

U.S. Import Protocol: Ruminant Livestock from Mexico

The United States maintains a rigorous, multi-layered import protocol to safeguard animal health and prevent the introduction of threats like New World screwworm (NWS). From the initial farm-level preparations—including comprehensive tuberculosis testing, spay certification, and tick treatments—to meticulous inspections at export centers and border facilities, each stage is designed to identify and address potential health concerns. Mexico's official veterinarians and USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) personnel conduct thorough exams, use advanced detection methods, and enforce strict compliance standards. Only cattle that meet all health requirements and pass every inspection are permitted entry, ensuring that that cattle entering the United States are healthy and free from disease risks.

