

Implications for Livestock Used for Rodeo, Fairs and Exhibitions

Focus on Facility Logistics



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Oh what fun.....

- ▶ Racing Pigs
- ▶ Rodeo Performances
- ▶ Bucket calf Shows
- ▶ 4-H and FFA Events
- ▶ Ropings
- ▶ Breed Shows

https://www.fredericknewspost.com/public/sick-pig-child-shut-down-swine-exhibits-at-the-great/article_6eec3971-faee-50ce-ba81-c5a0c20ac586.html

But we control that right?

- ▶ CVI's for each animal that comes to Fair or Vet Check In
- ▶ Precautions of Sanitizing, separation
- ▶ Reality=





Implications for Facility Management & Event Management

- ▶ **Why should the facility care?** Isn't it up to the event organizer?
 - ▶ What happened in Ogden, Utah? The cost to that facility in lost business
 - ▶ Or the previous Fair example with the Swine Flu
- ▶ **Liability of risking future business**
 - ▶ Taking proper precautions for sanitizing animal housing areas
 - ▶ Ensuring the next event that your facility is safe to bring their livestock into
 - ▶ Fire Evacuation Shelter to National Dairy Goat Show to County Fair in 1 month time

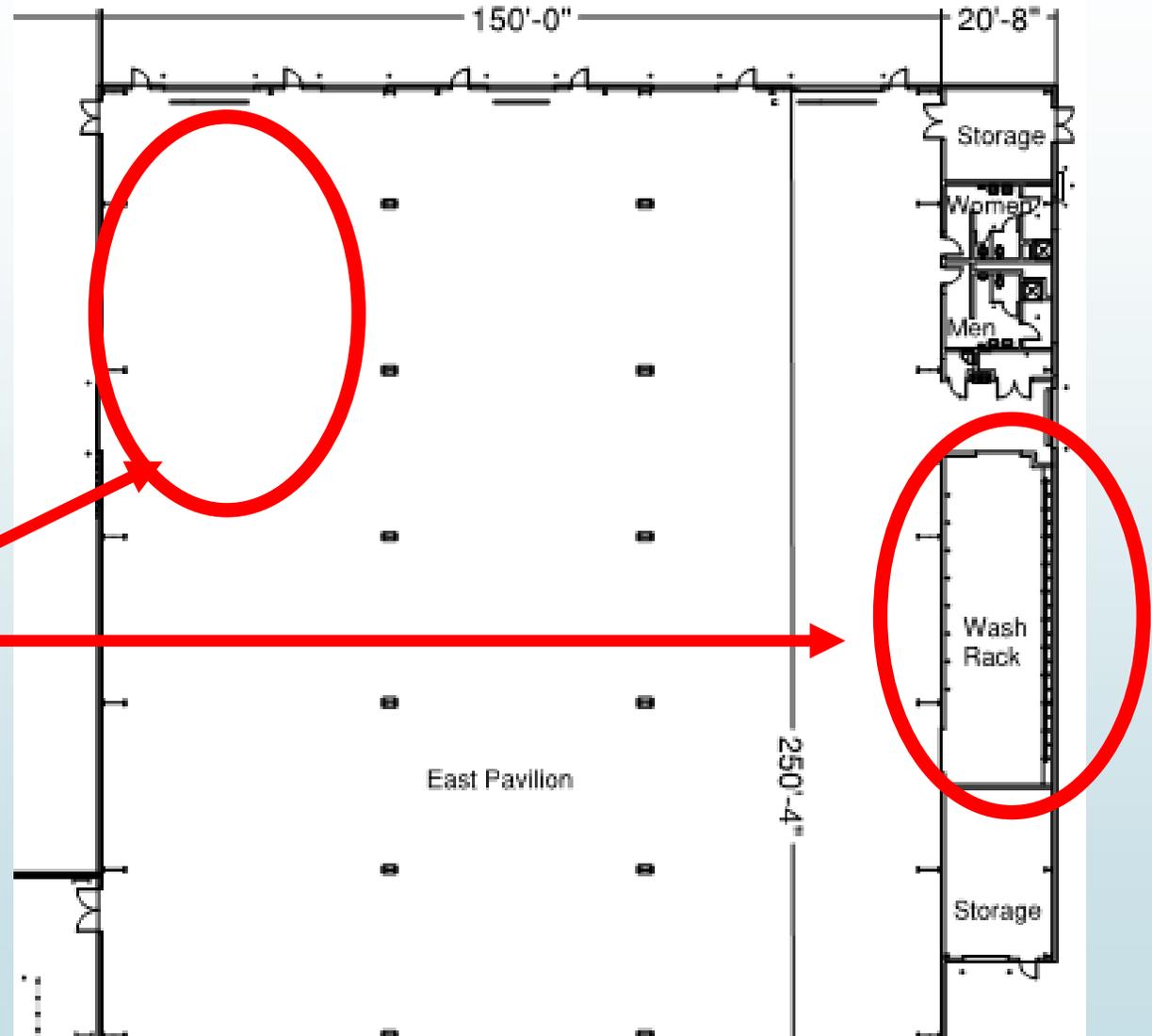


Facility Set-up and Logistics

- **When and where** permanent ID is read or verified and compared with a CVI or determined to be needed- point of entry to grounds? Barns?
- Who's job is it to enforce the requirement?
 - Event Organizer?
 - Facility?
 - State Regulatory Agency?
 - Other?

Plans of where each group of livestock are, where they would quarantine, how soon you know?

Away from high traffic areas, or in a place you can close off or easily sterilize





Most of our business is a 3rd party client or rental contract

- Consideration of facilities to add requirements to fulfill ADT or current State Vet Health Certificate Requirements into facility contracts
- Ensure that Contractor is aware of a facility's Emergency Plans that include disease outbreak and control.
- Collect accurate records of who was on property, and where in your facility they were stalled. (Easy with some events and presents a real challenge with others)
- Frequency of events where livestock come from across state lines and travel great distances

Effects on the Future of Facilities:

- ▶ **Future improvement plans for facilities** often include considerations for disease management
 - ▶ Check In Areas for identification or Vet Checks prior to entering barns or shared space
 - ▶ Built in Specified Quarantine areas
 - ▶ Consideration of materials used for panels, flooring, etc
 - ▶ Secure areas for housing Rodeo livestock (away from public access)
 - ▶ Technology Resources- wifi in the parking lot, or connectivity at vet check in station
 - ▶ Costs to get facilities up to par with meeting needs



Accuracy & Staffing Challenges

- 1st- Do we have enough Vets to be out there writing CVI's day in and out?
- 2nd- Can we find qualified vets or staff to check in livestock at events and properly read the CVI's?
- 3rd- Unless you are using electronic ID in all species- how accurate or accountable can you be to know that this CVI truly belongs to this animal in the trailer or standing in front of you
 - le- I have a CVI for 6 solid black calves, or 6 solid black percheron horses who belong to John Smith, and a line of trailers to check in right behind them.



Where do we go from here?

- ▶ As the livestock industries press for better identification and traceability, facilities can do their part by increasing their requirements to their event organizers- both for their own liability and betterment of industry.
 - ▶ But famous question is- "WHO GOES FIRST??"
- ▶ I would encourage communication from this level to the facilities with updates on technology, requirements, etc
- ▶ IAFE, League of Ag and Equine Ctrs, others
- ▶ Questions?

