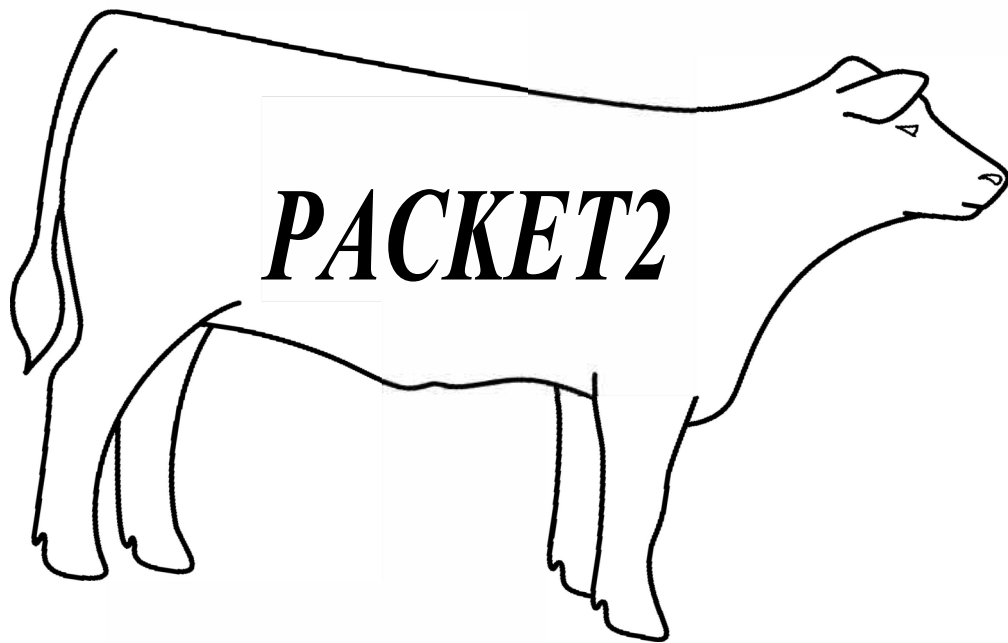


# **New England 4-H Beef Program**



**September 21-25, 2023**  
**TheBigE**



## **ETHICAL SHOW PRACTICES**

1. No animals shall be treated, drenched or otherwise administered to, for any reason unless and until the superintendent has been notified prior to such attention being given to an animal. No withdrawal drugs are to be administered to any animals prior to the show.
2. Each animal should be insured by its owner against accident and death. States are encouraged to organize an insurance plan for animals from their state.
3. The tampering of beef animals, such as filling with foreign substance or falsifying hair arrangements is prohibited.
4. The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of ineligible age for exhibition is prohibited. Unethical fitting is deemed to mean any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by use of injection or ingested material not conducive to the continued health of the animal or marketability of its carcass. Animals, which in the opinion of the judge, show signs of unethical fitting practices will be disqualified. No change in the major color pattern of an animal by painting or dying will be allowed. No grooming material that allows color to come off from an animal will be allowed at the show.
5. As a condition for participation in the show, every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian or official animal health inspector, appointed by the management and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian and agrees that the conclusions reached by the veterinarian as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over-age shall be final, without recourse against New 4-H Council, Eastern States Exposition, or The Big E.
6. The showing of any animal administered any quantity of diuretic, unapproved or growth stimulant or other unapproved medication, or that has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs is prohibited. Unapproved is deemed to mean not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and or the U.S. Department of Agriculture USDA for slaughter animals. As a condition for participation in the show every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the management and agrees to have such animal submitted to any test as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian. The show specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian, as to whether such animal has been administered a diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final, without recourse against the show. An exhibitor of an animal producing an analysis with a quantity of diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or any other unapproved medication will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at Eastern States Exposition.

**Emergency Contact Number: 413-205-5011**

## **OBJECTIVES FOR THE NEW ENGLAND 4-H PROGRAMS**

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.

## 4-H BEEF RECORDS

Each member must complete his/her 4-H Beef record on the form provided or the interactive form available at [www.thebige.com](http://www.thebige.com). The record, appropriately signed, must be turned in at the scale during weigh-in. The Club Leader, Parent/Guardian and your state representative to the 4-H Beef Committee shall check each record and sign it. A committee comprised of members of the 4-H Beef Management Committee will grade the records. Each exhibitor will give individual reasons to a member of the beef committee on his/her feed record. This scoring will be used toward the evaluation of placing in the Record's contest. When the data has been compiled, printed copies will be sent to each member at the time his/her own record is returned. If you are also entering the Marketing contest, please mark additional information for this contest clearly.

### 4-H RECORD BOOK SCORECARD

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

Section	Possible Points	Points Awarded	
<b>Member Information</b>		<b>(5)</b>	_____
<b>Charts complete and correct</b>			_____
Animal expense (cost of animal)		5	
Heifer/Steer Information Page		5	
Problems encountered, clinics, shows, Improvements		10	
Feed chart and costs		20	
Veterinary expenses		5	
Miscellaneous show expenses		5	
<b>Future Plans (Heifer) or Marketing efforts (Steer)</b>		<b>(15)</b>	_____
<b>Neatness &amp; Correctness</b>			_____
Neatly written or typed		10	
Correct spelling & punctuation		10	
		<b>Total (90)</b>	_____

Comments:

## 4-H BEEF COOK-OFF CONTEST

Objective: To promote teamwork among 4-H participants, provide a fun learning experience, be a demonstration for visitors and promote public relations.

