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Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Update Bulletin #2 – HPAI/H5N1

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This is the second bulletin for World Dairy Expo (Expo) Dairy Cattle Exhibitors related to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI/H5N1). Please know, Expo's highest priorities remain – To have the highest quality show possible while ensuring risk related to HPAI/H5N1 is mitigated as much as possible. Precedents for shows, sales and exhibitions going on this summer and those being planned for the fall are helping guide us to solutions for the current dynamic situation that is HPAI/H5N1.

Things You Need To Know

1. You will need a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for all animals coming to WDE.
2. Individual lactating cows will also require a negative Influenza A (HPAI/H5N1) milk sample to get into Expo.
3. In order to return home from Expo, you must work closely with your veterinarian and your State's Animal Health Officials (SAHO) to develop a plan that will **not** require a routine Influenza A test to be done at Expo.
4. To help accommodate travel guidelines, Expo will permit late arrivals and early departures.
5. Veterinary services will be available at Expo as they always have been.
 - a. If the WDE Vet Team identifies an animal showing clinical signs that warrant an Influenza A test, the milk sample PCR test will be administered.
6. It is possible that additional testing requirements for animal movement across the Canadian border, interstate within the US and intrastate in WI will increase between now and your departure for World Dairy Expo. These changes will be clearly communicated in our future bulletins.

In the unfortunate event of a positive Influenza A (HPAI/H5N1) individual cow test at Expo, we have been informed by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer protection (WI DATCP) that all cattle on site at the Alliant Energy Center will be temporarily quarantined, pending an investigation by WI DATCP. After the temporary quarantine, additional quarantine measures could be added. Your state may or may not accept these cattle back for an extended period of time.

With this information, we ask you to weigh your risks, speak with your herd veterinarian, ask questions and be informed when you make your final decision to exhibit at Expo.

We can assure you that we are working to address every aspect of biosecurity to best protect your animals, our exhibitors, attendees, the environment and our dairy industry and will implement steps to mitigate the factors that are within our control, with guidance from our Vet Team, along with numerous industry subject matter experts.



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Planning Your Trip to Expo

- Exhibitors must understand your state's and the federal Influenza A (H5N1/HPAI) testing requirements for interstate travel, including your trip to and return from Expo.
 - Work with your herd veterinarian and State Animal Health Office (SAHO) as you develop your travel plans.
 - For your trip to Expo, identify when:
 - The date that an Influenza A (HPAI/H5N1) milk sample collection will need to occur for a negative Influenza A test to meet federal interstate and Wisconsin entry requirements.
 - Anticipated date to receive Influenza A (HPAI/H5N1) milk sample results.
 - Be sure to identify the [National Animal Health Laboratory Network](#) (NAHLN) lab the milk sample will be tested at, when samples are accepted and run, and how long it typically takes to get results.
 - Date of planned departure to Expo.
 - Date of expected arrival to Expo.
 - For your trip back home from Madison:
 - Work with your herd veterinarian and SAHO for any federal or state regulatory requirements based on:
 - Departure date from Expo.
 - Date of expected arrival back home.

NEW FOR 2024 ONLY

Expo **will allow** late arrivals and early departures.

- What does this mean?
 - This applies to 2024, due to Influenza A (HPAI/H5N1), only.
 - All animals must be on grounds, with health and breed show check in complete, by 8 a.m. the day prior to the start of your breeds heifer show.
 - Any exhibitor opting for early departure may do so at the conclusion of their breed show (or after 6 p.m.) until 12 a.m. midnight.
- How will it work?
 - Whether a late arrival, an early departure or both, **exhibitors must register** and give an approximate late arrival/early departure time so breed superintendents and Expo show staff can plan accordingly. You may do this with your entries or by September 18, at the latest.
- More details will be shared soon.

Health Check In at Expo

- All CVI papers must be obtained within 30 days of arriving at the show.
- All negative Influenza A (HPAI/H5N1) tests for lactating animals must be obtained based on your state's requirements but, at a minimum, sample collection dates must be within 7 days of movement to Expo per [USDA's Federal Order](#).
- Any additional test requirements as stated in Expo's Health Regulations must be met.



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- All animals need to be correctly identified on the CVI. Expo will also require a copy of each lactating animal's negative milk sample results report for Influenza A before animals come off the trailer. Ensure the ID in the animals' ear, on the CVI and on the test results all match.
- **All animals on the trailer must meet all test requirements**, including a negative Influenza A (HPAI/H5N1) test for lactating animals, **or no animals will be unloaded**.
- Expo staff, with assistance from WI DATCP, USDA and the UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine will verify all health papers as animals come off the trailers, as we have in years past.

Exhibitor Questions/Answers:

- Question: I am traveling from California where testing is completed once per week, with a 7-day test timeline. I travel for 13 days to Wisconsin; can I return home on the same CVI with a negative H5N1 test?
 - Answer: Start with a conversation with your herd veterinarian and SAHO to confirm the dates and requirements noted above for farm departure, arrival in Wisconsin and your return trip home. Individual states may have additional test requirements to return home.

It is recommended to check in early with your SAHO to begin planning. However, this situation continues to be dynamic with ongoing changes possible. It is also recommended to continue to check in with your SAHO, especially shortly before testing and movement to Expo is planned, to continue to be informed with requirements and minimize risks of complications in returning.

Resources:

- [World Dairy Expo HPAI/H5N1 Bulletin #1](#)
- [State Animal Health Offices](#)
- [DATCP Home Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(H5N1\) in Dairy Cattle \(wi.gov\)](#)
- [Federal Order Requiring Testing for and Reporting of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(HPAI\) in Livestock \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [aphis-requirements-recommendations-hpai-livestock.pdf \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [DATCP Home Biosecurity Resources for Events \(wi.gov\)](#)
- [Technical Notes: Clarification to Inquiries Received on April 24, 2024 Federal Order \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [Recommendations to Minimize Influenza Transmission at Dairy Cattle Livestock Exhibitions \(usda.gov\)](#)

If you have questions or concerns that need our attention, please email them to vetwde@gmail.com. Additional updates and information will be sent early September.

With sincere thanks and appreciation for your ongoing support,

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