

**South Carolina State Fair  
Dairy Cattle Show  
Show Dates: October 10-12, 2025**

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

1. Cattle must conform to SC Animal Health Requirements.
2. Cattle crossing state lines (out-of-state) for showing require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI, health certificate) and official individual identification (tattoos and brands are NOT acceptable for interstate movement).  
Individual identification must be recorded on the CVI.
  - a. For **Non-Lactating dairy cattle**, the CVI must be written within thirty (30) days of the show and must accompany the cattle on arrival.
  - b. For **Lactating dairy cattle**, must follow the Federal Order movement guidelines. Move within SEVEN (7) days of testing for HPAI H5N1.
  - c. Brucellosis and TB testing are not required for cattle originating from Brucellosis Free and Tuberculosis Free [States](#).
2. **All out-of-state lactating dairy cattle** must have their composite milk sampled by an official milk tester, tested at a NAHLN approved laboratory and test negative for HPAI H5N1 within 7 days of entering the fairgrounds. (2024 Federal Order for interstate movement). **Suggest testing October 3 or 4.**
3. **All South Carolina lactating dairy cattle** must have their composite or bulk tank milk sampled by an official milk tester, tested at a NAHLN approved laboratory (Clemson Veterinary Diagnostic Center) and test negative for HPAI H5N1 within 7 days of entering the fairgrounds. (SC State Veterinarian for intrastate exhibition). **Suggest testing October 3 or 4.**
4. Please call Clemson Livestock Poultry Health at 803.788.2260 or visit [Clemson LPH HPAI Dairy Cattle website](#) for additional information.

**What is the SCSF doing to help limit exposure to the Avian Influenza (HPAI H5N1) in addition to the testing requirements?**

- Milk Dumping Stations
- Splash mats in the milking parlor
- Limited access to dairy cattle barns during milking times and show periods for state fair attendees. (Guests can watch from the cattle arena)
- Signage
- Requesting that Dairy Cattle Exhibitors *NOT VISIT THE SMALLSTOCK BUILDING* where our birds are located (in an effort to eliminate any risk of cross-contamination).

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

-If my cow tests positive and I need to withdraw from the show, will I get a refund for my registration fee?

**YES.** With proof of a positive test, the SCSF will refund your fee.

-If my cow tests positive and I have other cattle in the show registered, will I have to withdraw those cattle as well? **YES.** If any cow in your herd tests positive, we ask that you withdraw from the show. Again, with proof of a positive test, the SCSF will refund your fees.

-If my cow shows signs of illness *at the show*, what then? You may be asked to test the cattle. If a cow tests positive *during the show*, we will need all of your registered cows to return to their farm of origin and will work together to come up with a solution regarding fees, etc.

The South Carolina State Fair is excited about the Dairy show and is anticipating that we won't need to use any of these worst-case scenarios but is also trying to be prepared for any possible issues that may arise. We look forward to seeing you all at the Cattle Barn in October.