



# New England States Animal Agricultural Security Alliance

An interactive regional collaboration of the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont

Supporting and developing regional standards, processes, and capacity through planning

## Participating States' Agreement Regarding the Movement of Cull Lactating Dairy Cattle

For the sole purpose of moving cull lactating dairy cattle (LDC) to slaughter in states that agree to the following. This agreement explicitly does not apply to other movements of LDC.

1. Participating states agree to act as a region for the purpose of moving LDC to slaughter when either the slaughter plant or market exists in a state other than the state of origin of the LDC. Culled LDC will be allowed to move to only one livestock market in a state covered by the agreement (intraregional movement) and then interstate directly to a slaughter facility.
2. Dealers/truckers may pick up animals at multiple farms in the participating states covered by the agreement while practicing good biosecurity. LDC will have official ID applied at the farm and the official ID must appear on the owner shipper statement (OSS). An OSS is required for each farm from which a trucker picks up cattle. If backtags are also used, those numbers must be correlated with the permanent official ID.
3. OSS documents must be presented to the market and be emailed to both the state of origin SAHO and the market state SAHO within 48 hours of delivery to the market.
4. LDC intended for slaughter will be separated in truck compartments from other animals during transport to the market and must be kept separate at the market in a designated isolation or quarantine area from other classes of animals. The cull LDCs will move through the market as the last animals of the day. Pens and contact surfaces that contained cull LDCs will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of the market day using EPA-registered disinfectant. New England markets will adopt any additional biosecurity and cleaning and disinfection measures as outlined in USDA guidance.
5. Each participating state agrees to work with USDA approved livestock markets to ensure that any lactating dairy cattle presented for sale, without proof of negative H5N1 testing, (by the USDA federal order issued April 25, 2024), must be sold into slaughter and may NOT be sold back into farms or production. This includes lactating dairy cattle that have been imported from out of state to the recipient livestock market, and then on to out of state slaughter establishments.
6. The market will issue the OSS for interstate movement from the market to the out of state slaughter facility on an accepted OSS. The market will email the OSS to the market state SAHO and the slaughter plant state SAHO within 48 hours of the animals leaving the market.

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