

Dairy Cattle Entry Requirements

Entry Documentation

(3 CCR §831.4; FAC 10610)

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

CVI Exemptions:

- Cattle moving directly to slaughter with a brand inspection certificate or owner-shipper statement
- Cattle moving directly to an approved livestock market from farm of origin with an owner- shipper statement



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, and can be obtained by calling the **Animal Health Branch Permit Line**.

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

Official Identification (ID)

(3 CCR §831.3, §831.4; FAC 10610)

ALL dairy cattle require individual official ID.

Official ID MUST be listed on the CVI, except for:

- Cattle moving from an approved livestock market directly to a recognized slaughter facility
- Native steers or spayed heifers



Note:

- If official ID is required, but listing it is not, the CVI **MUST** state "all animals are officially identified".
- 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.



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.cdca.ca.gov/ah



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Brucellosis

(3 CCR §753.1; FAC 10326,10327)

Official brucellosis calfhood vaccination and a legible brucellosis tattoo is required for **ALL** sexually intact female dairy cattle 4 months of age and over before movement into the state.

- Non-vaccinated dairy heifers 4-12 months of age require a Special Entry Permit: to be vaccinated or spayed after arrival, or to move to a registered feedlot or slaughter pen.
- Non-vaccinated female cattle over 12 months of age can only enter for slaughter or on a Special Entry Permit: to be spayed after arrival, or to move to a registered feedlot (if under 18 months) or slaughter pen/terminal feedlot.

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 sexually intact dairy cattle 6 months of age and over within 60 days before movement into the state.



Distinction between Beef and Dairy Cattle

(3 CCR §830)

“**Dairy cattle**” means all cattle, regardless of age or sex or current use, that are of a breed(s) or offspring of a breed used to produce milk or other dairy products for human consumption, including, but not limited to, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn, and Red and Whites.

Trichomonosis

(3 CCR §820.3; FAC 10610)

A negative individual PCR trichomonosis test on bulls 18 months of age and over and non-virgin bulls less than 18 months of age is required.

Test results from pooled or cultured samples are not acceptable.

Samples must be taken at least 10 days after last contact with sexually mature cows, and within 60 days before entry into the state.

The CVI must include the test sample date, test type, test result, and statement: “**Trichomonosis has not been diagnosed in the herd of origin within the past 24 months**”.



Exemptions for Bulls:

- Moving to a certified semen collection facility.
- Used solely for exhibition, confined to an exhibition location without access to mature female cattle, and not changing ownership
- Moving directly to a recognized slaughter facility, or to a feedlot for feeding (no grazing or exposure to female cattle) and then to slaughter