



Rodeo, Exhibition, or Recreational Cattle Entry Requirements

Cattle entering California for rodeo, exhibition, and recreational purposes (including one-time event cattle used in team penning, roping, and cutting events) require Official Animal Identification (ID), a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), and an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit. Additional requirements apply to certain classes of cattle for brucellosis vaccination and/or testing for certain diseases.

Interstate Livestock Entry Permit

Before movement of the cattle into the state, contact the **Animal Health Branch (AHB) permit line at (916) 900-5052** to obtain a California Interstate Livestock Entry Permit. An entry permit is valid for 15 days after being issued.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

A completed CVI must list Official ID of each animal, and when applicable, test results. This must be done within 30 days of movement.

Official Identification

All rodeo, exhibition, or recreational cattle require ID and it must be listed on the CVI. Acceptable methods or devices for Official Identification (ID) of cattle include:

- Official brucellosis calfhood vaccination tags,
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) metal "silver brite" tags,
- Tags conforming to Animal Identification Number (AIN) system, commonly known as 840 tag, and/or
- A tamper-proof location-based numbering system tag. This tag combines a state issued location identification (LID) number or USDA-issued premises identification number (PIN) with a unique producer livestock production numbering system.

Steers and spayed heifers on an approved, one-time event cattle application, may be exempt from the official ear tag ID requirement.

Note: Brand inspection requirements remain in effect.



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

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

[Information About Livestock and Pet Movement](#) or
[Animal Health Entry Requirement Interactive Website](#)

Trichomonosis

California requires a negative individual trichomonosis test on bulls 18 months of age and over, sampled at least 10 days after last contact with sexually mature cows, and within the 60 days before movement into California.

Test results from pooled samples are not acceptable.

Exemptions:

- *Bull movement to a certified semen collection facility for artificial insemination.*
- *Bulls for exhibition, confined to exhibition location without access to mature female cattle, and that will return directly to the state of origin after the exhibition.*

Tuberculosis (TB)

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

Brucellosis Vaccination Requirement

California requires official brucellosis calfhood vaccination and a legible brucellosis tattoo for all female cattle over 6 months of age before movement into the state. If the tag is lost, a "silver brite" tag is acceptable with the tattoo. For cattle moving from a **Designated Brucellosis Surveillance Area**, California requires a negative brucellosis blood test obtained within 30 days before movement and a special entry permit.



If you are transporting livestock into California with an electronic CVI, please print and present a hard copy to the Inspector at the Border Protection Station. This will prevent future follow up by CDFA personnel to verify the authenticity and accuracy of the document.

Animal Health and Food Safety Services Animal Health Branch

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