



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

JULIUS JOHNSON
COMMISSIONER

REGULATORY SERVICES
ANIMAL HEALTH

BY ORDER OF THE STATE VETERINARIAN

Transportation of Wild-Appearing Swine within Tennessee

Feral swine, wild swine (*Sus scrofa*) and their hybrids have been shown to be destructive to native habitats, agricultural lands and private property and are carriers for a myriad of diseases that affect humans, livestock and wildlife. In recognition of the serious threat that these animals pose to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee, the state veterinarian, pursuant to the authority vested in him under Tenn. Code Ann. § 44-2-102, hereby ORDERS as follows:

(1) For purposes of this Order:

- (a) “Qualified Pseudorabies Negative Herd” – means a swine herd that has qualified for such status in accordance with 9 C.F.R. 85.1.
- (b) “Validated Brucellosis-Free Herd” means a swine herd that has qualified for such status in accordance with 9 C.F.R. 78.1.
- (c) “Wild-Appearing Swine” means swine that are typically 2 to 3 feet tall and 3 ½ to 5 feet long and that typically have the following physical features (all comparisons are to domestic swine): massive heads with smaller, pointed and heavily furred ears; heavier shoulders that slope down to small hips, giving the animal an outline similar to an American bison; long and thin snouts; upper tusks or whitters that curl up and out and rub against the lower tusks, making a knifelike edge against the lower tusks; and straight tails that are tufted at the tip.

(2) All wild-appearing swine being moved within the state shall:

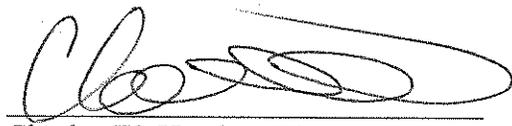
Have official, individual identification such as USDA-approved metal tags or any other official identification that is approved by the state veterinarian, as specified on the department’s website at www.tn.gov/agriculture/regulatory/animals.shtml and

- (a) Have proof that each individual animal has tested negative for Pseudorabies and Brucellosis within ninety (90) days of movement; or
- (b) Have proof that each individual animal originated from a Validated Brucellosis-Free and Qualified Pseudorabies-Negative herd; or

- (c) Have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection from a Tennessee licensed and USDA accredited veterinarian listing each animal. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall accompany the animal; or
- (d) Have movement authorization from the state veterinarian's office, as evidenced by a movement authorization number for movement only to a slaughter facility or slaughter-only market approved by the department.

Nothing in this section shall prevent the movement of restricted animals by order of the state veterinarian pursuant to APHIS Veterinary Services Form 1-27 for Movement of Restricted Animals.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



6/10/13

Charles W. Hatcher, DVM
State Veterinarian