

# Summary guidelines for import of cattle to Pennsylvania and additional guidance for livestock markets

## Requirements for cattle imported to Pennsylvania NOT intended for immediate slaughter:

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)
2. CVI Statement for Vesicular Stomatitis: (currently applies to CA, NV, TX).
3. Official identification – applies to dairy cattle of all ages, sexually intact beef cattle of all ages, and cattle for rodeo and exhibition
4. Tuberculosis Testing Requirements
5. Influenza A Testing Requirements: Applicable only to dairy cattle, including crossbreds.
  - a. Milk testing within 7 days of movement for lactating cattle from ANY state
  - b. Nasal swabs within 7 days of movement for non-lactating animals over 1 year of age for [states with a current positive case](#)
  - c. See [USDA Testing Guidance for Labs for Influenza A in Livestock](#) for further assistance

## Requirements for cattle imported to Pennsylvania for immediate slaughter:

1. CVI or [Owner-Shipper Statement](#): Backtags are acceptable ID for an Owner-Shipper Statement, but not a CVI.
2. Identification Requirements: Official ID not required if moving directly to slaughter with a USDA-approved back tag and an Owner-Shipper Statement
3. No testing required (including for lactating dairy cattle) moving directly to a recognized slaughter establishment provided that they are not commingled with any animals other than those also destined for immediate slaughter.
4. Animals sold directly from a farm (whether in or out of state) to a recognized slaughter establishment do not require official ID, a CVI, or influenza A virus testing. These animals can move on an Owner-Shipper Statement

## Additional guidance for livestock markets and tagging sites:

1. Intrastate movements to a Pennsylvania livestock market do not require official ID, a CVI, or influenza A virus testing
2. Animals sold to a Pennsylvania livestock market or tagging site from out of state, even if intended for slaughter, must have official ID and a CVI, and meet influenza A testing requirements
3. Movements from a livestock market to a slaughter facility (in or out of state) can be done with only an OSS (not a CVI) and no testing required (\*Exception:\* CVI required for Oklahoma slaughter facilities)
4. Movement from a livestock market or approved tagging site of out of state animals to a PA farm requires a CVI and testing prior to movement from the livestock market or tagging site
5. Check [InterstateLivestock.com](#) and/or contact the state directly for import requirements of other states

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