

New World Screwworm (NWS): CA Entry Requirements and Hypothetical Movement Scenarios Based on the June 12th Statewide Quarantine



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

New NWS Entry Requirements

Effective June 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is implementing additional New World Screwworm (NWS) entry requirements for animals entering California from NWS-affected areas.

These requirements apply to livestock, poultry, camelids, equids, captive cervids, and companion animals, including dogs, cats, rabbits, pet psittacines, and domestic rodents.

Animals known or reasonably suspected to be infested with NWS may not enter California unless specifically authorized by CDFA.

Definitions

- **Infested Zone (IZ):**
 - Zone that is at least 20 km (~12.4 miles) beyond the perimeter of an Infested Premises, location of infested wildlife, or location of NWS wild fly detections.
- **Surveillance Zone (SZ):**
 - Zone that immediately surrounds an Infested Zone. The perimeter should be between 21 to 40 km (~13.1 to 24.9 miles) beyond the Infested Zone.
- **State with Infested Zones:**
 - Any area within the state that is outside the IZ and SZ



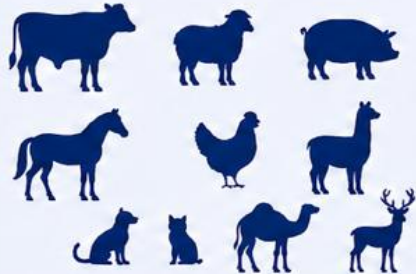
Source: [USDA NWS Response Playbook](#)

California Preparedness

Do These Requirements Apply to Me?

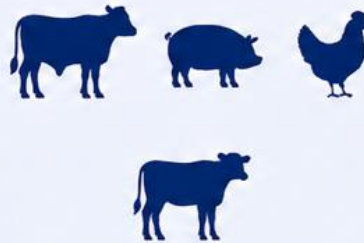
NWS movement requirements depend on where your animals originate.

From an NWS Infested Zone



- Livestock
- Dairy calves
- Equine
- Poultry
- Companion animals
- Camelids
- Captive cervids

From an NWS Surveillance Zone



- Livestock
- Poultry
- Dairy calves

From a State with an Infested Zone



- Equine
- Dogs
- Cats

From States with no Active Infested Zones



- Existing California movement requirements apply



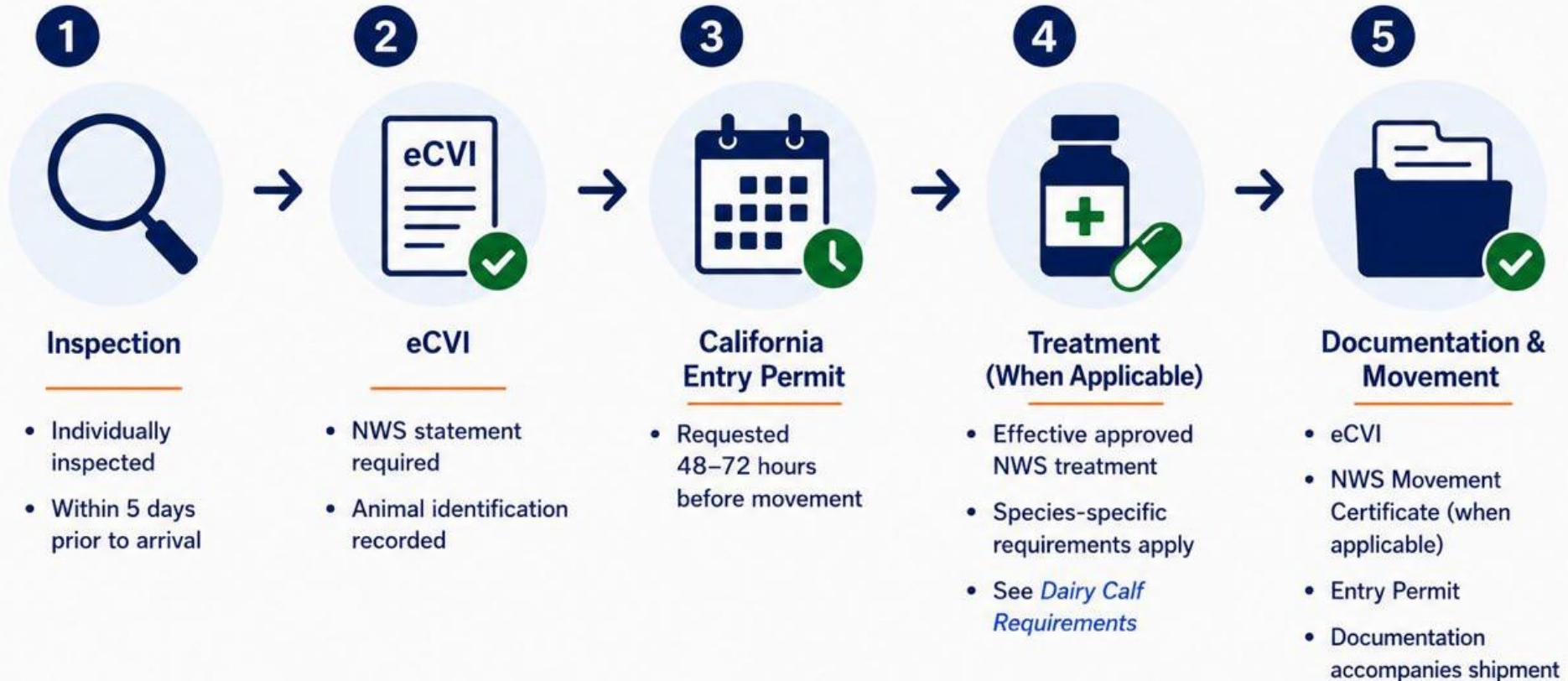
Requirements are based on where animals originate. Existing federal and California entry requirements apply in addition to origin state requirements.



