

# Eastern Bison Association

March 7-9, 2019

## Bison Health Certificates

### & Entry Regulations

#### *A Guide for You and Your Veterinarian*

When bringing Bison to the Eastern Bison Association Show & Sale or even transporting Bison across state lines, the *Certificate of Veterinary Inspection* is of primary importance. *Be sure that both you and your veterinarian read this guide.* Errors on health certificates (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) can disqualify your animal and by the time you arrive in Harrisburg, PA for the Show & Sale it will be too late to correct any errors.

The following information is intended to help both the producer/seller and the veterinarian. We want to insure shipment of bison to and from the Harrisburg, PA Farm Show Complex is smooth and trouble free.

*Note: New for 2017, 2018 & 2019*

*There is additional testing/certification required for bulls of all ages. Please see Page 3 Section E. Since some states require this for bulls that are entering their state, we agreed at our consignor's meeting to add this requirement to make sure all bulls will be available to all bidders.*

*Note: New for 2019*

*There will be a Grass Fed Heifer Calf Class and a Grass Fed Bull Calf Class. These classes will follow the same rules as the rest of the classes and must meet the same Health Requirements. There is also a required EBA Producer Affidavit that must be submitted with the entry form and an original copy of this form must accompany each Health Certificate. Please see Page 3 Section K.*

### *General Considerations*

- A. You may have one health certificate for all animals.
- B. **Have two (2) copies of the health certificate made for each animal prior to arriving in Harrisburg, PA.** You will not be allowed to unload until you have met this requirement and you will be charged for copies by sale personnel.
- C. Bring TB Test paperwork and Brucellosis (Bangs) Test paperwork for your animals with you. They will not have to be presented to unload, however you may need copies of these papers in case of questions by the Pennsylvania State Veterinarian.
- D. To avoid confusion, the EBA Show tag, issued specifically for that animal and any vaccination/test/metal ID tag placed in the animal's ear by a veterinarian should be the only ear tag identification on your animals when they arrive in Harrisburg. Place the EBA Show tag in the **ANIMALS LEFT EAR** (same side of head as your left ear) All ranch ear tag identifications, except RFID tags and/or state tags **MUST** be removed prior to transport to Harrisburg.
- E. **EBA Show tag number and the metal Test tag number on the animal MUST correctly coincide with the entries on the health certificate. This is VERY IMPORTANT.**
- F. The EBA Show & Sale Entry Requirements are as follows:

#### Male

Negative TB Test  
 Negative Anaplasmosis & Blue Tongue (Optional)  
 Negative Brucellosis Test  
 Ivomec (Ivermectin) injection or equivalent treatment  
 - must be noted on Health Certificate  
 Semen test – All yearling and 2 year old bulls must be semen tested and documented fertile on health certificate.  
 Certification of virgin bulls under the age of 24 months – must be noted on health certificate.  
 Negative PCR Trichomoniasis test for non-virgin bulls and bulls over the age of 24 months

#### Females

Negative TB Test  
 Negative Anaplasmosis & Blue Tongue (Optional)  
 Negative Brucellosis Test, all females that are not OCV'd and OCV'd females over 15 months of age  
 Ivomec (Ivermectin) injection or equivalent treatment  
 - must be noted on Health Certificate  
 OCV for Bangs – All ages (optional)  
 2 years and older must be bred and verified by your veterinarian as safe with calf.

- G. Minimum Weights by Class

Female Calf – 375 lbs.	Yearling Bull – 900 lbs.
Female Yearling – 700 lbs.	Bull Calf – 400 lbs.
Bred 2 Year old – 850 lbs.	2 Year old Bull – 1250 lbs.
Bred 3-4 Year old – 900 lbs.	Pair of Aces – 750 lbs. each
Pen of 2 female calves – 375 lb. ea.	Pen of 2 bull calves – 400 lb. ea.
Grass Fed Female Calf – open	Grass Fed Bull Calf - open
Carcass-Hot Hanging Weight –550-750 lbs. (suggested)	

