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To: State and County Fair Officials, Cooperative Extension Agents and Interested Parties

The Animal Health Requirements for the 2017 county fairs and New York State Fair and other relevant documents are now available online. We will not be mailing the requirements to save printing and mailing expense. You can find the requirements by going to: <http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/AIHome.html> and scrolling down the page until you find the section "County and State Fair Information". The specific links are as follows:

2017 Fair Animal Health Requirements:

http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/Fair_Health_Requirements.pdf

2017 Fair Interstate Health Requirements:

http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/Interstate_Health_Requirements.pdf

Exhibitor Prefair Guidelines:

http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/Exhibitor_Prefair_Guidelines.pdf

Please forward this information to your appropriate staff. The document is in PDF format which should facilitate publishing in your fair premium books. If you have difficulty with our website or have any issues with obtaining the documents you can contact me at joy.bennett@agriculture.ny.gov or **(518)457-3502**. You can also request a Microsoft Word version at my email address.

There are a couple of changes to the fair requirements for 2017: 1) Nursing piglets do not require individual identification provided the sow is correctly identified on the CVI and the number of piglets in the litter is noted on the CVI; and 2) Any bovine exhibited at a fair that has recently given birth or has a vaginal discharge will be removed from the fairgrounds along with her offspring, unless the animals are part of a birthing demonstration.

Poultry exhibits will be permitted at fairs for the 2017 fair season. Please be aware that this decision is subject to change if there is a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak in New York or elsewhere in the country.

Prefair Exhibitor Guidelines are at the end of the requirements. They are also available as a separate document for easy distribution. The purpose of this section is to help guide the exhibitors through the process of meeting the fair requirements and hopefully avoid issues at the fair. Please distribute to your exhibitors.

The Department will supply swine tags and pliers to veterinarians and Cooperative Extension offices that have a need to identify swine going to fairs. We also have plastic official eartags for cattle that can be supplied to CCE for cattle projects.

The summary of interstate health requirements is also available on the website. You may wish to supply this information to your out of state exhibitors including petting zoos, rodeos, racing pigs, circuses, etc. to help avoid problems at fair time. You will also find a listing for poultry pullorum clinics that will be updated as the information is available.

Representatives of the Division of Animal Industry will be in contact with their assigned fairs to review these requirements and address any concerns prior to the fair. Questions can also be directed to our office at **(518)457-3502** or joy.bennett@agriculture.ny.gov

Sincerely,

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