Any animal known or suspected to be infested shall not enter California.

Movement from an NWS Infested Zone

Follow these steps for all warm blooded animals from an Infested Zone



Dairy calves up to 6 months of age originating from an NWS Infested Zone or NWS Surveillance Zone are subject to these requirements.

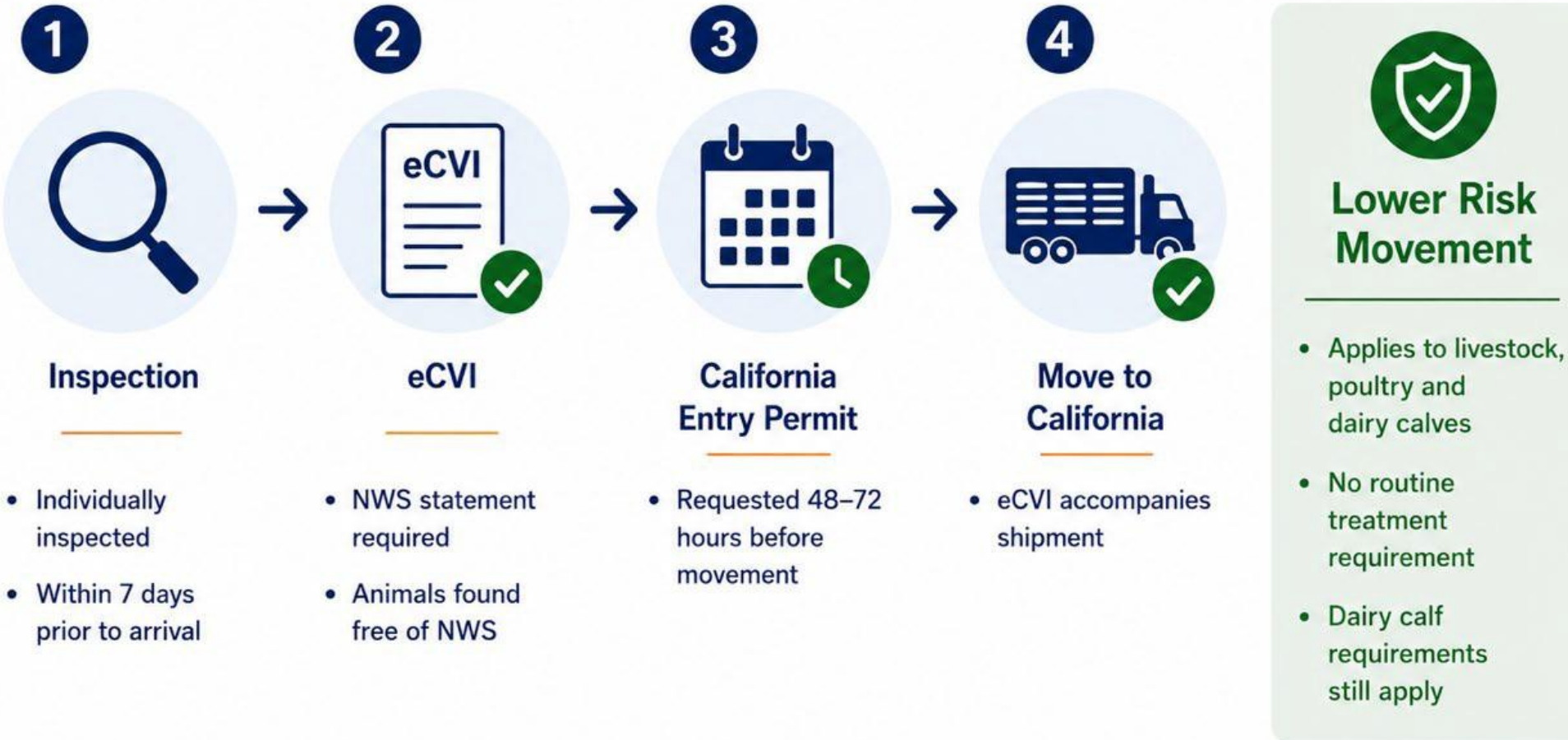


Treatment timing

Treatment must be completed within 14 days of arrival.

Movement from an NWS Surveillance Zone

Follow these steps for livestock, poultry and dairy calves.



Special Requirements for Dairy Calves

Additional safeguards are required for dairy calves due to increased risk associated with healing navels and wounds.



Inspection

Individually inspected within 5 days prior to movement.



Treatment

Treated with an approved systemic product.



Navel Care

Navel must be treated if calf is less than 3 weeks of age.



Permit & eCVI

California Entry Permit and eCVI required before movement.



These additional requirements help reduce the risk of New World Screwworm introduction.



