



# CLARK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FAIR BOARD

## Wisconsin Requires Influenza A Testing

### Prior to the Movement of Lactating Dairy Cattle to Fairs & Exhibitors

Our top priority is the health and safety of our fairgoers, exhibitors, animals, and staff.

Milking parlor procedures are being reviewed and correspondence regarding this will be sent at a later date.

Key Note: Junior show animals need to be tested on July 31<sup>st</sup> (to meet the 7-day requirement for Aug 7<sup>th</sup> check-in) and Open Class tested on August 2<sup>nd</sup> (if checking in on Friday only) and paperwork must be turned in to the Dairy Superintendent before unloading animals. Please make arrangements with your vets for this test.

In an effort to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) (H5N1) in dairy cattle, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is requiring Influenza A testing prior to movement of lactating dairy cattle to fairs or exhibitions effective beginning June 19, 2024.

The USDA National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) has now confirmed the presence of HPAI (H5N1) in 90 dairy herds in 12 states including Iowa, Michigan, and Minnesota. [Access the full list of H5N1 detections in livestock.](#)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has [recommended](#) that measures be taken to minimize the potential spread of influenza. In addition to the USDA Federal Order that requires Influenza A testing for interstate movement of dairy cattle, DATCP's [announcement](#) will limit the risk of commingling infected animals.

In order to move lactating dairy cattle to fairs or exhibitions within the state, producers must receive a negative test for Influenza A virus at an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory with samples collected no more than 7 days prior to movement to the fair or exhibition. This testing is available to producers at no cost through USDA APHIS at NAHLN laboratories. Producers may also apply for reimbursement of shipping and veterinary fees for collection of samples. This intrastate order requiring a negative Influenza A test prior to travelling to a show or exhibition will remain in effect until 60 days after the last detection of H5N1 in cattle herds in the United States.

Dairy producers and those working with dairy are strongly encouraged to continue to enhance their biosecurity efforts and monitor and control disease in their herds and flocks. DATCP is closely monitoring HPAI (H5N1) in dairy cattle and continues to encourage producers that notice unusual clinical signs in their cattle to work with their herd veterinarian. To report herds with unexplained symptoms, **veterinarians should contact DATCP at (608) 224-4872** (business hours) or (800) 943-0003 (after hours and weekends).