

Lactating Dairy Cattle Testing at Exhibitions



ODAFF has instituted requirements for all lactating dairy cattle at dairy exhibitions due to the ongoing outbreak of HPAI in dairy cattle in the United States.

MINIMIZE THE SPREAD

Owners of lactating dairy cattle who are planning to exhibit their animals to their County or State Fair should contact their veterinarian, who must collect a sample and submit it to a laboratory in the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN), such as the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory to be tested for HPAI.

- The sample must be collected within 7 days of movement to the exhibition.
- Negative results must be listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with official identification. The CVI must be completed within 7 days of entry to the exhibition.

MOVEMENTS

The federal order for HPAI mandatory interstate movement testing of lactating dairy cattle, issued on April 24, 2024, already requires lactating dairy animals used for exhibition be tested when crossing borders.

EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors shall not share portable milking machines with other exhibitors. Sharing of equipment such as feeding, watering, and grooming equipment is prohibited.

Fair and exhibition leadership as well as exhibitors are encouraged to review the fair guidance issued by the USDA-APHIS.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Current Oklahoma Disease Alerts](#)
- [HPAI detections in livestock](#)
- [National Milk Producers Federation \(NMPF\)](#)
- [Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory](#)