Dairy calves up to 6 months of age originating from an NWS Infested Zone or NWS Surveillance Zone are subject to these requirements.

Exemptions & Special Situations

The following exemptions and special situations apply. All other requirements still apply unless noted.

Direct to Slaughter Livestock



- Treatment not required
- Inspection required
- eCVI required
- Must move directly to slaughter
- Slaughter within 72 hours of inspection

Poultry Exemptions



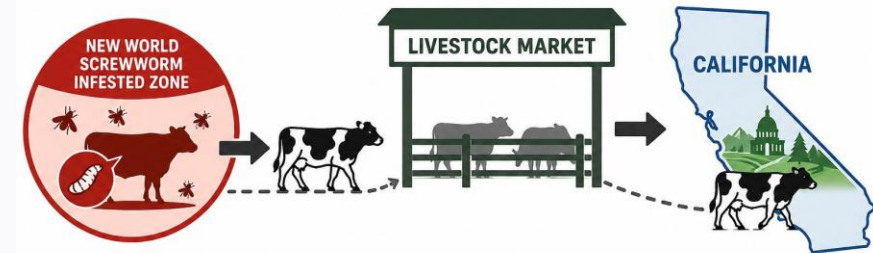
- Hatching eggs are exempt
- Chicks less than 5 days of age are exempt
- Must move under National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) documentation (VS Form 9-3)

Small Mammals



- Indoor-raised small mammals (e.g., rabbits, rodents) are exempt from systemic treatment
- Inspection, certification, and permit requirements still apply

Scenario 1: Interstate Movement of 12-month-old feeder cattle coming from Infested Zone via out-of-state market to California

