

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health announced new testing requirements for lactating dairy cows effective June 18, 2024. All lactating (currently producing milk) dairy cows must have both a negative H5N1 test result and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) to attend any exhibition or show in Minnesota. The requirements are effective until December 31, 2024, unless extended or rescinded before then.

Requirements:

Lactating dairy cows are required to have a negative test for H5N1 and have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), effective June 18, 2024.

- Negative tests must be received from a lab that is a participant in the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN). A veterinarian must oversee or collect samples from each animal traveling to the exhibition within seven days before arriving at the show.
- Samples must be collected no more than seven days prior to the animal arriving on the exhibition site. Samples must be sent to a National Animal Health Laboratory Network Laboratory like the University of Minnesota's Veterinary Diagnostic Lab (VDL) in St. Paul.
- The animals can move intrastate on the same negative results for 10 days from date of collection. Once a negative result is received for an animal, it can move within Minnesota for 10 days from the sample collection date to locations specified on the CVI. If going to multiple exhibitions within that time, all locations the animal is unloaded must be indicated on a CVI.
- The CVI can act as record of negative test if test information is included on the document.