



## Agriculture and Markets

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

The Animal Health Requirements for the 2019 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:

2019 Fair Animal Health Requirements:

[http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/Fair\\_Health\\_Requirements.pdf](http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/Fair_Health_Requirements.pdf)

2019 Fair Interstate Health Requirements:

[http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/Interstate\\_Health\\_Requirements.pdf](http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/Interstate_Health_Requirements.pdf)

Exhibitor Prefair Guidelines:

[http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/Exhibitor\\_Prefair\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/Exhibitor_Prefair_Guidelines.pdf)

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### New Requirements for 2019

All cattle and swine must be identified by an official USDA radio frequency identification (RFID) eartag, commonly referred to as an "840 RFID tag," or an equivalent official RFID tag if the animal was tagged in another country. Cattle and swine which are already identified by 840 visual eartags will be exempt from the 840 RFID tag requirement.

The Department will supply a limited number of 840 RFID tags to producers for cattle and swine going to fairs. To order 840 RFID tags, please use the 2019 Order Form for Free Producer Ear Tags.

[https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/AI-489\\_OrderForm\\_Producer\\_Ear\\_Tags.pdf](https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/AI-489_OrderForm_Producer_Ear_Tags.pdf)

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 summary of interstate health requirements is also available on the website. You may wish to provide 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 on our website a listing for poultry pullorum clinics that will be updated regularly as the information becomes 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](mailto:joy.bennett@agriculture.ny.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joy Bennett".

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