1. 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. Cooking equipment and grills cannot be shared. One adult supervisor per team must be present for safety precautions and cannot assist in preparing of food.
2. Each team must provide a grill for each participating team.
3. Teams will be responsible to provide recipes including any spices, garnishes, pans or utensils needed to complete their dishes.
4. Teams will be provided with tables, table cloth, plates and gloves for food prep.
5. All preparation including cutting of garnishes may not be done prior to the start of the competition.
6. No alcoholic beverages may be used in the preparation of recipes
7. State signs will be provided to identify each team canopy.
8. Each State will be contacted to provide the number of teams and names of participants 1 month prior to the event.
9. Food made ahead of time i.e. pies, precooked pasta, etc. are not allowed, everything (food items) has to be made in the 45 minutes the participants are given to complete the meals.
10. The vegetable will be sweet corn and either a sweet or regular potato and a cut of meat and a mystery addition.

Judging Breakdown:

Only the States highest placing team score will count towards the sweepstakes award. (All teams are eligible for ribbon awards)

Youth must as a group present dish to judges 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
- Teamwork = possible 25 points
- Taste = possible 25 points
- Presentation of food on dish = 20 points
- Presentation by group to judges = 20 points

## RICHARD HAMILTON MEMORIAL GROUP CLASS

A group class in memory of Richard Hamilton sponsored by his family and friends in cooperation with the 4-H Beef Management Committee.

Cash prizes and ribbons will be presented.

The first place winner's names will be placed on an engraved plaque at The Big E.

### RULES for RH Memorial Class

1. This class will be composed of a group of 3 steers. Entries may be made up to the start of the class.
2. Entries will be by state with 4-H members having the final responsibility for selection of each group, but no 4-H exhibitor **owning** more than one steer **per group**.
3. One group (3 steers) will be permitted for each 9 animals or part thereof entered in the Eastern States 4-H Beef Show by 6 New England States and Dutchess County. There will be no limit on group classes. For example:

3 through 9 steers	1 group
10 through 18 steers	2 groups
19 through 27 steers	3 groups
4. Only 4-H Beef Project members are permitted to show or pose steers during group classes.
5. PRIZES: Grand Champion Group \$150 and Reserve Grand Champion Group \$75

## **DON GAYLORD BRED AND OWNED AWARD**

Don Gaylord (1942-1965) – Animal husbandry extension specialist at the University of Connecticut. He was a strong supporter of 4-H Livestock projects in Connecticut and the Northeast.

Entries must be turned in at the scale. Any member who has bred the steer/heifer they are exhibiting is eligible. Each entry MUST consist of a written (preferably typed) story of not more than 500 words. Judging will be on the following criteria: Entry may also be submitted upon arrival and up to announced deadline.

<b>Herd Management</b>	<b>30 points</b>
<b>Herd Development</b>	<b>30 points</b>
<b>Participation in 4-H County and State Activities</b>	<b>30 points</b>
<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>20 points</b>

## **SKIL-A-THON AND HALTER MAKING CONTEST**

The first five placings in each Division will be recognized with an award. All beef program members must participate in this contest.

The Halter Making Contest is part of the **Skil-A-Thon**. Rope will be supplied to the contestants at the time of the contest.

Feed sample kits are available from your state ESE 4-H Beef Committee representative

## **LOUIS A. MALKUS SWEEPSTAKES AWARD- UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

Dr. Louis “Lonnie” Malkus – “Lonnie” served on the 4-H Beef Committee for many years. He was the Extension Livestock Specialist at the University of Connecticut. While at UConn he strongly supported 4-H livestock programs in New England.

This award is given by The Woolam Family in memory of Dr. Malkus to the individual 4-H Beef program participant accumulating the most points during the whole program based on the same criteria as the State Sweepstakes Award.

## **DAN AVERY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

Dan Avery spent his lifetime raising and exhibiting beef cattle. From his youth as a 4-H member, Wrights Hereford Farm, as Herdsman/Farm Foreman at the University of Connecticut, and a 4-H leader his expertise in showing cattle was exemplary. Dan was also Superintendent of beef cattle at the Big E for many years. Dan was a positive mentor encouraging self-pride, mutual respect and helping one another in and out of the show ring.

The Sportsmanship Award is given in Dan’s memory to individuals who reflect the ethics/values he held dear. This award is sponsored by family and friends.

