

# NEW ENGLAND 4-H PROGRAM - THE BIG E 2024 4-H DAIRY CATTLE SIGNATURE FORM

Check if Alternate \_\_\_\_\_

This entry is made in accordance with the Agreement of Responsibility and Acknowledgement of Liability and the Rules and Regulations referred to therein governing this program (collectively, the "Rules and Regulations"). Telephone Agriculture Department 800-639-2908 E-mail [aginfo@thebige.com](mailto:aginfo@thebige.com) PRINT ALL INFORMATION — COMPLETE EVERY LINE

SHOWING/REPRESENTING WHICH STATE? \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ TEL # \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE MO \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER AGE (as of Jan 1, 2024) \_\_\_\_\_

BREED \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS ENTERED \_\_\_\_\_

ANIMAL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ REG# \_\_\_\_\_

SIRE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ REG# \_\_\_\_\_

DAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_ REG# \_\_\_\_\_

ANIMAL BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ IS THIS A LEASE AGREEMENT PROJECT? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS A BRED AND OWNED ANIMAL? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

IS ANIMAL ENTERED IN THE OPEN SHOW? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTACH A COPY OF ANIMAL'S REGISTRATION

**Please note any accommodation the 4-H member requires to participate in this 4-H program.**

The signatures below signify that I and my parent/guardian have read, understand and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations identified above. These signatures also certify the facts contained in the above to be true and the applicant meets the eligibility qualifications of the Rules and Regulations. The applicant also agrees to participate in all activities and to be present at assemblies of this 4-H Activity. Entrants will be responsible for their animal including any damage occurring to the animal or by the animal while on the grounds.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature of 4-H Exhibitor

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature of State Office Representative

\*ALL signatures must appear here on entry or entry will not be accepted.

NOTE TO STATE REPRESENTATIVES: Entries for alternate delegates and/or animals must be submitted at time all other entries are delivered to the Exposition, but such entries must be plainly marked "ALTERNATE" in the upper right hand corner of this application. At the discretion of the State Office Representatives, this entry application form may be used for both the State Show Day and the 4-H Dairy Cattle Show at Eastern States Exposition, providing all signatures appear on this application when it is received by the Exposition. All Signatures MUST be completed before entry will be accepted. ENTRIES are DUE August 20 at the STATE OFFICE. Please contact your State Club Leader or visit [www.thebige.com/agriculture](http://www.thebige.com/agriculture) for additional Entry Application forms.

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION ONLINE ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 24 AT MIDNIGHT. This deadline will be enforced.

## **ENTRY BLANK FOR DAIRY CATTLE QUIZ BOWL**

Please accept our entry in the Quiz Bowl Contest to be held at Eastern States Exposition, subject to all rules and regulations governing this contest as contained in the official announcement.

<b><u>NAME OF ENTRANTS</u></b>	<b><u>HOME MAIL ADDRESS</u></b>
(Designate alternate by: "ALT")	(For news items and photo cut lines)

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_____	_____
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Please submit application by September 1, even if uncertainties on names exist; then send names when they are available.

Name of 4-H Team \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Department \_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_

## **Objectives for New England 4-H Programs at The Big E**

The 4-H program at The Big E is a cooperative effort with the Eastern States Exposition and the Cooperative Extension Systems of the New England States working together toward common objectives. These objectives are:

1. To motivate and recognize the achievements of 4-H members and their volunteer leaders.
2. To give the general public attending The Big E a better understanding of 4-H educational efforts including the organization, program, and accomplishments.
3. To provide educational experiences for 4-H members that are not available in the individual states.
4. To make 4-H programs and activities visible to the general public across the grounds of The Big E.
5. To expand the image of 4-H as a total diverse youth development program.
6. To ensure quality educational activities both for the 4-H participant and the general public.
7. To identify 4-H as an integral part of the Cooperative Extension System and the land grant universities of New England.
8. To involve youth as equal partners in full decision-making roles at all levels of program decision-making.

# RULES FOR THE 2024 NEW ENGLAND 4-H DAIRY SHOW

\* denotes new or changed in 2024

1. Eligibility The show is open to regularly enrolled 4-H Dairy Club members from New England who are 12 years of age or older on January 1 but have not turned 19 years of age on or before January 1 of the current year and who have completed at least one year of 4-H Club work. Juniors are 12-14 years as of January 1, of the current year and Seniors are 15 years and older as of January 1, of the current year.
2. Open Show Entry and Eligibility Members may enter their 4-H dairy cattle in The Big E's Open Dairy Cattle Show in accordance with the Open Show rules, this includes Holstein, Red and White, Jersey and Brown Swiss. 4-H animals may arrive by the 4-H deadline and still show in the open show provided their entry has been received by the livestock office by August 31. If open animals are trucked with 4-H animals the open animals must arrive according to open show rules. **Please check the Official Premium Book or [www.thebige.com](http://www.thebige.com) for scheduled Arrival Times.**
3. Attendance Members and animals must be on the grounds by 4 pm Thursday, September 12. Members and 4-H leaders are advised the responsibility for the supervision of the members extends from arrival until release. The barn must be left in a neat and tidy condition. A copy of animal's health form will be accepted but originals must be available upon request at any time. **MEMBERS MAY NOT LEAVE THE GROUNDS DURING THE TIME FRAME OF THE PROGRAM.**
4. State Representation If 4-H club membership is held in more than one state, and the same project is taken in both states, the 4-H member must compete and represent the state in which they reside. If the project is only taken in one state, the 4-H member should represent that state.
5. Drinking of alcoholic beverages, smoking and use of drugs by delegates is prohibited. All 4-H delegates are expected to act in an orderly manner. Delegates are expected to respect the general public and answer questions politely. Delegates will abstain from using profanity. Appropriate actions will be taken for violations.
6. Housing and Meals The Big E will provide housing and meals for the 4-H Dairy members and authorized leaders at the 4-H Headquarters (Horace Moses Building).
7. Exhibitor Health Condition Members must obtain from state or county leaders a participant form to be filled out and signed by parents or guardians. This procedure gives permission for doctors to administer medical treatment, if necessary to do so.
8. Display Material Policy Please see the Fire Prevention Regulations page.
9. Show Uniform White or khaki pants or skirt and an appropriate white shirt (no tee shirts or tank tops). Whites are preferred. Members will be disqualified if they are wearing clothing advertising a farm or specific breed, however generic breed belt buckles are allowed, or any other clothing that the superintendent considers inappropriate for the event. Appropriate and sturdy footwear is required. Delegates may not appear barefoot or wearing extremely brief shorts. No cell phones are to be on in the show ring.
10. Entries are limited to 35 animals from each state. Entry for the show **MUST** be certified (signed by the State 4-H office). **ENTRIES NOT SIGNED BY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WILL BE REJECTED.** Alternates (cattle and/or delegates) may be submitted with State entries. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS ARE ALLOWED AFTER AUGUST 24. Online entries must be submitted no later than AUGUST 24 at midnight.**
11. Ownership This show is limited to registered females which are registered in the name of the individual member making the entry, or that are entered and accepted in the 4-H Lease Agreement Project in their respective states. All papers pertaining to ownership and health of animals must be filed with the superintendent for inspection purposes upon arrival. All papers will be returned at the close of the show. For all calf or yearling classes, ownership must have existed in the member's name on or before May 1 of the year of the show or have been entered in the Lease agreement project prior to May 1. In all Milking age classes, 2 year olds and up the cow must have been owned/leased on or before May 1, before the animal reached her second birthday.