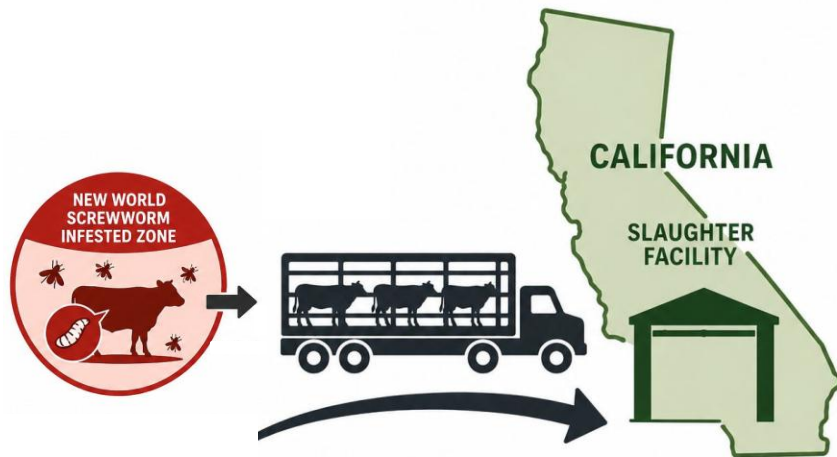


Interstate Movement Requirements



Inspection before travel	✓	Within 5 days
CVI requirements	✓	Electronic Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (eCVI) with NWS statement; official ID, NPIN, treatment info; an NWS Animal Movement Certificate, when required by the state of origin or federal animal health officials
Treatment	✓	Within 14 days of arrival
CA entry permit	✓	Requested at least 48 hours prior to movement
Inspection upon arrival	✓	
Standard interstate movement requirements also apply	✓	

Scenario 2: Livestock interstate movement from infested zone direct to slaughter

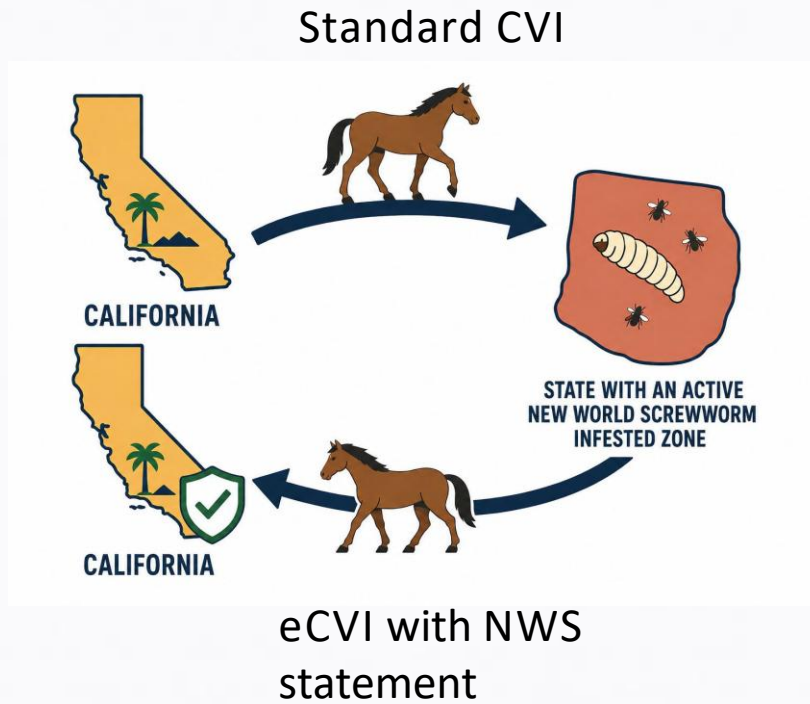


Interstate Livestock Movement



Inspection before travel	✓	Slaughter within 3 days of original inspection - no diversions allowed
CVI requirements	✓	Electronic Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (eCVI) within 3 days; an NWS Animal Movement Certificate, when required by the state of origin or federal animal health officials; official ID, NPIN
Treatment	✗	
CA entry permit	✓	Requested at least 48 hours prior to movement
Inspection upon arrival	✓	Standard antemortem inspection at slaughter facility
Standard interstate movement requirements also apply	✓	

Scenario 3: Horse going to exhibition in state with an active infested zone (visiting outside infested zone), and returning to California



Interstate Livestock Movement



Inspection before travel	✓	If in a state with an infested zone for more than 24 hours – inspection in state with an infested zone within 7 days of entry into CA
CVI requirements	✓	Electronic Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (eCVI) required with NWS statement if in state with an infested zone for more than 24 hours; no Extended ECVIs from GVL
Treatment	✗	
CA entry permit	✓	Requested at least 48 hours prior to movement
Inspection upon arrival	✓	
Standard interstate movement requirements also apply	✓	

Scenario 4: Intrastate Movement of Livestock from hypothetical California infested zone to slaughter via market