## AUCTION

1. All steer sales will be charged a 3% commission.
2. All exhibitors will be required to submit a Social Security number or a Federal Id number at the scales.
3. Sale Attire: 4-H'ers are expected to wear the shirts provided by the 4-H Beef Committee when entering the sale ring.
4. All sellers will be provided a 1099 form by the Exposition in the mail at a later date.
5. Every member must put one steer through the sale. If a member has more than one steer, they may opt out of putting the additional steer(s) through the sale. Members will need to designate which steers will sell by Saturday night. The top 4 steers of the type show must be in the sale. Sale order will be as follows: The top 4 steers will sell first; the rest of the steers will sell in accordance with the animal's placing order. A good lead halter of at least ½" rope with a min. of 5 foot lead must be on the steer when sold.
6. All sellers need to prepare a biography prior to arrival. If sellers are planning to sell multiple steers, they will need to vary their biographies.
7. No animal may be sold or resold during the 4-H Beef Auction as a donation for the benefit of any group/individual/organization other than the participants of the New England 4-H Beef Program at Eastern States Exposition. Arrangements for donation buying should be made with the Director of Agriculture preceding the Auction.
8. The proceeds from any steer **donated for resale** will be deposited in the 4-H Beef Account. The sale of a steer donated for resale is a transaction between the ESE 4-H Beef Committee & the buyer and thus not available for 4-H Participant buy back. The 4-H Beef Committee will oversee the utilization of these funds for the betterment and continuation of the development of the 4-H Beef Program.
9. Should the amount paid to the 4-H owner for any steer exceed \$15,000, 10% of a gross sale amount over \$15,000 will be contributed to the Eastern States Exposition Foundation to establish an endowment for a scholarship available to any 4-H Beef Exhibitor.



## MILLIFG A JLOPE HALTER.

Rope halters are practical, serviceable, and inexpensive. By following these instructions and illustrations, you can make a rope halter easily.

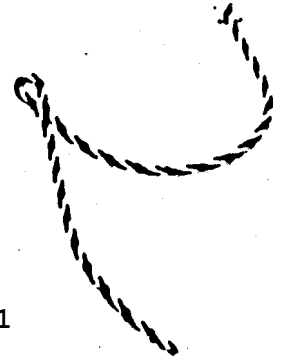
1. Start with a piece of rope 12 - 13 feet long.

(Ends of rope should be secured by whip splice, hog rings or melting.)

Using the newer "poly" ropes make more sense than manila, or sisal rope. Poly-rope does not shrink when wet and can be burned to finish the ends. If hog rings are used, make sure they are bent/crimped into rope - so if rope is drawn through your hands - it will not cut you.

Securing the rope ends is probably the most important part in making a halter. IF **OPEN FLANK IS USED TO SKCUU END, BK SUD IT IS DORK 11f A PR.OPKR AHA.**

2. Holding the rope in your hands (**fig.1**) Make an eye, leaving 14 18 inches of rope on the short end. Do not put rope through to start at this point. This eye is held to let you get the correct length of the "short end".
3. Pass the long end through the short end at the intersect of the eye (**fig.2**) This long end should pass under one strand only - always in the direction of the lay of the rope.
4. Size the eye - the eye should be only large enough for rope to pass through freely. Care should be taken at this point so eye is not too large or too small.
5. Without turning the eye - always keep the rope in the same position after each step. Pick up one strand only on the long end, usually the first full strand, pass short end under this strand. (**fig.3**) Be sure you pass rope through in the direction of the lay.
6. After passing both the long through the short and the short through the long - take time to adjust the braid it should be adjusted and looks neat with four (4) strands on one side of eye and two on the opposite side. (**fig 4 & 5**)



Fig, 1

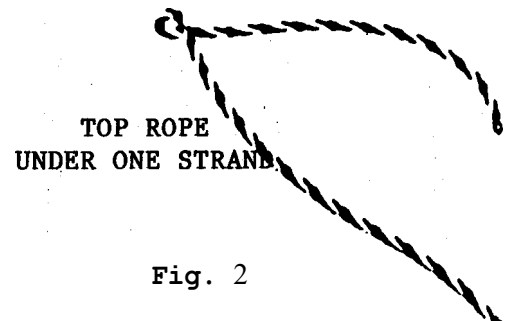


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Fig. 3

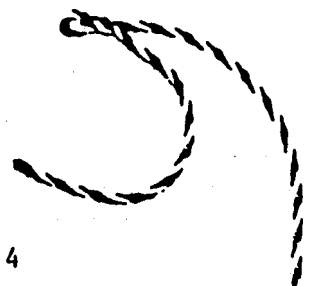


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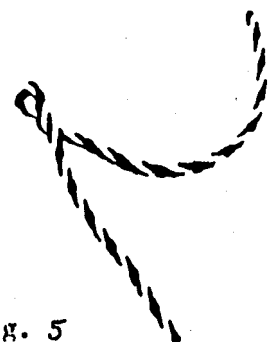


Fig. 5

7. **NOTE** - This halter will end giving you two (2) strands on the inside of the halter. (Next to the animal) and four (4) strands on the outside. Some prefer the four (4) strands on the inside and two (2) on the outside. To get the opposite, just reverse step 3, 4, & 5. The short will go through the long first, then long through the short.

8. Approximately 1 - 2 inches from the short end, pull and twist one strand at a time in a counter-clockwise direction. Do this to the other two (2) strands to complete the step. (**fig. 6 & 7**)

a. Another way to do this is to place three (3) full strands between your thumbs, as illustrated, and give a twist against the lay of the rope, pushing thumbs towards each other at the same time, three (3) strands should pop up - with a little effort.

These steps will probably- take a little practice, but once accomplished, it is a simple quick and easy step.

9. Before going further, be sure that the three (3) strands are not too close to the end. It will be best to leave at least 1 - 1 1/2 inches beyond these eyes to the end. This end should point down in the direction of the lay.

10. Pass the long end through the three (3) eyelets that have been lifted. At the start of this step - both ends should be pointing in the same direction. (**fig.8**)

11. Continuing pull the long end through the eye made in the first steps. (**fig.9**)

12. With a little twisting and turning you should end up with a good looking, strong, and long lasting halter. (**fig.10 & 11**)

Few points to remember -

a. If you are going to burn the end of the rope - be sure it is melted through, so end will not fray after use.

b. to make a halter for breaking animals, you may want to start with a piece of rope 15 feet long - or more.

