

Beef Cattle Entry Requirements

Entry Documentation

(3 CCR §831.4; FAC 10610)

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI): Required. Cattle 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
- Beef breeding herds with a current Pasture to Pasture permit

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

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 Line
(916) 900-5052**

Official Identification (ID)

(3 CCR §831.3, §831.4; FAC 10610)

The following beef cattle require individual official ID:

- Sexually intact beef females 6 months and over
- Sexually intact beef males 18 months and over
- Any cattle used for show, exhibition, rodeo, or recreation
- Mexican origin (M-branded) cattle
- Any cattle requiring disease testing for interstate movement



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

- Cattle moving from an approved livestock market directly to a recognized slaughter facility
- Sexually intact beef breed cattle under 18 months
- Native steers or spayed heifers
- Cattle from **OR**, **NV**, or **WA** if accompanied by a brand inspection certificate with registered brand

Note:

- If official ID is not required, the CVI **MUST** state the exemption.
- 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

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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



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.

See CDFA's factsheet: “Dairy Cattle Entry Requirements” for detailed information on dairy cattle entry requirements.

Tuberculosis (TB)

(3 CCR §758; FAC 9932)

A negative TB test is required for sexually intact beef cattle 6 months of age and over within 60 days before entry, if originating from states or zones not classified as “TB Free”.

Brucellosis

(3 CCR §753.1; FAC 10326, 10327)

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.



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

