



## Dairy Cattle Import Alert

### Until Further Notice:

The importation of lactating dairy cattle into Montana must meet the testing and movement requirements of the [USDA APHIS Federal Order](#), effective April 29, 2024, including:

- A negative test for Influenza A virus at an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory within 7 days prior to movement.
- A certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) per 9 CFR Part 86, Animal Disease Traceability, including:
  - The lactation status of the cow (lactating or non-lactating)
  - Negative test results including laboratory name, accession number, and test date
  - Individual official identification

**Clinical dairy cattle or cattle from herds with a positive test or compatible clinical signs are not eligible for importation into Montana.**

Lactating dairy cattle moving direct to slaughter are not required to have a premovement test and may travel on a CVI or other documentation approved by the State Veterinarian.

For further information on testing guidelines and requirements, please see the USDA APHIS Federal Notice at the following link: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/aphis-requirements-recommendations-hpai-livestock.pdf>



# Montana Department of Livestock Import Regulations

## Dairy Cattle



### Health Certificate - issued within 30 days of entry

Official identification, testing and statements listed on health certificate



**Until further notice: ALL Dairy Cattle CVIs require an Import Permit Number.**

### Import Permit - To obtain a permit number:

Permit Line: 406-444-2976

(24/7 via Phone)

Email: [livpermits@mt.gov](mailto:livpermits@mt.gov) (Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm via email)



### Official Identification

Animals tagged prior to November 5, 2024:  
USDA Silver Clip, Bangs Tag, or 840 RFID Tag

Animals tagged November 5, 2024 and after:  
840-RFID tag required

All animals require official ID, regardless of sex  
Identification must be listed on health certificate



# Dairy Cattle Import Testing Requirements

## Tuberculosis (TB)

All sexually intact animals over 2 months of age require one negative TB test within 60 days prior to entry **OR**

- Animals that originate from a USDA-APHIS Accredited TB-Free Herd
  - Herd accreditation number and date of entire herd test must be included

## Trichomoniasis

Bulls for exhibition or competition:

- No testing required

Bulls for sale purposes:

- Virgin bulls less than 12 months of age
  - No testing required
- Virgin bulls 12-24 months of age
  - No testing required

Non-virgin bulls and bulls greater than 24 months of age

- One single negative PCR within 60 days
- Void upon commingling with female cattle

\*Pooled PCRs are acceptable





# Dairy Cattle Import Documentation Requirements

## M-Statement

Required Statement: *"The animals in this shipment are NOT 'M-Branded' (Mexico origin) nor have they been in contact with or exposed to any 'M-Branded' cattle."*

OR

Required Statement: *"The animals in this shipment ARE 'M-Branded' (Mexico origin) or they have been in contact with or exposed to 'M-Branded' cattle."*

## Additional Statements

Bulls for exhibition or competition:

- Required statement: *"While in Montana, this (these) bull(s) cannot be sold, loaned, or leased, and cannot be used for breeding or semen collection, and must be kept segregated from all sexually-intact female cattle."*

Bulls for sale purposes:

- Virgin bulls less than 12 months of age
- Required Statement: *"The bull(s) identified on this certificate are virgin bulls"*

Virgin bulls 12-24 months of age

- Required Statement: *"The bull(s) identified on this certificate are virgin bulls," signed by owner.*

**Calves without dams**, 1 month of age or less, require a 30-day quarantine with the following statement on the CVI: *"Calf (calves) must be held on premises of destination and may not be resold for 30 days."*