Fig.6

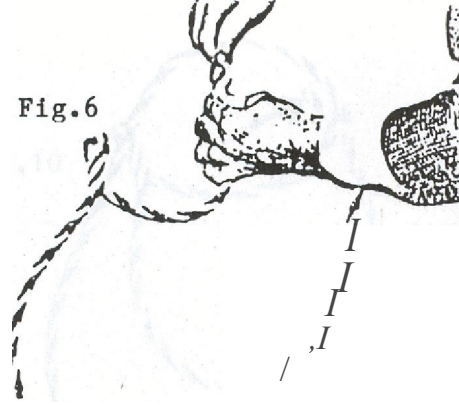


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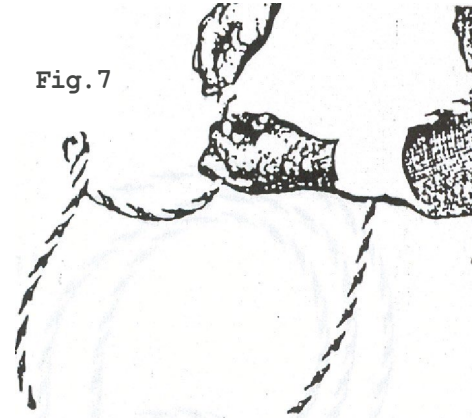


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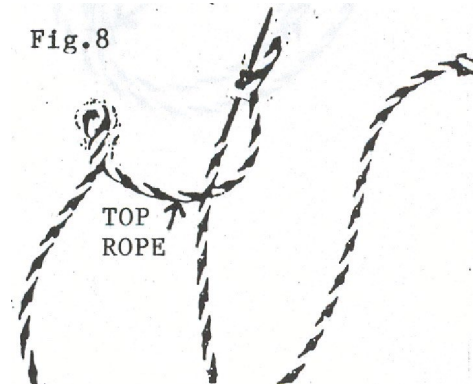
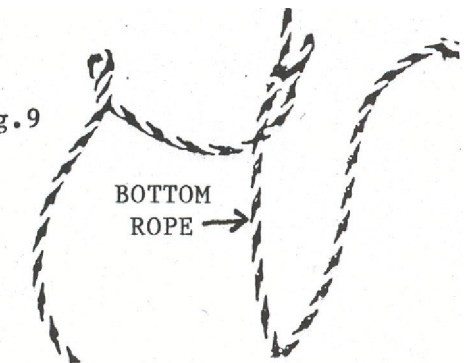


Fig.9



c. After making the eye - if it is too big or too small - remake it, the size of the eye is **very important**

d. In step two, the 12 - 16 inches of rope to the short end can be increased or decreased for calves or aged animals.

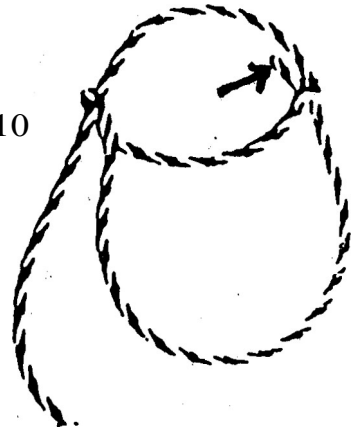
(The best **size for a 1,200 lb. steer** will measure 12 inches between the eyelet and the three loops.)

e. When passing the long end through the three loops, be sure both rope ends are pointing in the same direction.

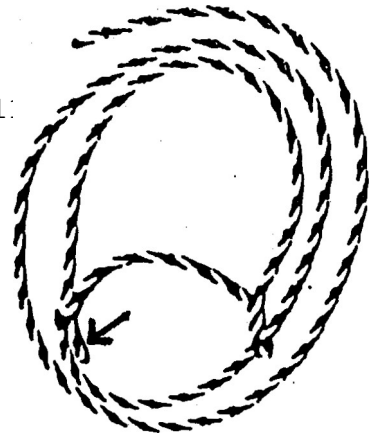
(a finished halter will leave the short end facing toward the nose and away from the eye of the animal.)

**Take time to make your halter correctly, and it will give you many years of service,**

**Fig.10**



**Fig.11**



## **EDUCATIONAL STATE DELEGATION EXHIBITS**

1. Open to any State 4-H Beef Delegation. Members must be participating in the 4-H Beef Program at Eastern States Exposition.
2. All Exhibits will be displayed on tables that are provided by Eastern States Exposition. Exhibit space will be approximately 4' long and 2' deep, draped table or equal floor space if stand alone, self-supporting exhibit. Each State must submit 2 names by 2pm the first day to the committee chair, to be present during judging.
3. States should provide the members names on the exhibit.
4. Exhibits to show some phase of 4-H work or project of an educational nature. All items must be secured to the table or exhibits back. Ideas include: The steps in making some project item, a message related to the theme of the building an idea or activity to promote 4-H, a "hands-on" exhibit so spectators can touch, handle or learn by doing.
5. All States will receive a \$25 premium for participation. Exhibits will be judged and awarded a blue, red or white rosette. Points are awarded for Sweepstakes. Any state not entering an Educational Exhibit will be at a disadvantage.
6. The display by any state should be significantly different each year. The same major display items may not be used from one year to the next.
7. A letter indicating your intent to enter this contest must be included with the dorm registration list. Seven tables will be provided, one per state.
8. The exhibits must be set up by 2 pm the first day of the show and removed before the awards ceremony.
9. The exhibit must be maintained throughout the show and may be judged by a public relations professional. Each state must have a delegate present during judging.

