

Rodeo, Exhibition, or Recreational Cattle Entry Requirements

Entry Documentation

(3 CCR §831.4; FAC 10610)

Certificate of Veterinary Inspections (CVI): Required. Cattle must be inspected within 30 days of movement into the state.

Interstate Livestock Entry Permit: Required for **ALL** cattle (regardless of age, sex, purpose, or breed). Entry Permits are valid for 15 days, including the day of issuance.

Permit Exemptions: Cattle used exclusively for exhibition purposes and are returning to California without change of ownership within 14 calendar days of leaving California.

To obtain an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit, please call the Animal Health Branch permit line.

**Animal Health Branch Permit Line
(916) 900-5052**

If you are transporting livestock into California with an electronic CVI, please have the information readily available on your device or print and present a hard copy to the inspector at the Border Protection Station.

Animal Health and Food Safety Services Animal Health Branch

Headquarters - (916) 900-5002
Redding District - (530) 225-2140
Modesto District - (209) 491-9350
Tulare District - (559) 685-3500
Ontario District - (909) 947-5932

For California entry requirements of other livestock and animals, please visit the following:

- [Information About Livestock and Pet Movement](#)
- [CDFA AHB Entry Requirements Interactive Website](#)
- [InterstateLivestock.com](#)

In the event of a disease outbreak, there may be additional entry requirements. For more information on the Animal Health Branch, please visit: www.cdfa.ca.gov/ah



Official Identification (ID)

(3 CCR §831.3, §831.4; FAC 10610)

ALL rodeo, exhibition, or recreational cattle require official ID, and it must be listed on the CVI.

Note: Brand inspection requirements remain in effect.



See CDFA's factsheet: "[Cattle & Bison Official Identification](#)" for detailed information on approved types of official ID for cattle.

Brucellosis

(3 CCR §753.1; FAC 10326, 10327)

Official brucellosis calfhood vaccination and a legible brucellosis tattoo is required for sexually intact female dairy breed cattle four (4) months of age and over.

Sexually intact cattle of any age moving from a **Designated Brucellosis Surveillance Area** require a negative brucellosis blood test collected within 30 days before entry into the state and performed at a State or federally-approved laboratory.

Tuberculosis (TB)

(3 CCR §758; FAC 9932)

A negative TB test is required for all sexually intact dairy cattle 6 months of age and older, and beef breeding cattle 6 months of age and older if originating from states or zones that are not classified as "TB Free." A negative test must be obtained within 60 days before movement into the state.

Trichomonosis

(3 CCR §820.3; FAC 10610)

Bulls that will remain under confinement at the exhibition location without access to sexually mature female cattle and will not change ownership are exempt from trichomonosis testing requirements.