12. Provisional Registrations will be accepted in those breeds, which allow animals with provisional registrations to compete. Percentage purebred, which can be shown, varies within each breed. Per breed the requirements are as follows:
  1. Holstein 87% or above
  2. Brown Swiss: white with a green border is issued for Registered Brown Swiss Females and Certified Identity Enrolled Females (CIE); Brown Swiss Step II Identity Enrollment (IE) animals which have a green Registration paper with a black border may also be shown;
  3. Ayrshire 87%;
  4. Guernsey: must have a white Registration Paper and a GR prefix; Effective January 1, 2019, for an undetermined period of time, the standard for showing registered Guernseys at AGA sponsored shows will be lowered to the PR status (BBR 87% and above). The standards for Guernsey Appearance will remain in effect.
  5. Milking Shorthorn: must be Herdbook Registered and have registry certificates issued by American Milking Shorthorn Society on white paper and cannot have the words 'not eligible to show', 36000, or 37000;
  6. Jersey: Animals recorded at Generation Count 4 or higher are eligible.
  7. Red and White must conform to the breed to which it identifies with.

For further information, please visit your breed association's website. This packet is current at the time of this publishing (June 2024). If Registration requirements change on a national level, every effort will be made to reflect that in this packet. National level registration requirements after May 1 will be changed the following year. Any animal identified with only a Red and White Association certificate must be able to verify which of the six dairy breed's it will show under and meet the provisional show standards of either Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey or Milking Shorthorn.

13. Care of Animals 4-H Dairy Cattle will be stabled in the designated 4-H area. It is the responsibility of each state to house and manage their cattle in their designated space as they see fit. To promote safe handling and interaction, no animal shall be permitted to participate in the New England 4-H Dairy Activity with horns in excess of one inch. **Animals also entered in the open show MUST be in place on the 4-H line in the designated 4-H area by Thursday at 4pm and remain there under the sole care of the 4-Her until Sunday after release is given to go home.**
14. Hay and bedding: Shavings- one bag per animal will be furnished by The Big E. Hay and straw orders must be approved by the Dairy Superintendent. To help defray costs, any milk check money from 4-H animals will be used towards the ESE Feed Store.
15. 4-H delegates are to work on their own animals unless: a) The delegate is entered in the 4-H Judging or Quiz Bowl contest, and then another 4-H delegate shall feed and/or wash the animal in their absence. b) In cases where a 4-H'er needs assistance, other 4-H'ers may help by providing verbal coaching or holding animals. Under some conditions, members may receive special permission from their state leader for limited participation in other activities. The management assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to livestock, or injury to persons. Areas will be made available when possible for clipping; however, they must be kept clean. Youth needing to go to the barn prior to 7am must be accompanied by a chaperone.
16. Ear Tags There will be no discrimination for large identification/ear tags in the animal's ears.
17. Grievance Procedure If any rules are broken or in question, the infraction will be brought before the 4-H Dairy Activity Grievance Committee for appropriate action. Only the chair, show superintendents or ESE personnel may approach the official judges with questions regarding the placement or negative comments on the show
18. Awards will be made on a Straight Merit System at the discretion of the judge. Placings will be given out 1-10, all others will receive participation ribbons.
19. Passes will be issued through the state office on the basis of one pass for the delegate, one pass for the driver and one pass for the vehicle; additional driver and vehicle pass the driver for his return. The quota for passes shall not exceed the number of persons actually participating in the show. Exhibitors should enter Gate 1 and

then Gate 10; report to the superintendent BEFORE UNLOADING. The Superintendent will issue instructions to drivers who will be returning to pick up members and animals. Vehicles have ten minutes to unload or to load; vehicles parked and left unattended will be towed away. After unloading, vehicles may leave the grounds via Gate 10 and park in the satellite parking lot (see attached map). Directions to the satellite office may also be obtained from the dairy superintendent, Superintendent's Office information window or from [www.thebige.com\agriculture](http://www.thebige.com/agriculture). Please follow directions regarding parking your personal vehicle in the Agriculture Lot. You may not park on the river dike.

20. Unloading and Inspection Please check in with a member of the Dairy Activity Committee or the Dairy Superintendent before unloading any animals. 4-H animals will follow the same inspection procedure, rules and regulations as all open show entries. Animal Health papers, registration papers, and lease forms if applicable need to be presented when the animal unloads. Each paper should be in a separate clear plastic sleeve. Please highlight your animals name on the health paper. Original health paper should be available if needed. Copies of registration papers will not be accepted. All animals need to be in accordance with Massachusetts animal identification and RFID requirements for federal transport. For more information, please check the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture website at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/animal-health/>
21. Animal Release Upon obtaining official release slip from the superintendent, the delegate delivers such release slip to the driver of the vehicle who may retrieve the vehicle from the satellite lot and bring it to the inner grounds. As soon as loaded, the driver, delegate and vehicle must immediately exit via Gate 10 and Gate 1. Departure times must be adhered to.
22. Exhibitor Tickets may be purchased from the Agriculture Office at a reduced price and may be used for the family of 4-H Dairy delegates. Please call the Agriculture Department at (800) 639-2908 or stop by the Mallary office after August 15.
23. Show Order All senior females, then senior champions in each breed will be placed before moving on to the next breed. Junior females will follow the senior classes and state herds will follow Champion of each breed. There will be two rings with two judges. One ring for Holsteins and Milking Shorthorns. Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey and Jersey will show in the other ring.
24. Loss Or Damage All exhibits will be under the direction of Eastern States Exposition Management, who will exercise every reasonable care in the protection of exhibits. In no case will Eastern States Exposition or management be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any animal; or loss, injury or damage done by or arising from any animal exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify Eastern States Exposition against legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.

The Cooperative Extension System 4-H Youth Development program prohibits discrimination in education, employment, and in the provision of services on account of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, disabled veteran status, physical or mental disability, mental retardation, [and] other specifically covered mental disabilities, [and criminal records that are not job related].

## 4-H DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST

The 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be held in the Coliseum. It is limited to regularly enrolled 4-H Dairy Club members of the six New England states. Each state may designate two teams of four members per team. In the case that a state does not have a full team: states may join to form a complete team. The three highest scores will constitute the team score. 4-H members may participate in the Judging Contest more than one (1) year unless having been a member of a 4-H Dairy Judging team at the National Contest held in Madison, Wisconsin. Once they participate in the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest at World Dairy Expo, they may not again participate in the New England 4-H Dairy Judging Contest at ESE again. A member who is selected for participation in the 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest may not participate in any other activities occurring at the same time as the contest. Members will need to have another 4-H member take care of their animals on Saturday Morning. A mandatory 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Coach's meeting will be held on Friday, September 13 at 6pm near the Milking Parlor in the Mallary Complex.

## 4-H DAIRY CATTLE FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP

Fitting & Showmanship will not be broken according to breed. All classes will be broken out according to age of participants only, with all breeds showing together. All participants will be listed in birth date order and the Fitting & Showmanship classes will be broken evenly from that list with a maximum of 12 per class. The order for Fitting & Showing will be youngest juniors to oldest juniors to be followed by youngest seniors to oldest seniors. The juniors will then come back and compete for their rotating trophy and the seniors for theirs. Only two people will be placed, the Champion and Reserve Champion.

