WHAT NEVADA RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY TO LIVESTOCK TRANSPORTATION?

Nevada Revised Statues Chapter 565 as amended by Senate Bill 34 and Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 565 and Chapter 571 outline the requirements of livestock owners when bringing livestock from out of state or moving within the state for the protection of the agriculture industry against theft and animal disease. The State of Nevada grants oversight of implementing these rules and regulations to the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA).

Nevada is a brand inspection state and has been divided into four brand districts. A brand inspection is required for all transportation of equine and bovine across brand inspection district lines within the state, to leave the state, immediately prior to slaughter of cattle, or coming into Nevada from a brand inspection state. Livestock owners are required to stop at all open Nevada Highway Patrol commercial vehicle inspection stations while transporting livestock.

WHAT SPECIES DO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY TO?

Brand inspection rules and regulations apply to all equine and bovine whether branded or not. Nevada animal import requirements apply to all livestock.

WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED TO TRANSPORT EQUINE AND BOVINE INTRASTATE ACROSS BRAND INSPECTION DISTRICT LINES?

A brand inspection clearance certificate or special permit issued by the NDA is required for transport between brand inspection districts within Nevada.

WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED TO TRANSPORT LIVESTOCK ACROSS STATE LINES?

Transporting livestock into Nevada
An entry permit issued by the NDA prior to transport is required for all animals, except horses for which documentation should be maintained with transport of animals. See the Nevada Import Requirements webpage for permit requirements and procedures.

Transporting livestock out of Nevada
Obtain a brand inspection clearance certificate or special permit from the NDA before moving equine or bovine out of Nevada. Check the destination state’s entry requirements to ensure compliance with livestock transportation rules and regulations based on species and purpose/use.
ARE THERE ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS TO GETTING A BRAND INSPECTION EVERY TIME I MOVE EQUINE AND BOVINE INTRASTATE ACROSS BRAND INSPECTION DISTRICTS?

Yes, the NDA administers the following special permit options to Nevada residents authorizing the movement of animals in lieu of a brand inspection clearance certificate. Following an initial visual brand inspection, the permit allows for the transport of animals without repeated brand inspection for the designated period and is honored statewide.

- Annual horse permit – Valid for 1 year from the date of issuance
- Event permit for animal use in rodeo, show, fair or other public exhibition - Valid for 1 year from the date of issuance
- Lifetime horse permit – Valid for lifetime of animal. NDA lifetime horse permits are also honored in Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon and Utah when transporting horses from Nevada into those states.
- Livestock movement permits – Valid for current calendar year. Permittee is required to carry a form noting logistics and animal identification during movement and submit that information to the NDA no more than 10 days after movement of livestock is complete.

HOW DO I SCHEDULE A LIVESTOCK INSPECTION?

To schedule a livestock inspection call 775-753-1360 or contact your local brand inspector.

HOW DO I OBTAIN AN ENTRY PERMIT TO BRING LIVESTOCK INTO THE STATE?

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection, test results and other supporting documentation as required by species and purpose/use, must be legible and faxed to 775-353-3659 or emailed to entrypermits@agri.nv.gov, before a permit number can be issued by the NDA.

Entry permits will only be issued during normal business hours Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pacific. The NDA is closed on weekends and all major holidays. If you do not receive a response within 24 hours of submission during normal business hours, please call 775-353-3709.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A BRAND INSPECTION AND/OR DOCUMENTATION?

All documents must adequately identify those animals in your possession. Failure to do so may result in fines or seizure.

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