## 4-H EXHIBIT SCORECARD

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Title or Theme \_\_\_\_\_

### DAY 1

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE AND ORIGINALITY** (45 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Tells a story to the public  
Presented in an interesting manner  
Has eye appeal

**GENERAL EFFECT** (20 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Arrangement  
Neatness and attractiveness  
Scale (relationship to size)  
Color Scheme  
Lighting, Etc.

**WORKMANSHIP** (8 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Quality of materials used and workmanship

**SIGNS** (7 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Exhibit (subject of theme) largest  
Name of club and address  
Name of leader(s) and members  
Others as needed

**INCLUDES 4-H CLOVER** (5 points) \_\_\_\_\_

**KNOWLEDGE OF EXHIBITOR's** (10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total (95 pts)** \_\_\_\_\_

## 4-H BEEF MARKETING PROJECT

Eligibility: Any 4-H'er entering a steer or heifer in the New England 4-H Beef Program at is eligible to enter the Market Project Contest. There will be a division for steer marketing projects and a division for heifer marketing projects.

Entries must be turned in at the scales when your animals are checked in. Entries will be judged during The New England 4-H Fair. The top winner in each division will receive a special award (e.g. bag or backpack) at the awards assembly, and ribbons for the top ten entries in each division will be awarded.

Entries will consist of the following information secured in a binder (a page protector in a 3-ring binder work best, but any type binding is acceptable):

1. (5 points) Photo of 4-H Member with their steer or heifer at the beginning of the project (any time before May 1 of the current year)
2. (30 points) Summary story. Typed or written story of how you marketed your steer or heifer.
3. (40 points) Documentation of marketing approaches may include any or all of the following:
  - a. List of telephone contacts made (name & telephone number).
  - b. Copies of correspondence sent to potential buyers.
  - c. Copies of correspondence received from potential buyers. (For example: a commitment to come to the Steer Auction at The Big E or a confirmation to view your heifer)
  - d. List of people, places or media that sale brochures or advertising were handed out at or placed in. (For example: name & address of potential buyers visited, fairs or functions attended, copies of newspapers/flyers/websites used for advertising)
  - e. Other novel or unique approaches to marketing your steer or heifer.
4. (10 points) Expenses incurred to complete project. (Example: Long distance phone calls, printing, postage, advertising.
5. (10 points) What did you learn while doing this project?
6. (5 points) Photo of 4-H Member with their steer or heifer at the end of the project year. (July of the current year)

Total possible score: 100 points.

You may answer each question individually or within a complete story. There is no minimum or maximum number of pages.

## THE NEW ENGLAND 4-H BEEF POSTER, AD OR LOGO CONTEST

1. **PURPOSE:** To promote information and/or interest in the beef project. To involve members too young to come to the New England 4-H Fair with their animals.
2. **SUBJECT:** May display any aspect of the beef project. USE YOUR IMAGINATION!!
3. **ELIGIBILITY:** Anyone enrolled in a 4-H beef project. May be an individual or club effort. 4-H Members need not have animals in the New England 4-H Show. Remember - - younger 4-H members are also eligible. NOVICE: 7 – 11, JUNIOR 12 – 13; INTERMEDIATE 14 - 15, SENIORS: 16 – 19 years of age.
4. **REGISTRATION:** Posters, ads and logos must be brought to Mallary Arena on the first day of the 4-H Beef program before noon. This information **MUST** be on the back of the poster, logo or ad in the upper left hand corner: member's name, age, full address, club name and title for the poster.
5. a. **POSTER REQUIREMENTS:** Must be on standard poster board 14" x 22". May be horizontal or vertical NOT 3-dimensional. May NOT incorporate copyrighted material re: "Peanuts", "Garfield", etc. Use materials of your choice such as: crayons, markers, paints, photographs, chalk, paste, construction paper, string, etc. Keep your message brief and direct. Remember: a person should be able to read it at a glance.  
  
**5b. Logo Contest:**  
Requirements: Develop a logo on 8 1/2" by 11" paper which promotes your cattle or farm.  
  
**5c. Ad Layout Contest:**  
Requirements: Develop a full-size ad promoting your cattle using one to five photos. Finished ad should be 8 1/2" x 11" with 1/2" margins. Logo may be duplicated and incorporated. Ad does not have to be camera-ready, but should be drawn to proportion as nearly as possible. Include address and phone number.
6. **JUDGING:** Will be done at the discretion of the Beef Poster Committee Chairman. Posters will be on display throughout the entire 4-H Beef Program. Posters will be taken down after the auction by the committee. If you want to keep your poster, it is your responsibility to have it picked up after 6pm.
7. **AWARDS:** Will be made on Monday afternoon at the awards assembly. Your award will be mailed to you if you are not at the assembly. Ribbons will be awarded using the Danish system for all posters. Blue 100-90      Red 89-80      White 79-70
8. The top three (3) scores in the Novice, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Division will be retained and displayed as part of the 2021 Big E. If you would like your winning submission returned, please make arrangements at check-in. In addition, they will receive the following cash awards:    1st: \$15    2nd: \$10    3rd: \$5