## CLIPPING CONTEST

OBJECTIVE - To promote teamwork among dairy participants, provide a learning experience, be a demonstration for visitors and promote public relations.

- Each state will provide one fitting team consisting of three members; this state team shall be made up of a Team Leader and two other members.
- Members are eligible to participate as many times as they wish. If a member has won in a previous year, they may continue to come back and enter the contest as long as the sending state allows the member to participate.
- Each State is responsible for bringing a fall calf through summer yearling of any breed that can be handled and has a full coat of hair with its head clipped Clipping team contest rules will be included.
- Clipping contest animals will be stabled at the discretion of the Dairy Superintendents.
- Each state delegation is responsible for the care of their clipping contest animal before and after the contest.

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTEST

- Each State team will be notified of a time to set up their equipment in the ring prior to the contest.
- Chutes used by each state will be staggered if possible and identified by a State sign that will be provided.
- Prior to entering the ring, the animal must be clean, dry, and head clipped. Appropriate equipment must be sanitized prior to the start of the contest.
- Animals will be previewed by the judge prior to the contest beginning, then the clipping team will have one hour to fit the animal.
- States will retain the animals that they brought for the contest and taken to a designated state area for fitting.
- Each team may use any equipment or products they deem necessary to fit the animal. A show halter should be brought to best present the animal.
- PDCA fitting guidelines will be considered in topline height and no artificial or replaced hair will be accepted.
- All clippers and other equipment need to be turned off at time limit end of contest. All work on the animal must stop and team members may begin to put equipment away.
- Two monitors will be in the ring to observe that team participants and spectators. There should be no communication with anyone outside of the ring while the participants are in the contest.
- The judge for the contest will announce placing, and give reasons.
- Immediately after the contest, each state is responsible for removing chutes and equipment.

State:

ESE New England 4-H Dairy Fitting Contest			
Points	Category	Comments	Points
<b>20</b>	<b>Teamwork</b>		
10	Teammates are respectful & mindful of each other		
10	Teammates have designated responsibilities & fairly share the work		
<b>30</b>	<b>Technique</b>		
10	Ease of handling equipment		
10	Hair is blended properly (namely topline and belly hair)		
10	Proper use of sprays and adhesives		
<b>10</b>	<b>Organization</b>		
5	Neatness of area		
5	Safety considerations (extension cords, aware of surroundings/animal, etc.)		
<b>20</b>	<b>Knowledge</b>		
10	Ability to breakdown and explain the steps the team took and why		
10	Team exhibits and/or explains strong knowledge of fitting trends and practices		
<b>20</b>	<b>Completeness</b>		
10	Is the heifer fitted to look her best? Consider what the team started with and the end result.		
5	Did the team make the most use of the 1 hour?		
5	Is the heifer show ring ready? (Tail teased, show halter on, ears clean, etc.)		



# 2024 NEW ENGLAND 4-H DAIRY CATTLE SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

## For 2024: Cows will show before heifers

Exhibitor may enter one animal in one of the following classes:

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| CLASS 1  | <p>SPRING CALF<br/>Born on or after March 1, 2024, over 4 months</p>   |         |
| CLASS 2  | <p>WINTER CALF<br/>December 1, 2023 to February 28, 2024</p>   |         |
| CLASS 3  | <p>FALL CALF<br/>September 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023</p>  |         |
| CLASS 4  | <p>SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER<br/>June 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023</p>  |         |
| CLASS 5  | <p>SPRING YEARLING HEIFER<br/>March 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023</p>  |         |
| CLASS 6  | <p>WINTER YEARLING HEIFER<br/>December 1, 2022 to February 29, 2023</p>  |         |
| CLASS 7  | <p>FALL YEARLING HEIFER<br/>September 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022; not in milk, yearlings which have calved will show in Class 10.</p>  |         |
| CLASS 8  | <p>JUNIOR CHAMPION<br/>Winners of Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7</p>  | ROSETTE |
| CLASS 9  | <p>RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION<br/>Winners of classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (except Junior Champion) and second place winner in the Junior Champion's class</p>  | ROSETTE |
| CLASS 10 | <p>JUNIOR TWO YEAR OLD HEIFER<br/>March 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022; may or may not have calved at least one time.</p>  |         |
| CLASS 11 | <p>SENIOR TWO YEAR OLD HEIFER<br/>September 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022; may or may not have calved at least one time.</p>  |         |
| CLASS 12 | <p>THREE YEAR OLD COW<br/>September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021</p>   |         |
| CLASS 13 | <p>FOUR YEAR OLD<br/>September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020</p>  |         |
| CLASS 14 | <p>FIVE YEAR OLD AND OLDER<br/>Born before August 31, 2019</p>   |         |
| CLASS 15 | <p>DRY COWS</p>  |         |
| CLASS 16 | <p>SENIOR CHAMPION<br/>Winners of Classes 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15</p>  | ROSETTE |
| CLASS 17 | <p>RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION<br/>Winners of Classes 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 (except Sr. Champion) and second place winner in the Senior Champion's class</p>   | ROSETTE |
| CLASS 18 | <p>GRAND CHAMPION<br/>Winners of Classes 8 and 16</p>  | ROSETTE |
| CLASS 19 | <p>RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION<br/>Winner of Classes 8, 9, 16 and 17 (except Grand Champion) and second place winner in Grand Champion's class.</p>   | ROSETTE |
| CLASS 20 | <p>STATE HERD- NOT A LEAD OUT CLASS – Each state shall bring a list of the animals in their state herd as well as their placing to the desk for tabulation. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony. Points are assigned 15-1, with 1<sup>st</sup> getting 15; 2<sup>nd</sup> getting 14 and so on. For tie breakers, 1 point will be added for Sr Champion and 1 point will be added for Jr Champion.<br/> <u>Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey or Milking Shorthorn State Herds</u> shall consist of three animals from one state and at least one animal must be from classes 1 to 7.<br/> <u>Holstein State Herd</u> shall consist of five animals from one state and at least two animals must be from classes 1 to 7.</p> |         |

# EASTERN STATES 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL RULES

The Dairy Bowl is a contest where teams of 4 members compete against each other. Competition points are awarded for correctly answering questions about the dairy industry and closely related areas.

Competition in the 4-H Dairy Bowl encourages a 4-H member to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own a dairy project animal, and provides a way to develop alertness and self-confidence.

## Eligibility

1. Each state may enter one team. A team will have 4 members and a coach. Teams of fewer than 4 members may compete but will do so at a disadvantage in the written portion of the contest. One or more alternates may be entered as substitutes in any phase of the contest. Youth may participate as many years as their state allows, but once they participate in the National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest at NAILE, they may not participate in the New England 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest at ESE again.
  2. Team members and alternates must be registered for the Dairy Bowl Contest by September 1. Registration forms are included in this packet. Completed forms need to be returned to Eastern States Exposition. All entries must be authorized by a State 4-H Leader State Dairy Extension Specialists.
- All teams should name a team captain.