**2 Year Old Bulls** – A consignor may bring only one 2 Yr. Old Bull.

*The 2 yr. old bull may have 2- 4 adult teeth and does not need to be tooth certified. A 2 year old bull with any evidence of a 5<sup>th</sup> tooth during check in will be disqualified. The owner will have the option of leaving the disqualified animal in the pens for a \$150 yardage fee or loading it back on the trailer.*

**2 Year old bred females** – See Bison Teeth Certification Form

The Show & Sale Committee's goal in setting the above limits is to improve the overall quality in the Show & Sale. Limits per consignor will be strictly enforced. Limits per class are flexible and may be allowed to increase depending on overall entries.

## Requirements for entry into Pennsylvania & the EBA Show & Sale

The EBA requirements for animals entered in the Show & Sale are more stringent than that of the state of Pennsylvania.

- A. **Females:** All females that are not OCV'd and OCV'd females over 15 months of age, 2 year old heifers, and 3-4 year old bred cows must have a **Negative Brucellosis test within 30 days prior to sale date.**
- B. **Males:** All males must have a **Negative Brucellosis test within 30 days prior to sale date.**
1. *Entries from Brucellosis Quarantined Herds Will Not Be Accepted*
  2. *Entries from the State of Michigan must be from herds that are Tuberculosis Whole Herd Tested within last twelve (12) months. Also if test is older than sixty (60) days the animals that are brought to the Show and Sale must have an individual test again. Both certificates showing negative tests must accompany health papers and verified by your vet prior to unloading at Harrisburg Show and Sale complex.*
  3. *Animals brought from Michigan to Show and Sale and bought by a Wisconsin Buyer must call and obtain a permit number prior to entry into State of Wisconsin (608-224-4872).*
- C. All animals must have a **Negative Tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to sale date.**
- D. Anaplasmosis and Blue Tongue tests within 30 days prior to entry into state. **These tests are optional.**
- E. Bulls under 24 months of age must have **signed statement from veterinarian on health certificate, certifying that they have not been exposed to breeding females.** Non-virgin bulls under 24 months of age and all bulls over 24 months of age must have a **negative PCR trichomoniasis test 30 days prior to sale date.**
- F. All females 2 years old and older **MUST** be pregnancy verified by a veterinarian and be safe with calf. Pregnancy verification **MUST be indicated on the Health Certificate.** Also see Bison Teeth Certification.
- G. All animals entered in the Show & Sale should be mouthed and age verified by a veterinarian. This verification **MUST be indicated on the Health Certificate.** All animals will be mouthed by the EBA Screening Committee at unloading. Animal age will be determined by looking for fully erupted adult incisors. Adult incisors in the process of erupting or partially erupting will not move the animal into the next age group.
- H. All animals **MUST be wormed with injectable Ivomec (Ivomectin) or equivalent treatment within 30 days prior to sale date. Treatment and date must be noted on Health Certificate.**
- I. All Yearling and 2 Year Old bulls **MUST be semen tested and deemed to be fertile. Semen test results Must be attached to the Health Certificate.**
- J. All Yearling Heifers **Must be certified Open or Pregnant by a veterinarian. This certification MUST be indicated on the Health Certificate.**
- K. **Grass Fed Class –All entry rules and Health Requirements for other live bison classes apply to this class. Each Grass Fed entry must also include the EBA Producer Affidavit. An original copy of this form must also accompany each Health Certificate. The Affidavit certifies the following:** Grass (Forage) Fed – Grass and forage shall be the feed source consumed for the lifetime of the ruminating animal, with the exception of milk consumed prior to weaning. The diet shall be derived solely from forage consisting of grass (annual and perennial), forbs (e.g., legumes, Brassica), browse, or cereal grain crops in the vegetative (pre-grain) state. Animals cannot be fed any grain or grain byproducts and must have continuous access to pasture during the growing season. Hay, haylage, baleage, silage, crop residue without grain, and other roughage sources may also be included as acceptable feed sources. Routine mineral and vitamin supplementation may also be included in the feeding regimen.

