

LRCA FINALS

IMPORTANT: STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA LIVESTOCK CHECK-IN & HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

ATTENTION ALL CONTESTANTS & STOCK CONTRACTORS

If you are bringing horses, calves, steers, or any other livestock to the LRCA Finals at the State Fair of Louisiana, please review the following information carefully.

Due to New World Screwworm (NWS) restrictions, additional health documentation is required for certain animals traveling from Texas into Louisiana.

Please share this information with your veterinarian BEFORE your appointment to ensure you have the proper health papers for entry.

1. ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN INFORMATION

Livestock Entrance: Gate 4 (Livestock Gate), located off Jewella Avenue.

All contestants and stock contractors bringing horses or other livestock must enter through Gate 4.

Texas Livestock Arrival Hours: 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM daily.

If you are traveling from Texas with animals, please plan your arrival accordingly. Livestock arriving from Texas will only be allowed entrance during these hours.

Deputies will be stationed at the gates to enforce entrance requirements.

2. CONTESTANTS & STOCK CONTRACTORS TRAVELING FROM TEXAS

If you are bringing horses or other livestock from Texas, the health paperwork you need depends on whether your animals are coming from or traveling through a New World Screwworm-infested zone.

A. IF YOUR ANIMALS ARE NOT COMING FROM OR TRAVELING THROUGH AN INFESTED ZONE:

You will need:

- An Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), commonly called health papers, issued following a veterinary inspection no more than 7 days before entry into Louisiana.
- A current negative Coggins test for each horse.
- The following EXACT statement on your health certificate:

“All animals in shipment do not originate from or transit through an NWS-Infested Zone.”

IMPORTANT: Please ask your veterinarian to include this statement on your health certificate. A standard health certificate without the required statement may not meet Louisiana’s entry requirements.

B. IF YOUR ANIMALS ARE COMING FROM OR TRAVELING THROUGH AN INFESTED ZONE:

Additional requirements apply.

You will need:

- Authorization and required movement documentation from the Texas Animal Health Commission before moving animals out of a restricted zone.
- An entry permit from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.
- An Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued following a veterinary inspection no more than 7 days before entry into Louisiana.
- A current negative Coggins test for each horse.
- The following EXACT statement on your health certificate:

“All animals listed were individually inspected and found free of evidence of NWS infestation.”

IMPORTANT: Animals in an infested zone cannot be moved without the required authorization. Please contact the Texas Animal Health Commission and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry before making travel arrangements.

A few additional important notes before traveling:

- The seven-day requirement applies to veterinary inspection, not simply the date the certificate is printed. Louisiana’s order also applies to animals that travel through an infested zone, even if they originate outside it.
- The infested-zone requirements are more specific than simply obtaining exit and entrance certificates. The Texas order requires authorization before animals leave the restricted zone, while Louisiana requires an entry permit and specific wording on the health certificate.
- The Texas equine document is dated April 2022. The separate screwworm order is dated September 4, 2026. Since restrictions can change, I would encourage veterinarians to confirm the current requirements rather than relying solely on the attached documents.

3. CONTESTANTS & STOCK CONTRACTORS TRAVELING FROM OTHER STATES

If you are bringing horses or livestock from a state other than Texas:

- Health certificates must be issued within 30 days of entry, unless additional restrictions apply.
- All horses must have a current negative Coggins test.
- If your animals are coming from or traveling through a New World Screwworm-infested zone, additional entry requirements may apply.

Please have your veterinarian verify the current Louisiana entry requirements for your state before traveling.

4. INFORMATION TO GIVE YOUR VETERINARIAN

When scheduling your appointment, please tell your veterinarian:

“I will be bringing livestock to the LRCA Finals at the State Fair of Louisiana. Please verify the current Louisiana animal entry requirements, including the New World Screwworm restrictions, and make sure my health certificates include any required statements and permits.”

For those traveling from Texas: Please ask your veterinarian to verify whether your animals are located in or will travel through an NWS-infested zone.

If your animals are NOT coming from or traveling through an infested zone, your health certificate must include:

“All animals in shipment do not originate from or transit through an NWS-Infested Zone.”

If your animals ARE coming from or traveling through an infested zone, please contact the appropriate state animal health officials before moving your animals.

5. OFFICIAL ANIMAL HEALTH INFORMATION & CONTACTS

Please review the official state requirements or share the following information with your veterinarian.

Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry

New World Screwworm entry requirements and Louisiana entry permits:

<https://www.ldaf.la.gov/about/news/article/order-of-the-state-veterinarian-new-world-screwworm-restrictions-on-interstate-movement-of-animals>

Phone: (225) 925-3980

Email: vetreports@ldaf.state.la.us

Texas Animal Health Commission

Animal movement restrictions, infested zones, and movement authorization:

<https://www.tahc.texas.gov>

Phone: (800) 550-8242

Email: permits@tahc.texas.gov

Current New World Screwworm Information & Infested Zones:

<https://www.screwworm.gov>

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD!

It is each contestant's and stock contractor's responsibility to obtain the proper health documentation and permits before traveling to the LRCA Finals.

Please do not wait until the day of departure to schedule your veterinary appointment or verify your animal health requirements.

Having the proper paperwork ready before arrival will help ensure a smooth check-in process at the State Fair of Louisiana.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the LRCA Finals!