## POSTER, AD AND LOGO CONTEST SCORE SHEET

POSTER TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

POSTER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

1. Information given and idea expressed (50)

- |                |    |
|----------------|----|
| a. Theme       | 25 |
| b. Simplicity  | 10 |
| c. Originality | 15 |

2. Art, Design, Lettering (45)

- |                                     |    |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| a. Pleasing composition, attractive | 10 |
| b. Dynamic, eye-catching, original  | 15 |
| c. Neat, easily read lettering      | 10 |
| d. Use of color                     | 10 |

3. Construction (5)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| a. Materials; texture, shape, required size | 5 |
|---|---|

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Judges Comments:

### 4-H BEEF POSTER, AD AND LOGO REGISTRATION FORM

Please send registration form to:

Agriculture & Education  
Eastern States Exposition  
1305 Memorial Avenue  
West Springfield MA 01089

4-H MEMBER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB LEADER \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY:                      Logo                      Poster                      Ad

TITLE OF POSTER \_\_\_\_\_



## 4-H STEER CARCASS CONTEST

### Rules and Regulations

1. The members automatically enter all steers in the carcass contest when they complete their entry form.
2. To maintain eligibility for this class, both age and weight must be included on the entry form. In addition, the steer must have a 900 lb. minimum weight at weigh-in time at Eastern States Exposition.
3. All steers will be sold through the live auction and the new owner must give his or her permission for the steer to remain in the carcass class. The new owner may be the exhibitor or their family as part of the consignment sale or a different individual in a straight sale. A space for authorization by the steer purchaser for the steer to remain in the carcass contest will be provided on the sales slip to be checked or not at the time the buyer signs the purchase slip.
4. The live auction will be held on September 25, 2023 as part of the 2023 edition of The Big E.
5. All steers in the carcass contest will be evaluated at those slaughter facilities that agree to participate in the carcass evaluation program. Steers slaughtered within 10 days after the 4-H beef auction will be eligible for the carcass competition, provided carcass is under 950lb. maximum (hot carcass weight).
6. The following data will be collected: Live weight, warm carcass weight (Maximum 950 lbs.), conformation, maturity score, marbling, fat thickness, ribeye area, and percent internal fat.
7. All carcass data will be forwarded to a central location where yield and quality grades will be determined. Carcasses will be ranked by an index which combines quality and cutability. Final placings and awards will be based on this index.
8. All carcasses must grade low choice or better and have a yield grade of 3.5 or less to be eligible for a premium. All carcasses meeting these criteria will be ranked. Conformation and yield grade figures will be available for all steers entered in the class. Final carcass placings and awards will be based on a combination of carcass cutability and quality (by carcass index.)
9. Minimum Carcass premiums for the top ten carcasses will be 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$50, 3rd place \$40, 4th place \$20, 5th place and below \$15.
10. A carcass grading prime is automatically in the carcass contest regardless of yield grade. Yield grade will not be used as a cut mark for anything that is prime carcass

## **SWEEPSTAKES AWARD**

States will compete for a 4-H Beef Sweepstakes Award. This award will be presented to the state receiving the most points from participation in the 4-H Beef Show Contests listed below. Tie Breaker: If there is a tie, Farm Olympics will be used to break the tie. Up to 6 points will be added at the committee's discretion

### **I. PLACE AWARDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 6 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 5 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 4 Points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – 3 Points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – 2 Points
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – 1 Point

A. BEEF JUDGING CONTEST: Best individual score from each state will be placed 1 through 6 and receive points for their placing.

Maximum Points ..... 6  
Team Points ..... 6

B. SKILL-A-THON: The best individual score from each state will be placed 1 through 6 and receive points for their placing in all divisions.

Maximum Points.....18

C. BEEF COOK-OFF:

Maximum Points ..... 6

### **II. POINTS AWARD**

Maximum Points .....6

A. RECORDS: Each state with one or more winners in the records contest will receive

B. EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT: Each state competing with an educational exhibit will receive 6 points for a blue, 4 points for a red, 2 points for a white ribbon.

Maximum Points ..... 6

C. SHOWMANSHIP Each state will fall into one of these categories:

(For example, if three states have “call backs” all three will receive six points)

6 points	1 or more 1st place class winners (call backs)	3 points	1 or more 4th place class winners
5 points	1 or more 2nd place class winners	2 points	1 or more 5th place class winners
4 points	1 or more 3rd place class winners	1 points	1 or more 6th place class winners

Maximum Points..... 6

**TOTAL POINTS .....54**

**STATE      POINTS**

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## **Evacuation Plan for Animals on Exhibition at the Eastern States Exposition**

If an event should occur on the Exposition Grounds that would require the evacuation or removal of animals being exhibited or shown under the control of the Agricultural Department of the Eastern States Exposition, the following guidelines should be implemented to assist in the timely and orderly evacuation of these animals.

