



TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION
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Summary of Texas Requirements

For Intrastate, Interstate and International Livestock (Domestic and Exotic), Poultry and Ratites

Note: The following summary is a condensed version of the Texas Animal Health Commission regulations. The regulations will supersede this summary if there is a dispute between the two.

Cervid (White-tailed and Mule deer) Requirements

1. Intrastate (Cervids moved within the state of Texas)

For requirements on Elk within Texas refer to the “Exotic & Ratites” button.

All cervids originating in Texas and participating in:

1. Intrastate shows, fairs, and exhibitions (those functions that require Texas livestock, poultry and ratites of the same species to be housed and exhibited separate and apart from livestock, poultry and ratites from out of state) are exempt from the certificate of veterinary inspection and testing requirements.
2. Interstate shows, fairs, and exhibitions (those functions that permit livestock and poultry from other states to enter for show or exhibition and held in common facilities with Texas origin livestock and poultry of the same species) must meet the same other requirements as for those species entering from out-of-state and be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection.

2. Interstate (Cervids moved into the state from other states)

For requirements on Exotic Cervids and Elk refer to the “Exotic & Ratites” button.

- Any livestock, poultry or ratites that are infected, exposed or quarantined in any manner for an infectious, contagious or communicable disease may not enter the state. Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.
- All cervids entering are required to have two tuberculosis tests which were conducted no less than 90 days apart; the second test was conducted within 90 days prior to date on movement; and that the animals were isolated from all other members of the herd during the testing period; or,
 - Originate from an accredited free herd; *or*,
 - Originate from a qualified herd and have a classified negative 90-day tuberculosis test. If the qualifying herd test was administered within 90 days of movement, the animal(s) do not require an additional test; *or*,
 - Originate from a monitored herd and have a classified negative 90-day tuberculosis test; *or*,
 - Be less than 12 months of age, originate and were born in accredited, qualified, or monitored herds and have not been exposed to cervids from a lower status.
- **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department prohibits white-tailed and mule deer from entering Texas at the present time.**

3. International (Cervids moved into the state from foreign countries)

- Contact USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) for International animal requirements.