

Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission  
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**FINAL RULE**

Act 87 of 1963-Code 2-33-101 and Act 150 of 1985-Code 19-6-448

## **Arkansas Tuberculosis Regulations**

1. All sexually intact dairy cattle six months of age and older for interstate entry into Arkansas will be required to have a negative tuberculosis (TB) test within 30 days prior to entry.
  - a. These same dairy cattle will also be required to have an entry permit and a certificate of veterinary inspection prior to entry, as well as the negative test and must be officially identified.
  - b. Sexually intact dairy cattle under six months of age can be permitted under a hold order direct to a premise or designated facility and held there until they are tested negative at six months of age, at owner's expense.
  - c. The new regulation exempts dairy cattle that originate from accredited free TB herds (but not free states). Neutered dairy feeder cattle, and dairy cattle delivered direct to slaughter, or delivered to a market for sale direct to slaughter.
  
2. All breeding beef cattle 12 months of age and older entering Arkansas must meet one (1) of the following requirements:
  - a. Originate from a tuberculosis-free state;
  - b. Originate from a tuberculosis-free herd. The herd number and current herd test date must be shown on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection;
  - c. Test negative within thirty (30) days of shipment;
    - (1) These same beef cattle will also be required to have a certificate of veterinary inspection and will be required to have a permit if entering from a state that has lost its tuberculosis-free status.
  - d. Originate from a state having a reciprocal agreement with Arkansas;

- e. All sexually intact cattle and bison, from any foreign country or part thereof with no recognized tuberculosis status comparable to the Uniform Methods and Rules standards of the U.S. Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Program, imported for reasons other than immediate slaughter or feeding for slaughter must meet the following criteria:
  - 1. Obtain a permit issued by the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission prior to entry; and
  - 2. Be quarantined to the Arkansas premises approved in the entry permit pending two (2) consecutive negative tuberculosis tests. The first test to be conducted not less than ninety (90) nor more than one hundred twenty (120) days after arrival and the second test to be not less than two hundred ten (210) days nor more than two hundred forty (240) days after arrival in Arkansas; or
- f. Importation of steers and spayed heifers from Mexico,
  - 1. Steers and spayed heifers from Mexican states that have been determined by the State Veterinarian of Arkansas, based on the recommendations of the Bi-National Committee, to have fully implemented the Control/Preparatory Phase of the Mexican Tuberculosis Eradication Program may enter Arkansas provided they have been tested negative for tuberculosis in accordance with the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) within sixty (60) days prior to entry into the United States and obtain an entry permit prior to entering Arkansas.
  - 2. Steers and spayed heifers from Mexican states that have been determined by the State Veterinarian of Arkansas, based on the recommendations of the Bi-National Committee, to have fully implemented the Eradication Phase of the Mexican Tuberculosis Eradication Program by

March 1, 1997, may enter Arkansas provided they have been tested negative for tuberculosis in accordance with the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) within sixty (60) days prior to entry into the United States. Steers and spayed heifers from herds equal to U.S. Accredited TB-Free herds may enter Arkansas without testing provided they are moved directly from the herd of origin across the border as a single group and not commingled with other cattle prior to arriving at the border and obtain an entry permit prior to entering Arkansas.

3. Steers and spayed heifers from Mexican states that have been determined by the State Veterinarian of Arkansas, based on the recommendation of the Bi-National Committee, to have achieved Accredited Free status may enter Arkansas without testing provided they are moved as a single group and not commingled with cattle of a different status prior to arriving at the border and obtain an entry permit prior to entering Arkansas.
4. Holstein and Holstein-cross steers and spayed heifers from Mexico are prohibited from entering Arkansas regardless of test history.
5. Rodeo stock from Mexico must be tested negative for tuberculosis within sixty (60) days prior to their utilization as rodeo or roping stock under the supervision of a USDA/APHIS port veterinarian or a U.S. accredited veterinarian, retested for tuberculosis every twelve (12) months thereafter, and obtain an entry permit prior to entering Arkansas. No sexually intact rodeo stock from Mexico will be permitted into Arkansas.

6. Rodeo stock from any state that has lost its tuberculosis (TB) accreditation must be tested negative for tuberculosis within sixty (60) days prior to their utilization as rodeo or roping stock and retested for tuberculosis every twelve (12) months thereafter.
3. The State Veterinarian may designate high incidence areas within certain states that must meet additional import restrictions and retest requirements.

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