## Dairy Bowl Teams

Contestants must be at least 12 years of age by January 1 of the current year but must not have turned 19 years of age on January 1 of the current year. Any member of a winning quiz bowl team from any previous year may participate again in this contest; unless, they compete at the national contest in Louisville. Contestants may attend a college beyond high school. However, club members who enroll in or audit a Dairy Science or Animal Science course prior to the fall term are not eligible for the contest. Also, any club members who enroll in a Dairy Science or Animal Science short course or satellite course eligible for credits towards a college degree prior to the fall term are not eligible for the contest.

## Dairy Bowl Rules - Conduct

1. Teams will compete in a series of one-on-one elimination contests until the top team is chosen. The teams will be assigned to the first round of competition based on the results from the written portion of the contest. Some teams may be awarded a Bye during the elimination as part of the assignment process.
2. Competition between teams will be in 3 phases:  
Phase A – All participants must take the General Knowledge Exam given Thursday evening. From this test, 5 questions will be designated as "Phase A" for each round of competition. The same 5 questions will be designated for both teams but each group of 5 questions will be used for only 1 round (example: 1-5 - Round 1, 26 - 30 Round 6). Each correct answer will be worth 5 points. A total possible score for a team in any round will be 100 points (4 team members x 5 questions each x 5 points/correct answer). No points will be lost for incorrect answers or blanks. Points earned by each team will be announced at the end of the match and combined with scores from Phases B and C to determine the winners of a match.

Phase B – Team questions. Each team will be asked 3 questions. Answers are to be given by a team captain, but assistance may come from any team member. Correct responses are worth 10 points. A question may be repeated only once. Answers must be started within 20 seconds. Partial credit may be given at the discretion of the judges. After one team has been questioned, the other team will enter the contest room and be asked the same five questions.

Phase C - Toss-up round – a total of 15 individual questions will be asked

- a. The first contestant to signal will answer the question within 5 seconds after being acknowledged by the judge or lose 10 points. Any member answering a question without having a light lit or being acknowledged will lose 10 points. If an incorrect answer is given, the other team has the opportunity to answer the question immediately without having it reread, except for true/false, either/or, and yes/no type questions. If an incorrect answer is given in these types of questions, the question will be replaced with a tiebreaker

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question, and given points to the other team. No points are deducted for an incorrect answer. Team members are not allowed to discuss the answers in this phase. No partial credit is available in Phase C, except for bonus questions.

b. If neither team is able to offer an answer to the question within 10 seconds, the moderator will give the answer. This question will be dropped and neither team will forfeit points.

c. When a signal is pushed before the question is completely read, the moderator shall stop reading the question when the light goes on. After being acknowledged that person may answer the question. If correct, the team will receive credit. The judge may not ask the contestant to explain their answer. If the answer is incorrect, the question shall then be completely reread and the other team will have the opportunity to answer it.

d. Bonus questions may be earned in the toss-up round. In order to receive a bonus question, 3 different team members must correctly answer a toss-up question. Bonus questions are not passed to the other team, nor are points deducted for an incomplete or incorrect answer to a bonus. Bonus questions will be asked whenever three team members have answered toss-up questions correctly with the count kept individually or both teams within a match. Eligibility for bonus questions does not carry over to another match. The only discussion allowed between team members will be on bonus questions and in Phase B. Answers must come from the team captain. Only the number of answers required by the bonus question will be accepted. Example: If the bonus has a four-part answer, the first four answers given by the team captain will be accepted. The bonus answers must be started within 20 seconds and completed within 60 seconds.

e. All questions correctly answered will be worth 15 points in Phase C, except for bonus questions which are worth 20 points each.

3. Questions will cover feeds/feeding, milk quality, herd health, udder health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising, and other areas of dairy knowledge. Suggested references are Hoard's Dairyman, the most current issues of each topic. The American Dairy Assn and Dairy council will be used as the primary references on dairy foods and dairy topics. [Dairy Herd Management](http://www.dasc.vt.edu/youth/bowlmat.html) and review the Virginia Tech website [www.dasc.vt.edu/youth/bowlmat.html](http://www.dasc.vt.edu/youth/bowlmat.html).
4. The highest total score from phase A, B, and C will determine the winning team. In the event of a tie, the two teams will be asked an additional five Phase C questions. No bonus questions will be awarded during the tie breaking procedure.
5. Answers and interpretations of questions will be the sole responsibility and final recall of the judges. A team member will have the privilege to ask the judge's panel to verify an answer he/she feels is correct. If a coach challenges the judge's decision, the coach must call "time out" immediately (before the next question is read). A decision made by the judges after the answer is verified will be final.
6. The 4-H Dairy Bowl Committee will rule on any question/area not covered by these rules. All decisions are final.
7. Any hand gestures, talking or cell phone activity during the quiz bowl that is observed will be evicted or disqualified by any member of the committee. The rules of sportsmanship will be enforced.
8. A double elimination process will determine final team placing in the contest. Each team will have an opportunity to compete in at least two rounds. The first round will be against another team that has not previously played. The second round will be against either a winning team or a losing team, depending on the first contest. A second loss eliminates a team from continuing competition. In case of a team receiving a bye in the first round, the team will play a winning team from the first round and advance either to the next winners or losers round.
9. Any team 15 or more minutes late for a match will forfeit the match.

# GRILLED CHEESE CONTEST

**Objective:** To promote teamwork among 4-H participants, provide an interactive and fun learning experience around food preparation and food safety, be a demonstration for visitors and promote public relations around 4-H science programs

2 categories will be judged, teams may compete in just one or all two divisions.

Bread, butter and cheese (anything from those categories)

Bread, butter, cheese and... (with 60% of sandwich filling being cheese)

**Best in Show – the best items from each category will compete for Best in Show**

Three judges will officiate - they can ask questions during preparation as well as during tasting. Teams will be judged while they are preparing the food, including food handling and food safety. Contestants will be judged on sanitizing stations before, during and after competing. Teams will be responsible to provide recipes including any spices, garnishes to the judges.

## Each team must supply the following:

Mandatory cookware:

Skillet and hot plate OR an electric frying plan or electric griddle. NO element that cooks 2 sides at once such as deep fryer, George Forman Grill type device or Panini Press, or a toaster oven can be used.

Spatulas, knives, other utensils needed to prepare the sandwiches

Grilling Hats

Grilling Apron

Cutting Boards

Hand sanitizer

Disposable Gloves

Safe Food Handling Information Sheet

Table cloths

Plates

**Food product** – Teams will need to bring any and all supplies and ingredients necessary to make 3 sandwiches for judges. All preparation including cutting of garnishes may NOT be done prior to the start of the competition. No alcoholic beverages may be used in the preparation of recipes.

Each team shall provide a small paper plate for the judges to place their quarter of the sandwich on when judging.

Supplies cannot be borrowed or added once the setup starts at the beginning of the contest, this includes supplies from other teams, parents or spectators. You must be prepared.

PLEASE NOTE: Any perishable items MUST be kept in a cooler with ice and be stored at safe temperatures (below 45F), and all foodstuffs must be stored off of the ground, at least 6". Please be sure to label your bags/coolers with your name. Judges may check temperature.