1. The Director of Agriculture and Education of the Exposition will notify the Security Department that a situation exists that would require the evacuation of some or all of the animals on the Exposition grounds.
2. Upon notification from the Exposition Director of Agriculture and Education, a Seasonal Police supervisor will be dispatched to the Agricultural Department office located in the Mallary Complex, or other location as directed, to act as a liaison between the Seasonal Police and the Agriculture Department Director.
3. This supervisor at the direction of the Agricultural Department will establish a central location where the Agricultural Department exhibitors will standby to be transported or escorted off grounds to off grounds parking so vehicles to be used to transport the animals off grounds may be rapidly returned to the Exposition grounds to be loaded out.
4. If the animals need to be removed immediately from the buildings they are to be housed in the Coliseum. The Security Department will provide officers to secure the route to this location and assist in isolating the Coliseum once the animals are moved. Removal of animals from the building will proceed under the Direction of the West Springfield Fire Department.
5. The Security Department shall provide all available vehicles to transport drivers or escort vehicles to retrieve trailers from off ground locations.
6. A Seasonal Police supervisor shall accompany the vehicles to the off grounds location to assist in assembling a convoy of vehicles to be escorted back to the Exposition grounds for loading.
7. Should the disposal of animal remains be necessary the Director of Agriculture, will work with R G Webster Enterprises and the MDAR(Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources) to assure that this is done in a timely manner.
8. All operations shall continue until directed by the Director of Agriculture to suspend the operation.

### **Quarantine Plan for Animals on Exhibition at the Eastern States Exposition.**

Should the MDAR (Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources) determine that a mass quarantine needs to take place at the Exposition?

The Director of Agriculture will follow all directives issued by MDAR, and acting with the assistance of the Seasonal Security secures the quarantine area and proceed to set up care of all quarantined animals.

#### **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. Two 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 [agininfo@thebige.com](mailto:agininfo@thebige.com)

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

2. Camper spaces in the Mallery Agriculture Complex area and the area designated for the 4H Horse Committee are assessed a \$20 per camper per night fee. Campers with telescoping sides in use are assessed an additional \$10 fee per side per camper per night.
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 [agininfo@thebige.com](mailto:agininfo@thebige.com). Please visit our website for more information on dry camping. Here is our website <https://www.thebige.com/p/generalinfo/bigeinfo> Click on FAQ: Can I camp at Big E.
  - 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 Mallery 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 Mallery, whichever one you are closest to.
- Mallery Complex and New England Center  
In case of emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones participating in activities in the Mallery 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.**

## Animal Health Identification for Eastern States Exposition 2023

1. For 2023 it is required that cattle be identified with a 15 digit AIN RFID tag.

OFFICE OF  
THE  
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### **2023 Fire Prevention Regulations for Exhibit Halls & Temporary Structures**

1. **NO SMOKING** is allowed inside any building or temporary structure
2. **BURLAP** material is **NOT** allowed as backdrops or table coverings. All fabric used as backdrops and/or table coverings must be flame retardant. Use of spray flame retardant is acceptable. Proof must be provided.
3. All decorations must be non-flammable as certified by a National Testing Laboratory or, when permitted, rendered non-flammable by a topical flame retardant.
4. EZ-UP Tents, if used, must have flame retardant ratings. No vendor **shall** set up more than (2) ten foot by 10 foot tents next to each other. No show layout **shall** have more than 20 feet of tent space without a 10 foot of non-tent space in between
5. Devices utilizing open flame are **not permitted under any circumstances**
6. All lights and electrical mechanisms **shall** have a UL label. Extension cords **shall** be UL listed, and must be proper wire gauge (AWG) and **NOT** overloaded with electrical devices. No home extension cords may be used.
7. Electrical devices shall not be left unattended, i.e. displays utilizing lights and electrical mechanisms shall be shut-off or unplugged at the end of the show.
8. Flammable liquids and gasses (Propane, Butane, etc.) are not permitted in the buildings. Non-flammable gas cylinders, such as helium, shall be supported by metal stands or secured by a proper chain
9. Corn stalks, hay bales, and bark mulch are **NOT** permitted for display purposes\* (see #18 below)
10. Live trees and vegetation shall be bailed and watered daily. ***Prior to set-up, approval must be granted by the West Springfield Fire Department - Fire Prevention Office.***
11. Automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, RV's, ATV's, or any motorized engines or equipment etc, positive battery leads **shall** be disconnected and taped. Fuel tanks **shall** have a minimum amount of fuel, 1/4" of a tank of fuel or less. Fuel fill caps must be locked or secured with tape.
12. VEHICLE ENGINES **SHALL** NOT BE STARTED AND RUN AT ANY TIME WHILE THE BUILDING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
13. RV Coaches: Keys are not permitted to be in the ignition switch. Vehicles **shall** operate with shore power only.
14. All aisles **shall** be a minimum of 10 feet in width and **shall** remain free of obstructions at all times.
15. All exits and fire lanes shall remain unobstructed and free at all times per 527 CMR 1.00

# **IAFE**

## **(INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)**

### **NATIONAL 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 National 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, 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.
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 Expositions* 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 National 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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### 2023 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 2023 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, 2023** may be used for those animals being shown at multiple fairs and shows in **MA**, and RI through the 2023 show/fair season ending October 31, 2023.  
**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, 2023 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 2023 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 2023 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). 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 2023. 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, 2023 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).
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, atrophic rhinitis, 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, sore, 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.

# SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES - 2023 4-H BEEF SHOWS

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6pm - 8pm All cattle may arrive and stall setup

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8am - 10:00am 4-H Members and their animals may arrive between 8am and 10am. Upon arrival report to the scales for animal health check in. 4-Hers selling steers must have their social security number with them at this time. Steers will be weighed upon arrival and this weight will be the official weight (any under 900lbs will not be accepted). All members must be on the grounds by 10am.

