

RACINE COUNTY FAIR
LIVESTOCK DRUG INSPECTION AND TESTING*

- INSPECTION / TESTING
 - o There is ZERO TOLERANCE for any violation of the following rules in this section; intent is not relevant (i.e. strict liability).
 - A. Exhibitor Warranties for Livestock Animals - By entering the Racine County Fair, each exhibitor warrants the following:
 - a. The exhibitor has complied with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and that the animal sold is fit for human consumption.
 - b. The animal contains no trace or residue of any illegal drug or any other substance not approved for administration to such animal under applicable laws or Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. rules and regulations.
 - i. As of 2022, Ractopamine hydrochloride (Paylean® / Optaflexx®) and any of its derivatives is BANNED for use in Swine.
 - c. The carcass of the animal reveals no evidence of any unethical fitting practice.
 - d. These warranties are absolute guarantees of the quality of the animal, without regard to the Participant's actual responsibility or fault.
 - B. Each exhibitor upon weigh-in for their individual species shall submit the Market Animal Drug History form. Failure to submit this form shall result in automatic disqualification.
 - a. If an animal has been given a drug prior to arrival at the Fair, the animal must have met the listed drug withdrawal time by the start of each individual species Show.
- Prohibited Substance Testing
 - A. The term "drug" shall mean any substance that the sale, possession, or use of which is regulated by federal, state, or local law or regulation, as well as any substance used by the medical or veterinary professions that affects the circulatory, respiratory, muscular, skeletal, or central nervous system of any species of livestock.
 - B. Animals shall be presented to the Racine County Fair where they will enter the food chain free of drugs as of the individual species show day. The act of entering the Racine County Fair is giving the consent by the owner / exhibitor for the Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance in the event.
 - C. Upon completion of showing for each individual market species, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animal will have samples taken for drug and DNA testing.

- a. The Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. reserves the right to collect samples that include but are not limited to blood, urine, hair, and/or tissue for drug and/or DNA testing AT ANY TIME, on any animal, during the Racine County Fair.
- D. The exhibitor or parent/guardian of the exhibitor (if the exhibitor is under 18 years of age) must be present during the initial collection of the sample to witness that the sample was properly collected.
- E. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from a market animal indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested (by the approved laboratory to which it is sent) is the one taken from the animal in question. Its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection, transfer to the laboratory, and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate. The report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken. The burden will be on the owner / exhibitor to prove otherwise.
- F. The Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. will test for some of the following classes of drugs. This list is not comprehensive and the full list will be on file with the testing laboratory.
 - a. Anabolic Steroids, Analgesics, Anti-histamines, Anti-depressants, Beta-agonists, Beta-blockers, Bronchodilators, Corticosteroids, Diuretics, Local anesthetics, Muscle relaxants, NSAID (Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug), Stimulants, Tranquilizers/Sedatives/Anesthetics, and Therapeutics.
 - b. Exceptions to this will be Ractopamine hydrochloride (Paylean® / Optaflexx®) for Cattle. As of 2022, Ractopamine Hydrochloride (Paylean® / Optaflexx®) and its derivatives is BANNED for use in Swine and will be tested for as a non-approved drug.
- Consequences
 - a. Should an animal be determined to be unethically fitted and/or have a positive result of drug testing, the exhibitor will pay for the cost of testing, lose all premium money from all projects shown at the Racine County Fair, and lose all sale rights/proceeds for that exhibition year. If the animal has already been sold the carcass will be condemned. The exhibitor will reimburse the buyer for the full amount of the sale. Additionally, the exhibitor will be responsible for any damages that result from a positive substance test.
 - b. For a first offense, the exhibitor and immediate family members will be barred from exhibiting at the Racine County Fair for a period of no less than one (1) year.

- c. For a second offense, the exhibitor and immediate family members will be barred from exhibiting at the Racine County Fair permanently.

*All Rules are Subject to Change at any time.

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