TEAMS: States will provide 1 or 2 teams of 3 members from their delegation. If the state selects 2 teams the teams will work as 2 separate teams. One adult supervisor per team must be present for safety precautions but cannot assist or provide direction to the team unless it relates to safety and the preparation of food in any manner. **IF A STATE HAS TWO TEAMS, EACH TEAM WILL COMPETE IN ONLY ONE CATEGORY.**

All competitors must wear the grilling hats, aprons and gloves per board of health regulations. When handling foodstuffs, all competitors WILL wear sanitary, disposable gloves. All members of the team will need to wear gloves and maintain a safe food environment.

State signs will be provided to identify each team canopy.

Each State will be contacted to provide the number of teams and names of participants 1 month prior to the event.

Time Limits - All grilling will be done in separate 15 minute heats and each competitor will have only 15 minutes to complete their grilling. No exceptions! Spatulas down means spatulas down.

## **Judging Breakdown:**

Youth must as a group present dish of one sandwich per judge and give explanation of their dish and be prepared to answer any questions.

The panel of judges will score teams by the following breakdown:

- Creativity = possible 10 points
- Cleanliness = possible 10 points
- Food handling/safety = 20 points
- Presentation by group to judges = 20 points
- Teamwork = possible 20 points
- Taste = possible 20 points

## **THE NEW ENGLAND EXTREME 4-H MILKSHAKE CONTEST**

What is an extreme milkshake? It is a giant, drippy milkshake stacked with everything from whole slices of cake and brownies to cookies, chocolates and other sweets. In 2024, New England 4-H Dairy youth will have the opportunity to develop their own Extreme 4-H Milkshake.

### **RULES:**

1. The Milkshake Team will be comprised of two 4-H youth ages 12-18 years old as of January 1st of the current year.
2. The milkshake must be made from cow's milk, NO non-dairy milk is allowed such as Almond milk, Soy milk, etc. A2 milk is allowed.
3. Time allocated – 10 minutes prep and 3 minutes for presentation.
4. 16oz Mason Jar Mug is to be used to display the milkshake. Only one milkshake creation per team. States may send one team for this contest. Each team shall provide 5-8oz paper cups for the judges to sample milk shakes in after they have judged appearance in mason jar. Each team provide small paper plate for judges sandwiches
5. Team will supply their recipe with all the ingredients listed.
6. Team will supply their own blender, ingredients, mug and other supplies needed to produce the milkshake.
7. Design, taste and presentation will be main criteria for judging.
8. You can create a milkshake with embellishments such as cookies, candies, whip cream, sprinkles, etc. Let your creative juices flow or in this case, milk.

# EXTREME MILKSHAKE JUDGING FORM

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for being part of our celebrity-judging panel comprised of three judges.

We challenged each 4-H Team to develop a delicious, healthy extreme milkshake recipe and promotion plan that will encourage students to purchase their smoothie for school lunch or breakfast.

Teams will have 10 minutes to prepare and then 3 minutes to present their recipe samples and promotion plan for tasting and judging.

We are asking you to rate the submissions, and select **three** winning teams (one winner for taste, recipe and creativity) and **one** team on just their promotion plan/presentation and the overall winner, which must do the best in all three categories.

Please score each of the criteria (1-10, 10 being best) for each team. If their presentation goes over 3 minutes, please deduct a point from their score.

Top scores should go for good flavor combinations, creative use of ingredients and presentation as well as clever, kid-appropriate ways the milkshake will be promoted. Is the recipe appealing to kids? Will the promotion plan appeal to kids? (Does it have a fun name? Will there be sampling or fun events build around the start of it?) The more creative, the better!

	Score	Notes
<b>Student Team 1</b>	Taste: _____ Creativity: _____ Promotion Plan: _____  <b>TOTAL:</b>	
<b>Student Team 2</b>	Taste: _____ Recipe Creativity: _____ Promotion Plan: _____  <b>TOTAL:</b>	
<b>Student Team 3</b>	Taste: _____ Recipe Creativity: _____ Promotion Plan: _____  <b>TOTAL:</b>	

# UNIFORM SCORECARD FOR FITTING AND SHOWING CONTESTS

	POINTS		POINTS
APPEARANCE OF ANIMAL .....	30	SHOWING IN THE RING .....	60
Condition .....	05	Leading .....	25
Grooming .....	10	Posing .....	15
Clipping .....	05	Show Animals to Best Advantage .....	10
Cleanliness .....	10	Poise, Alertness, Attitude .....	<u>10</u>
APPEARANCE OF EXHIBITOR .....	10	TOTAL POINTS .....	<u>100</u>

## EXPLANATION OF SCORECARD

<b>A. APPEARANCE OF ANIMAL .....</b>	<b>30</b>
1. Condition and thriftiness, showing normal growth, being neither too fat nor too thin .....	05
2. Grooming .....	10
(a) Hair properly groomed and the hide soft and pliable. Hair dresser should not be used in excess	
(b) Hoofs trimmed and shaped to enable animal to walk and stand naturally. Horns (if present) scraped and polished	
3. Clipping .....	05
(a) The final clipping should be done about two days before show.	
(b) Head, ears, tail, udders and elsewhere clipped on heifers that have not freshened	
4. Cleanliness .....	10
(a) Hair and switch clean and if possible free of stains.	
(b) Hide and ears free of dirt and legs and feet clean	
<b>B. APPEARANCE OF EXHIBITOR .....</b>	<b>10</b>
1. Clothes and person, neat and clean, white costume preferred.	
<b>C. SHOWING ANIMAL IN RING .....</b>	<b>60</b>
1. Leading .....	25
(a) Enter leading the animal at normal walk around the ring in a clockwise direction walking opposite her head on the left side, holding the lead strap (or rope) with the right hand quite close to the halter with the strap neatly, but naturally (not necessarily coiled) gathered in one or both hands. Holding close to the halter insures a more secure control of an animal.	
(b) Animal should lead readily and respond quickly. Halter must be of the right type, fitting properly and correctly placed on animal. A leather halter with leather lead strap is best.	
(c) As the judge studies your animal the preferred method of leading is walking slowly backward facing the animal and holding the lead rope in the left hand with the remainder of it neatly, but naturally, gathered in one or both hands. (Face forward when leading at all other times.)	
(d) Lead slowly with animal's head held high enough for impressive style, attractive carriage and graceful walk	
2. Posing .....	15
(a) When posing and showing an animal stay on the animal's left side and stand faced at an angle to her in a position far enough away to see stance of her feet and her topline.	
(b) Pose animal with feet placed squarely under her with the hind leg nearest to the judge slightly behind the other one. (When posing cows in milk the hind leg nearest to the judge should be slightly ahead of the other one.) Face animal up-grade, if possible, with her front feet on a slight incline.	
(c) Neither crowd the exhibitor next to you nor leave enough space for another animal when you lead into a side by side position.	
(d) Animal may be backed out of line when the judge requests that her placing be changed. Many prefer to lead the animal forward and around the end of the line or back through the line. Do not lead animal between the judge and an animal he is observing.	
(e) Do most of the showing with the halter lead strap and avoid stepping on the animal's hind feet to move them.	
(f) Step animal ahead by a slight pull on the lead strap.	
(g) Move animal back by exerting pressure on the shoulder point with the thumb and fingers of the right-hand as you push back with the halter.	
(h) When judge is observing the animal let her stand when posed reasonably well.	
(i) Be natural. Over-showing, undue fussing and maneuvering is objectionable.	
3. Show Animal to Best Advantage .....	10
(a) Quickly recognizes the conformation faults of the animal they are leading and show her to overcome them. You may be asked to exchange with another and show her or his animal for awhile.	
4. Poise, Alertness and Attitude .....	10
(a) Keep an eye on your animal and the position of the judge at all times. Do not be distracted by persons and things outside the ring.	
(b) Show animal at all times and not yourself. Respond rapidly to requests from the judge and officials.	
(c) Be courteous and sportsmanlike at all times.	
(d) Keep showing until the entire class has been placed and the judge has given his/her reasons.	