12noon First meal, Dinner – 4-H Dining Hall Take Out  
12noon Deadline for Poster entries - Mallary Arena 1  
Orientation - Milking Parlor Bleachers

2pm – 5pm 4-H Beef Cook-Off Contest – 4-H Activity Tent

6pm 4-H Beef Judging Contest – Mallary Arena 1

TBA Ice Cream Social - Upon Completion Of Beef Judging  
Farm Olympics- Mallary Arena 1

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

1:00pm 4-H Beef Type Show – Mallary Arena 1

5:00pm Pizza - Activity Tent

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8am 4-H Beef Showmanship – Mallary Arena 1 (Order will be Oldest to Youngest)

9am 4-H Beef Record Judging

12noon 4-H Beef Skil-A-Thon - Activity Tent

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

1:00-3:00pm Sale Setup

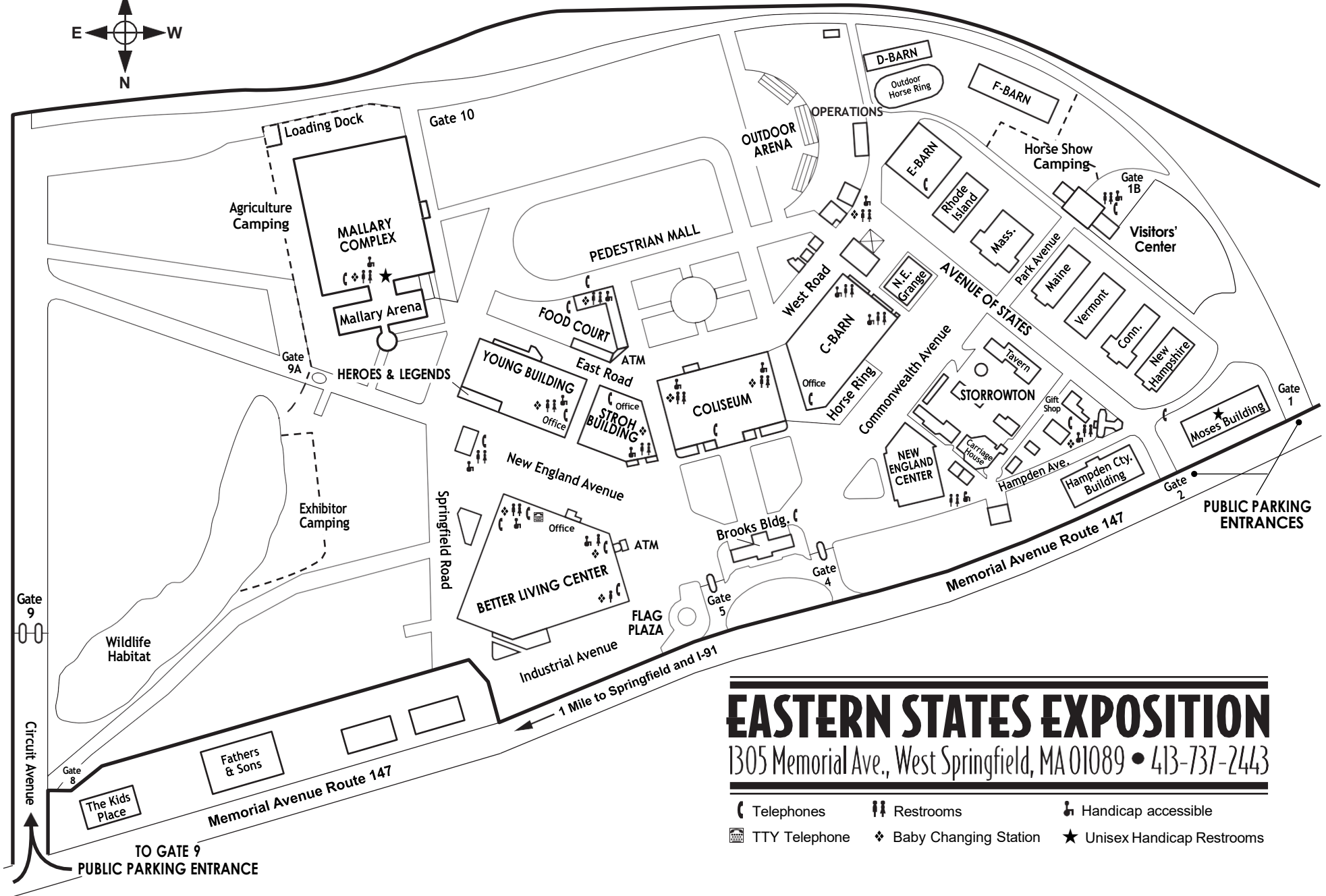
3:00pm Awards Ceremony – Mallary Arena 1

5:00pm 4-H Beef Buyer Reception - Mallary Arena 1

6:00pm 4-H Beef Sale - Mallary Arena 1  
**All states should provide a basket of state products to be auctioned off at this time. The Proceeds from the sale of this basket will benefit the 4-H Beef Committee work at Eastern States Exposition.**

8:30pm 4-H members and heifers released; **Steers released upon presentation of receipted sales slips. Please make sure your steer has transportation.**

10:00pm ALL OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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