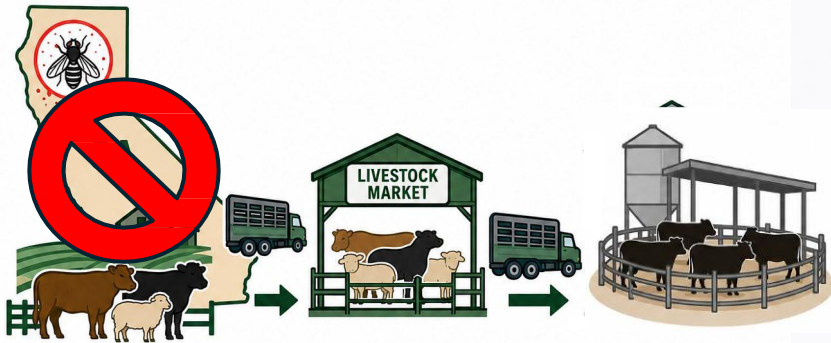


Intrastate Movement Requirements



Inspection before travel	✓	Must slaughter within 3 days of original inspection - no diversions allowed
CVI requirements	✗	No CVI, but must have NWS Animal Movement Certificate; NPIN; Official ID
Treatment	✗	
Permit	✓	To leave infested zone
Inspection upon arrival	✓	Standard antemortem inspection at slaughter facility

Scenario 5: Intrastate Movement of Livestock from hypothetical California infested zone to market to feedlot

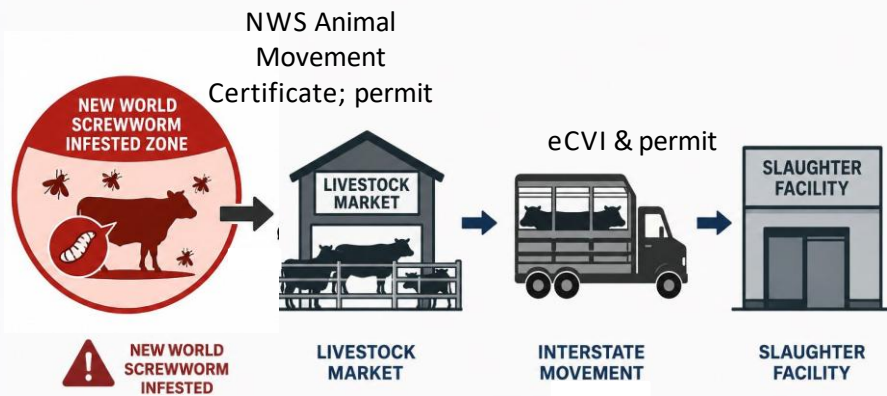


Intrastate Livestock Movement



Inspection before travel	✓	Within 5 days
CVI requirements	✗	No CVI, but do need NWS Animal Movement Certificate; NPIN; Official ID
Treatment	✓	Within 14 days
Permit	✓	To leave infested zone
Inspection upon arrival	✓	

Scenario 6: Interstate export of livestock from hypothetical California Infested Zone to slaughter via market



Interstate Livestock Movement



Inspection before travel	✓	Must slaughter within 3 days of inspection
CVI requirements	✓	NWS Animal Movement Certificate, permit; Electronic Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (eCVI) within 3 days; official ID; NPIN
Treatment	✗	
Other state entry permit	✓	Depending on state of destination
Inspection upon arrival	✓	Standard antemortem inspection at slaughter facility
Standard interstate movement requirements also apply	✓	

Scenario 7: International Import of Dogs and Cats from Mexico to California



International Movement Requirements



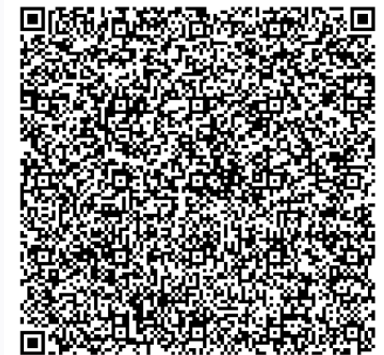
Inspection before travel	✓	Within 5 days of entry
CVI requirements	✓	Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) with NWS statement
Treatment	✓	Highly Recommended
CA entry permit	✓	Within 5 days of entry
Inspection upon arrival	✓	
Standard international movement requirements apply	✓	From USDA and CDC

How to Stay Informed

1. CDFA NWS Alert Box
2. Sign up to receive Animal Disease SMS Text Alerts
3. State websites for Infestation Zones
 1. Texas:
<https://www.tahc.texas.gov/emergency/nws.html>
 2. New Mexico:
<https://screwwormnm.org/>



NWS Alert Box



SMS text alert