State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ESE Raymond Huling 4-H Dairy Herdsmanship Scorecard – maximum points 100**

Topic/possible points	Actual score	Comments
<b>a. General appearance of assigned aisle/area - 20 points</b>	_____	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drains kept clean and floor is dry</li> <li>• Alleys swept clean, free of dirt and bedding</li> <li>• Trash picked up and area free of clutter</li> <li>• Appropriate state signage</li> </ul>		
<b>b. Cleanliness of stalls and storage area – 20 points</b>	_____	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bedding adequate, dry, clean and in place, no manure behind animals</li> <li>• Manure hauled out regularly and deposited in proper place</li> <li>• Feed pans, extra feed, miscellaneous gear and clothing stored in in tack area</li> <li>• Hoses, electrical cords and other tools hung in a safe manner</li> </ul>		
<b>c. Arrangement of exhibits – 20 points</b>	_____	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed tubs in front of animals only at feeding time</li> <li>• Stall cards easy to read and decorations appropriate</li> <li>• Show boxes are lined up in a neat and orderly way for animal accessibility</li> </ul>		
<b>d. Animals – 20 points</b>	_____	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animals clean and manure free</li> <li>• Tied in a safe manner</li> <li>• Have adequate hay and water available</li> </ul>		
<b>e. 4-Hers – 20 points</b>	_____	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courteous, cooperative and helpful to others</li> <li>• Attentive and not using cell phones and other electronic devices</li> <li>• Able to visit with and answer fair goer questions</li> </ul>		
<b>TOTAL</b> _____		

\*One score card per state per judging session. Judging will at least occur once daily, if time is allowed herdsmanhip judging will occur twice daily. Committee is aware of other events are going on; however, 4-H youth should continue to keep barn alleys presentable during those times.



# SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2024 NEW ENGLAND 4-H DAIRY SHOW

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

12 noon – 4 pm	4-H members and cattle may arrive at The Big E via Gates 1 and 10. Report to Superintendent in Mallary Complex, then register at 4-H Headquarters in Horace Moses Building.
12 pm	First Meal served 4-H Dining Hall - Moses Building
6:30 pm	Chaperones Meeting
7:30pm	General Knowledge Exam – Mallary Parlor Bleachers – Quiz Bowl Teams – Mallary Arena 2
Directly after Exam	Opening Ceremonies – Mallary Arena 2– Members and Leaders
Following Ceremonies	Orientation Assembly -Mallary Arena 2 – Members and Leaders
Following Orientation	Ice Cream Social – Mallary Arena 2
	<b><u>2024 Committees</u></b> <b>Bowls, Napkins and Spoons - VT</b> <b>Ice Cream – NH</b> <b>Toppings &amp; Servers– ME/RI</b> <b>Scoops - CT</b>

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9 am	Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest – Moses Building
3:30pm – 6 pm	Clipping Contest – Mallary Arena 1 (or upon completion of Holstein open show)
5:30 pm	Grilled Cheese & Milkshake Competition – 4-H Activity Tent
6pm	Mandatory 4-H Dairy Judging Coach’s Meeting – Mallary Milking Parlor Bleachers

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00 am	Dairy Judging Contest - Coliseum
2 pm – 7 pm	Judging of Breeds for Type - Mallary Arena 1 Awards Ceremony – Mallary Arena 1

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:30 am	4-H Dairy Fitting & Showing, Junior and Senior divisions all breeds - Mallary Arena 1
2 - 4 pm	Release of Cattle <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>2 pm VT and ME</b></li><li>▪ <b>3 pm NH, RI and Southeast MA</b></li><li>▪ <b>4 pm CT and the rest of MA</b></li></ul>

**All 4-Her’s not traveling with their animals should be picked up at the above release times.**

#### **4-H CAMPER POLICY:**

1. Camper spaces are reserved for those serving in an official capacity with their state 4-H program at The Big E. Three camper spots are allotted per state per animal activity. Each state will provide to ESE the names and responsibilities of each person they are requesting receive a camper space reservation. This one list from each state will be provided to the Agriculture office by August 15 of each year. If not postmarked or received by August 15, ESE reserves the right to use these spaces for other purposes. The following methods of communication are acceptable:
  - a. US Mail ESE Ag Office 1305 Memorial Ave W.Spfld, MA 01089
  - b. Email [aginfo@thebige.com](mailto:aginfo@thebige.com)

**Please Note: Lists will not be accepted via the telephone!**

2. Camper spaces in the Mallary Agriculture Complex area and the area designated for the 4H Horse Committee are assessed a \$20/Day.
3. Spaces reserved for the 4H Horse Committee in the Horse Show Camper Lot will be allocated by the 4-H Horse Committee Chair.
4. No cars, trucks or other non-camper vehicles are allowed to be used as overnight accommodations on the grounds of The Big E. Any vehicles used in this manner will be towed.
5. More information is available regarding the availability of camper parking spaces for parents and non-official personnel in our public parking lot. For specific information regarding public parking camping and pricing, please email us at [aginfo@thebige.com](mailto:aginfo@thebige.com).
  - a. Members, chaperones, parents or club leaders not serving in an official capacity are encouraged to contact the Admissions Department of The Big E at (800)639-2908 regarding camper space availability in Lot 9. **RESERVATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**
  - b. Eastern States Exposition does not encourage the use of tents due to their possible placement near moving vehicles in our public parking lot. Persons wishing to use canvas-sided/pop-up/tent campers must tell the Parking Attendant upon entering the parking area so they may be directed to the designated areas. For specific information, please contact the Admissions Department of The Big E at (800)639-2908.
  - c. No tents are allowed in the Mallary Agriculture Complex parking area.
  - d. Any persons using canvas-sided/pop-up/tent-type campers will be required to sign a waiver accepting all responsibility for any theft, safety and/or personal liability.
  - e. Management reserves the right to refuse access, and is not responsible for accidents or personal loss, injury or damages to any property.