## FILLING OUT THE HEALTH CERTIFICATE

### Basic Sections

1. **Owner, Seller, Consignor** – your name or ranch name
2. **Purchaser, Receiver, Consignee** - For the EBA Show & Sale this should read: **EBA Show & Sale – Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA.**
3. **Vaccination or other Treatment** – If your state form has this section, this is to list any vaccinations that were administered in the past 30 days, such as 7-way, lepto, vibrio, etc and to indicate Ivomec or equivalent treatment. This is pertinent information that should be included. Be sure to ask the veterinarian.

### Important Sections

4. **Animal ID, Ear Tag Number** - This section, properly filled out can save everyone involved a lot of problems. **BE SURE** to include the ID/test metal tag number placed in the animal's ear by the veterinarian **AND** the Show & Sale Ear Tag number provided by EBA. These two tag numbers **MUST correspond correctly and must be entered here.** This cannot be stressed enough as a mistake can create problems for the Farm Show Complex, the EBA, the Buyer and the Consignor.
5. **Age or Date of Birth** - At first this section seems very simple. The problem here may be **AGE**. The veterinarian is going to sign his name to this certificate and place his reputation at risk. **Be sure the age of the animal is correct.**
6. **TB Test** – If the form has separate sections for injection date/time and observation date/time the observation date/time must be at least 72 hours after the injection date/time.
7. **Brucellosis Test** - Requirements here are the result of a blood test: The date of the test and the results of the test must be recorded. In order to prove that a cow is vaccinated (OCVd), a veterinarian must be able to read the tattoo number that was placed in her right ear at the time of vaccination. This can be difficult considering the fact that a black tattoo in a dark skinned animal is often unreadable. The veterinarian may need to shave the ear and use a powerful light to shine from the backside of the ear in an attempt to read the tattoo.
8. Across the bottom of the sheet the veterinarian should note the date that your animal(s) was (were) verified pregnant if you wish to sell females as pregnant.
9. **Certificate of Veterinarian and Owner / Agent Certification** - You and the veterinarian **MUST** sign the Health Certificate here and provide the date and address. Have the Veterinarian include his phone number in case the Pennsylvania State Vet at the Sale has any questions for him.

## NOTICE

All consignor checks will be mailed within ten (10) business days following the sale.

Trailer parking will be available at the EBA selected hotel and at the Harrisburg Farm Show Complex.

Make sure the assigned EBA Show & Sale ear tag is placed in the assigned animal's **left ear**.

In accordance with the Harrisburg, PA Farm Show Complex regulations a Screening Committee will be appointed to look over the animals entered in the Show & Sale. Any animal deemed to be without merit as would entitle them to be exhibited may be required to be removed from the Harrisburg, PA Farm Show Complex grounds by the Harrisburg, PA Farm Show Complex manager and/or the EBA Show & Sale Chairman. Judges and the Screening Committee reserves the right to disqualify any animal from the Show & Sale that in their opinion appears to be diseased, injured, in poor condition, excessively aggressive, of the wrong age or weight, etc.

Remember to call the Pennsylvania State Veterinarian regarding any questions about transporting animals.  
Phone 717-783-9550 Fax 717-787-1868

No animals may be left in trailers, trucks, etc. overnight at the Harrisburg, PA Farm Show Complex or the EBA hotel parking lot.

No vendors of any kind will be authorized to be at the Harrisburg, PA Farm Show Complex or the EBA hotel except those approved by the EBA Show & Sale Committee. This will be strictly enforced.

Check in and unloading will begin at 1 PM, Thursday, March 7, 2019. We request you be in line for unloading no later than 3 PM. No animals are to arrive later than 3 PM, Thursday, March 7, 2019 unless given prior approval by the Screening Committee.

The consignor assumes all responsibilities in regard to the above terms and conditions of the EBA Show & Sale, including but not limited to, proper documentation of a positive pregnancy test (where applicable) and age of animal(s). The EBA acts only as an agent and will assume **NO Responsibility** in the event of injury or death to any animal or for any discrepancy between the buyer and the consignor.

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