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## Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Update Bulletin – HPAI/H5N1

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This bulletin is the first of a series of updates to World Dairy Expo stakeholder groups addressing the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI/H5N1) situation in the United States. This information is intended for dairy cattle exhibitors to help you plan your trip to and from Expo. If you are consigning animals to a sale at Expo, please reach out to the sale manager directly for health requirements. We encourage you to share this with your herd veterinarian. Expo continues to plan a full show for heifers and cows to be presented on the esteemed colored shavings, as we have for the last 56 years.

### To prepare for your trip to Expo:

- It is **imperative** that you are aware of your state/province specific regulations related to HPAI/H5N1 and traveling to, from and participating in exhibitions/shows.
- We would suggest you contact your state or province's regulatory officials now, and again within a couple weeks of leaving for Expo, so you are prepared. To follow are useful links of whom to contact:
  - US exhibitors: [State Animal Health Officials](#)
  - Canadian exhibitors: The [Canadian Veterinary Medical Association](#) and [Animal Health Canada](#) are linked here. Additionally, here is a link to the USDA page regarding [Exporting Live Animals to Canada](#).
  - When contact is made, share the following information:
    - The date cattle will arrive to World Dairy Expo, Madison, Wis.
      - The earliest cattle may arrive, by prior written approval only, is Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m.
      - All cattle must be on-grounds by Saturday, September 28 at 12 p.m./noon.
    - The Expo cattle show begins on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and ends Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> (Six days in total length).
    - When you plan to leave Expo and return cattle to the herd of origin.
      - Cattle may leave on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m. All cattle must be off the World Dairy Expo grounds by Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m./noon.
  - All times listed are Central Daylight Time (CDT).

### What you can count on to get to Expo:

- All animals must be properly identified on a current and valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) to participate at Expo.
  - The RFID tag in the ear and the one on the CVI must be the same. Please check this!



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- The day of movement from the farm of origin (also noted as the 'shipping date') **must be recorded** on the CVI.
- Required testing must be completed prior to cattle movement and the results and dates of testing must be included on the CVI.
- Exhibitors must know and provide any additional testing information required by your state of origin, whether for HPAI/H5N1 or other diseases. In some cases, Tuberculosis testing is required for cattle from some states. Visit the [WI DATCP Expo page](#) for specifics.
- **All lactating cows must have a negative Influenza A (H5N1) test result from milk samples collected within seven (7) days of movement to Expo.**
  - The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WI DATCP) require that testing be completed at an NAHLN-approved laboratory.
  - The sample collection date and the date of movement (shipping date) from the farm of origin must be recorded on the CVI.
  - The **sample collection date** is considered day zero (0) of 7 to leave for Expo.
- Per [Wisconsin state regulation 10.08\(1\)\(c\)](#), cattle exposed to or infected with a contagious or infectious disease are not permitted to attend Expo. Cattle from Influenza affected herds should not attend Expo, even if animals are testing negative individually or if they are not required to be tested.

## What you can count on to return home from Expo:

- Every state or Canadian province border may have different requirements for cattle returning home from Expo.
  - If a state or Canadian province has a stricter requirement (less than 10 days of length), that requirement must be followed.
  - Otherwise, the USDA order states that, "animals may travel to their home herd using the same negative test result [that they came in on], **provided the exhibition, show or sale does not exceed 10 days of length**".

If a new individual lactating cow milk test and/or a new CVI is required to return home, whether dictated by your state/province or the length of time you are at or traveling to and from the show, you will need to let Expo know by **September 2, 2024**. This will allow for planning and scheduling of Expo veterinarians and allied officials to collect, submit, test and distribute results to meet official requirements.

- More details on how to notify Expo will be forthcoming.
- Fee-related information, should there be any, will be shared at a later date.



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- WI DATCP has received the following information related to requirements for Canadian cattle to return to Canada. These will go into effect beginning August 14, 2024.
  - A new health certificate is required for Canadian origin cattle (all breeds and end uses) in the United States for less than 60 days and return to Canada.
  - The [export certification statements](#) must be attached to the VS-Form 17-140.
  - Testing for Brucella:
    - Cattle that have been in the United States for 30 or more days are required to have had a CFIA approved Brucella test with negative results and have a valid CFIA import permit for their return to Canada.
  - Testing for Influenza A virus:
    - Any cattle within the shipment that are lactating, have been tested by PCR for Influenza A virus, and have had negative results within 7 days of their expected return to Canada.
    - Any cattle within the shipment that resided on premises with any animals that were positive for the Influenza A virus or were themselves found positive, should be quarantined within the USA for 60 days. The animals must be tested by PCR with negative results of the Canadian Animal(s) at the end of the 60-day waiting period (after the initial positive test), before their return to Canada.
  - Note: For Canadian origin cattle in the United States for 60 or more days, the animals are considered part of the U.S. national herd and must use the appropriate health certificate for export of cattle from the United States to Canada.

**To return home, if your state/province regulations requires or the length of time traveling exceeds 10 days, a negative individual cow milk test and a new CVI will be required if:**

- You have different cows returning home than those that came with you.
- Cows are returning to a different state or province than that of origin.
- The herd of origin or the herd from which a cow was picked up on the way to Expo is different than the one to which it will return.
- The state of destination requires a test even if the cows are returning to the same location.

**Milkhouse Notes:**

- The BouMatic milking parlor is a milking system that has a backflush.
- We are working with the WI DATCP and USDA for an EPA approved disinfectant.
  - Disinfectant will be available for exhibitors that are milking in their bedding pack.



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- Exhibitors may continue to dump milk in the PolyDome tanks available outside cattle housing.
- Expo will have further sanitization plans for all milk receiving areas.

Expo leadership and staff are in close contact with USDA, WI DATCP, the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (WVDL), and appropriate public and animal health, and regulatory experts, to clarify protocols and procedures to hold Expo as we know it. Additionally, we are working with these groups to plan for, in the unlikely event, that a non-negative Influenza A test arises from a milk sample collected at Expo.

Wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) is always advisable for people working in close contact with raw milk, urine, feces, saliva or other secretions, especially for very young, old or immune compromised people. Procedures for how milk is collected, handled and discarded at WDE are being closely reviewed.

World Dairy Expo takes the responsibility of maintaining biosecurity and health of the animals exhibited, people working with and preparing the animals, the market value of the animals at Expo and the health and safety of our general attendees very seriously. You will be informed of decisions that affect you and ask that you understand that, while we want to remain guided by science, we will be attentive to practicality and always responsible to the people and cattle that make this show the best in the world.

If, in the meantime, you have questions or concerns that need our attention, please email them to [vetwde@gmail.com](mailto:vetwde@gmail.com). Additional updates and information will be sent by mid-August.

With sincere thanks and appreciation for your ongoing support,

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