#### **EMERGENCY PROTOCOL (SEE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS)**

- Fairgrounds in general  
In the case of a major emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones are to report to the front lawn of their respective state buildings along the Avenue of States and remain there until released by the 4-H Dormitory Supervisor. In the case of an active shooter seek safety immediately until instructed to do something else by an official security detail. Upon all clear please report to the Moses Dorm or Mallary, whichever one you are closest to.
- Mallary Complex and New England Center  
In case of emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones participating in activities in the Mallary Complex or New England Center should follow the instruction of Eastern States Exposition personnel or staff given through announcements and if possible stay in a group with their volunteer leaders.
  - ▶ **Emergency contact telephone numbers**
    - **413-205-5011 Agriculture Department**
    - **413-205-5185 Moses Dormitory Office**
    - **413-205-5555 Big E Police—24 Hour**
    - **Do not call 911.**

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**2024 Fire Prevention Regulations  
for Exhibit Halls / Temporary Structures / Agricultural Events**

1. Smoking is prohibited inside any building or temporary structure
2. Aisles shall be a minimum of 10' in width and remain free of obstructions at all times
3. All exits and fire lanes shall remain unobstructed and free at all times per 527 CMR 1.00
4. All fire alarm pull stations, fire extinguishers, sprinkler heads and any other fire protection devices or equipment shall be free and clear of obstructions and readily visible per 527 CMR 1.00
5. All columns marked with a red band at the top (indicating a fire extinguisher location) shall not be obstructed or obscured from view
6. No signs, decorations, or products shall be attached to any part of the automatic fire sprinkler system
7. All decorations, fabric used as backdrops and / or table coverings must be flame retardant
  - a. Use of spray flame retardant is acceptable (NFPA 701 testing standards)
8. All tents (i.e. "pop-up tent") must have flame retardant ratings
  - a. No vendor shall set up more than (2) 10' x 10' tents next to each other without a 10' space in between
9. All lighting / electrical mechanisms shall have a UL label
  - a. Extension cords must be proper wire gauge (AWG) for the load connected
  - b. Home extension cords are prohibited
10. Electrical devices shall not be left unattended
  - a. Displays utilizing lights / electrical mechanisms shall be shut-off or unplugged at the end of the event day

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11. Flammable liquids and gases (propane, butane, etc.) are not permitted within buildings
12. Non-flammable gas cylinders shall be supported by metal stands / a proper chain
13. Any motorized engine (automobile, truck, motorcycle, RV, ATV, etc...) shall have the positive battery lead disconnected / taped [527 CMR 1.00 Ch. 20.1.5.5.4.12.2]
14. All fuel tank openings shall be locked and sealed (taped) to prevent escape of vapors
  - a. Fuel tanks shall not contain in excess of  $\frac{1}{2}$  their capacity or in excess of 10 gallons (whichever is less) [527 CMR 1.00 Ch. 20.1.5.5.4.12.1]
15. Keys are not permitted to be within the ignition [527 CMR 1.00 Ch. 20.1.5.5.4.12.3]
  - a. Vehicles may operate off of shore power only
16. Vehicle engines are not permitted to be started / run at any time within a building while occupied by the public [527 CMR 1.00 Ch. 20.1.5.5.4.12.5]
17. Lithium-ion (Li-Ion) batteries (on display) must not be stored in excess quantities according to the Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention
  - a. Approval required from WSFD Fire Prevention Office prior to setup
  - b. Li-ion batteries in larger quantities for sale shall be stored outside of structures at least 10' from a building
  - c. Li-ion batteries on display shall be inspected and protected from potential damage
  - d. Li-ion batteries on display shall not be left unattended while charging / in-use
18. Electric vehicles, which contain Li-ion batteries must adhere to the following
  - a. Electric vehicles shall not be moved during exhibit hours
  - b. Manufacturer's recommendations must be adhered to when concerning the length of battery use
  - c. Carbon monoxide alarms must be present within 10' of electric vehicle use
  - d. Electric vehicles must be stored within 10' of overhead roll-up doors (to facilitate rapid removal if on fire)
  - e. Electric vehicles are prohibited to be stored within 25' of building systems or services (i.e. electrical room, sprinkler room, etc..)

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19. Live trees, baled hay / straw, corn stalks, and vegetation shall be watered daily
  - a. Approval required from WSFD Fire Prevention Office prior to setup
  - b. The use of burlap is prohibited
20. Home and garden events, where bark mulch is an integral part of vendor business (landscape contractors, garden center distributors etc...) and the display is readily available as landscape or garden center exhibit, may use bark mulch under the following conditions:
  - a. Contained behind masonry or other non-combustible retaining wall
  - b. No more than 3" in depth
  - c. Shall be sprayed with water daily, before / after the event (must be kept damp)

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# IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

## CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock 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 at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock 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 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 and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and 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, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

- 5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- 6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- 7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- 8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- 9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- 10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expos* and any special notices to members.
- 11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

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### 2024 Animal Health Rules for Fairs and Shows

**Special Note:** Due to the continuing US outbreak of High Path Avian Influenza (HPAI), Animal Health Officials from all six New England States may recommend postponing competitions, exhibitions, shows, swaps, or other in-person events encouraging the gathering or comingling of domestic fowl or poultry. If events are held, best practices for biosecurity should be implemented.

In addition to complying with all laws and regulations governing animal health issues all fairs must adopt and enforce the following rules for governance for the fair.

*NO animal will be admitted to the fairgrounds unless it meets the requirements below. NO animal is to be unloaded or enter a barn or tie-out stall until the animal and its paperwork have been inspected and approved for entry.*

#### A. General Rules for All Animals: See M.G.L. c. 128 §2C, 129 §2

1. All animals must be in proper physical condition, be properly identified and free of visual evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease at time of arrival. Specific diseases and conditions which will disqualify an animal for entry are identified for each species in the following sections of the rules. Animals of any species with open or draining wounds will not be approved for entry.
2. Evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease or failure to produce the necessary documents for health certification, vaccination or testing will result in the animal's rejection for entry. **THE INSPECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.**
3. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only, and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly-licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
4. Official ID: See Final Rule: Summary of Traceability for Livestock Moved Interstate (Summary of general requirements by species)

All livestock must have proper official, individual ID as required and approved for the species, e.g., official metal ear tag, tattoo, scrapie tag, or microchip. Registration forms must accompany health certificates when used as part of official identification.

#### 5. Health Certificates: --

**One Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) may be allowed for animals of the same species to be exhibited at fairs or shows in any of the New England states (\*CT, \*ME, MA, \*\*NH, RI, and \*\*\*VT) when submitted with an itinerary of the dates and locations of the events at which the listed animals are expected to be shown. Only animals that are healthy at the time of shipment may be moved.** Note that \*CT, \*ME, \*\*NH, and \*\*\*VT have additional requirements. Certificates of veterinary inspection in these states are valid for a shorter period of time and may have additional language, movement and permit requirements.



For the 2024 Show and Fair Season, livestock animals being exhibited in New England states must have official certificates of veterinary inspection (OCVIs) that meet the following requirements:

- a. **MA and RI:** OCVIs issued on or after **January 1, 2024** may be used for those animals being shown at multiple fairs and shows in MA, and RI through the 2024 show/fair season ending October 31, 2024.  

MA -Notes: **The Big E Fairgrounds** in West Springfield requires an Infectious Disease Waiver (provided by The Big E) for all **equines** entering the premises for any show, fair, or exhibition. All Bovines must have official RFID tags.
- b. **CT and ME:** An importation permit for exhibition animals is also required. *Contact CT Dept. of Agriculture (860-713-2504) or ME State Veterinarian's Office (207-287-3701) for permits or questions.*
- c. **NH:** \* \* NH: To qualify for the extended CVI, animals exhibited in NH must originate in a New England state and move on OCVIs issued on or after April 1, 2024 to participating NH fairs and shows from **July 1 to October 31. The extended CVI is not available for animals that do not reside in New England.** *Contact NH State Veterinarian's Office (603) 271-2404 for details and permits.*
- d. **\*\*\*VT:** *Contact the VT Animal Health Office (802-828-2421) for specific import requirements that deviate from the general information in this letter and must be met for legal import of livestock.*
- e. A single OCVI from the animals' home state may be completed for travel to and from the New England states in which the animals will be exhibited. *MA animals being shown ONLY in MA may substitute a signed, dated letter on the letterhead of an accredited veterinarian for an OCVI if all required information is included and all additional requirements are met.*
- f. Multiple animals of the same species may be listed on one health certificate with appropriate individual IDs and descriptions. Animals of different species may not be listed on the same official health certificate.
- g. **An itinerary of the names and locations for each New England fair or show at which owner expects to show the listed animals and the dates when each animal is expected to be on each site, must be prepared by the owner and presented to the veterinarian at the time the OCVI is written.**
  - i. **A copy of this planned itinerary must be attached to the official health certificate (import and export) for it to be used for more than one fair or show.**
  - ii. That proposed list should be signed by the veterinarian and the owner/ exhibitor and reference the relevant OCVI number(s).
- h. The name and address of the first show or fair where the listed animals will be exhibited is to be used as the "destination" on the OCVI form. In addition, "See attached list" or a similar statement directing Animal Health Officials or Fair Inspectors to the attached proposed itinerary must be included.
- i. Exhibitors must keep an accurate list of the show locations and dates when their animals were actually on show/fair grounds. This record must be available to fair inspectors at each inspection and check-in.
- j. Any animal listed on an OCVI that becomes sick must remain home. If the animal is refused entry to any exhibition during 2024 for health reasons it must have a new health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the next interstate movement.
- k. Any New England state may end their participation in this agreement and revert to the standard published requirements for livestock imports in the state at any time, in the event of foreign animal disease outbreak or changes to state legislation.

All petting zoos are required to have a USDA APHIS Exhibitor's License (as needed) and valid 2024 health certificates.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SPECIES ARE LISTED BELOW**

**B. Cattle: See M.G.L. c. 129 §2, 39 and 330 CMR 4.04(2).**

1. **TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States** and in-state animals. Current brucellosis and TB status in the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office in each state. If the exhibitor's state is not TB-Accredited or Brucellosis-Free, then the exhibitor must call the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health for entry requirements (617-626-1795 or 857-348-3922). All animals must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pinkeye, ringworm, warts, cowpox and open or draining wounds.
2. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all cattle be currently vaccinated for rabies.
3. Note: ***The Big E is requiring RFID official identification tags for all cattle entering the Big E Fairgrounds premises in 2024. Other fairs may add this requirement. Contact fair office with questions.***

**C. Poultry: See M.G.L. c. §2, 129, and 330 CMR 5.02.**

1. No poultry will be admitted to a fairground until it has been individually inspected.
2. All poultry must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: infectious bronchitis, coryza, pullorum-typhoid, fowl-pox, external parasites and laryngotracheitis.
3. Each bird must be accompanied by written proof (ID card or test report) that the breeding flock was blood- tested negative for pullorum-typhoid within one year prior to entry date.
4. Birds from quarantined states will not be permitted entry.
5. All birds over 16 weeks of age as of January 1, 2024 shall be individually leg banded with a state leg band. This includes out of state exhibitors.
6. No bird vaccinated for laryngotracheitis within thirty days of the fair will be admitted.

**D. Goats: See M.G.L. c. 129 §2, 9 CFR 79.6 and Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06.**

1. **TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States** and in-state animals.
2. All goats and kids presented, regardless of age, must be individually listed and identified on the health certificate. All goats must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pinkeye, ringworm, warts, pox and open or draining wounds. All goats must also be free of sore mouth and scrapie exposure.
3. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP), goats and sheep of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA official individual identification tag or registry tattoo accompanied by current registration papers consistent with the requirements of the FSEP and the Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06. Information is available from USDA-APHIS at 508-363-2290.

**E. Camelids (Llamas, Alpacas, etc.): See M.G.L. c. 129 §2, M.G. l. c. 131, §23, 321 CMR 9.02.**

1. **TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States** and in-state animals. Current brucellosis and TB status in the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office in each state. If the exhibitor's state is not TB-Accredited or Brucellosis-Free, then the exhibitor must call the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health for entry requirements (617-626-1795 or 857-348-3922).
2. All Camelids originating from outside the Commonwealth are required to be tested for Blue Tongue. Exception: Animals from a USDA declared "Low Incident State" are exempt. New England and New York are low incident states.
3. All animals must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pinkeye, ringworm, warts, pox and open or draining wounds.

**F. Swine: See M.G.L. c. 129 §14E, 330 CMR 11.04(2), 9 CFR 71.19**

1. All swine must be identified by an official ear tag or registration.
2. Swine must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: erysipelas, atrophicrhinitis, mange and open or draining wounds.
3. No person shall import into Massachusetts from outside the state any swine which have been pseudorabies vaccinated. M.G.L. c. 129 §14E.
4. No person shall import into Massachusetts swine from Stage I or Stage II Pseudorabies States.
5. All swine shall originate from qualified pseudorabies-free herds or monitored herds in qualified pseudorabies free States only. The pseudorabies status of the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office in each state.

**G. Sheep: See 9 CFR 79 and Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06.**

1. No sheep will be allowed entry from flocks in which Scrapie has been diagnosed or in which animals are under surveillance for Scrapie during the previous eighteen months. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP), goats and sheep of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA official individual identification tag or registry tattoo accompanied by current registration papers consistent with the requirements of the FSEP and the Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06. Information is available from USDA-APHIS at 508-363-2290.
2. No sheep will be permitted entry from flocks in which sore mouth has existed or in which sore mouth Vaccine has been administered in the previous sixty (60) days.
3. Sheep must be free from visual evidence of foot rot, sore mouth, pink eye, ringworm, and open and draining wounds. While not required, it is strongly recommended that sheep be currently vaccinated against rabies.

**H. Equine: M.G.L. c. 128 §§2C, 44, 330 CMR 16.05.**

1. All equines entering a Massachusetts fairground must have a valid health certificate.  
*Note: The Big E Fairgrounds in West Springfield requires for an Infectious Disease Waiver (provided by The Big E) signed by the exhibitor for all equines entering the premises for any show, fair, or exhibition.*
2. All equines must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: mange, ringworm, soring, strangles, and open or draining wounds.
3. All equines originating from both within and outside of the Commonwealth must have a negative USDA-approved EIA test (i.e., Coggins test or ELISA test) dated within twelve months of entry.
4. While not required, it is *strongly recommended* that all equines be vaccinated for rabies, tetanus, EEE and WNV within one year of the fair.

**I. Rabbits: See M.G.L. c. 129 §2**

Rabbits must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: rabbit hemorrhagic Disease Virus 2 (RHDV2), snuffles, wet tail, and skin and ear infections. Microchips may be used for ID in rabbits originating in MA.

**J. Dogs and Cats: See M.G.L. c. 129 §39G**

1. All dogs and cats must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: kennel cough, distemper, hepatitis, parvo, ringworm and mange.
2. All dogs and cats must be accompanied by a valid and current vaccination certificate for rabies.

Contact the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health at 857-348-3922 or 617-626-1795 for further information.



# EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

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- ☎ Telephones
- ♿ Restrooms
- ♿ Handicap accessible
- ☎ TTY Telephone
- 👶 Baby Changing Station
- ★ Unisex Handicap Restrooms

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PUBLIC PARKING ENTRANCE**