

2023 PROGRAM – THE BIG E

YOUTH WORKING STEER ENTRY APPLICATION

THIS ENTRY IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THIS PROGRAM.
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PRINT/TYPE ALL INFORMATION – COMPLETE EVERY LINE

Alternate? YES / NO **Showing Division?** JUNIOR / SENIOR
Is alternate Attending? YES / NO (without team)

PLEASE DETACH THIS APPLICATION AND SUBMIT IT TO YOUR CLUB LEADER.
PRINT ALL INFORMATION - COMPLETE EVERY LINE

NAME OF EXHIBITOR _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ TEL # _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

MEMBER'S AGE _____ SEX _____ BIRTHDATE MO _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____

MEMBER'S SCHOOL _____

NAMES OF ANIMALS _____ BREED _____

APPROXIMATE WEIGHT OF TEAM FOR SPACE PURPOSES _____

(ALL ANIMALS OVER 6 MONTHS MUST BE CASTRATED AND REASONABLY HEALED)

Please note any handicap the youth working steer member has, that may require special accommodations to participate in this program.

The Eastern States Exposition, and its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and/or other officials (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Exposition"), and each owner and/or exhibitor, and each of their respective employees, agents, representatives and/or other associates; and, in the case of minor exhibitors, their respective parents or guardians, and each of their respective employees, agents, representatives and/or other associates (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Participants"), hereby agree with the responsibilities and acknowledge liability as follows: At no time shall the Exposition assume care, custody or control of any animals, livestock and/or other personal property of any Participant. At all times the Participants shall have full control, custody and will care for, feed and keep safe their animals, livestock and other personal property all in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Exposition and the show management ("Management"). In no case will the Exposition or Management be responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any animal, or loss, injury or damage done by or arising from any animal exhibited by any Participant. Participants shall indemnify and hold harmless the Exposition from and against any and all damages, losses, costs, expenses and/or other liabilities incurred including, but not limited to, any and all consultant fees, legal fees and/or court costs, Exposition and/or Management labor costs and expenses as well as all cost and expenses related to blood, tissue, urine, milk or carcass sampling and testing incurred as a result of any Exposition rule or regulation violation, including, but not limited to unethical fitting, udder tampering, filling, illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substances in connection with Participant's involvement in any Exposition sponsored event.

A signed entry form shall serve as the Participant's agreement to comply with all rules and regulations contained within this document and all other Exposition mailings and/or postings, including, without limitation, the International Association of Fairs and Expositions ("IAFE") Code of Ethics, the National Show Ring Code of Ethics as approved by the North American Livestock and Rodeo Managers Association, The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Show Ring Code of Ethics, International Lama Registry ("ILR") Show Division Handbook and the Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association ("AOBA") Show Division Handbook (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Rules and Regulations"). Any unsigned entry will be returned with any accompanying payment. The signed entry form certifies that each signing Participant has read, understands and agrees to abide by all of the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

If the Participant is a minor, the Participant's parent or guardian must sign the entry form acknowledging they have read the Rules and Regulations and agrees to observe and abide by all such Rules and Regulations. Each such parent or guardian further acknowledges that they have read and explained this Agreement to the Participant and explained and cautioned the Participant with respect to the penalties for use of prohibited substances, unethical fitting and tampering with livestock.

I/WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT, AND CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THAT ALL ANIMALS ENTERED IN ANY EVENT FOR WHICH I AM A PARTICIPANT SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL SUCH AFOREMENTIONED RULES AND REGULATIONS

SIGNATURE OF YOUTH MEMBER

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE OF CLUB/ GROUP LEADER

***ALL Signatures MUST be completed before entry will be accepted. Entries are due **August 25, 2023**. This deadline will be enforced.**

2023 RULES FOR THE YOUTH WORKING STEER ACTIVITY

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - This program is open to all qualified Steer Club members over 10 years of age, 12 years of age in New Hampshire, as of January 1. Quotas per state are as follows: Connecticut/Rhode Island 6-8, Maine 4-10, New Hampshire 8-9, and Vermont 4-6 pair. Massachusetts 3-6. Each member participating is required to contribute \$30 by either soliciting sponsorships or by direct cash contribution. Sponsors will be listed in the catalog. These funds are used to buy trophies and other items not covered by Eastern States Exposition.
2. **ATTENDANCE** - Members and animals must arrive AT THE MALLARY NORTH COMPLEX of Eastern States Exposition between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday, September 22 and will be released upon completion of the Awards Ceremony on Monday, September 25. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST REMAIN ON THE FAIRGROUNDS FROM ARRIVAL ON FRIDAY UNTIL RELEASED ON MONDAY and must vacate the barn as soon as possible after dismissal by the superintendent.
3. **HOUSING AND MEALS** - Eastern States Exposition will provide housing and meals for Youth Working Steer members and authorized chaperones, authorized barn personnel, and leaders at the 4-H Dormitory (Horace Moses Building). Adult chaperones must be provided for both boys and girls.
4. **CAMPER POLICY**—Please see 4-H and YWS Camper Policy page
5. **INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CONDITION** - Members must obtain from the Eastern States YWS Website, a health form to be filled out and signed by parents or guardians. This procedure gives permission for medical personnel to administer medical treatment, if necessary to do so.
6. **SHOW RING DRESS ATTIRE** - Plain white colored shirts (no writing), green or khaki pants.
7. **PASSES** - Three personal and two auto passes will be provided to each participant for getting their exhibits and themselves on and off the grounds and will be mailed after entry. Additional passes for family members may be purchased in advance through the Agriculture Office. Please call (413) 205-5011.
8. **BEDDING AND HAY** Eastern States Exposition will provide bedding and hay for cattle while at The Big E.
9. **ANIMAL HEALTH** - Please see the Massachusetts Dept of Animal Health regulations page.
10. **DISPLAY** - No decorating other than kick boards, utensil holders, or educational exhibits will be allowed.
11. **REQUIREMENTS** - All animals must have horns and if over 6 months of age, must be castrated to be eligible.
12. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO WORK ON THEIR OWN ANIMALS WHILE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.** AFTER INITIAL SET-UP, NO ADULTS ARE ALLOWED TO WORK ON DISPLAY OR ANIMALS. This is to include feeding animals and cleaning out animals. Exhibitors must perform in all scheduled classes for Youth Working Steers. Exhibitors are encouraged to work together to present a nice display of the entire working steer area.
13. **Cattle must be hitched with face halters- STRAPS ARE ENCOURAGED BE USED BUT ONLY AS A SECOND METHOD OF HITCH ALONG WITH THE FACE HALTERS**
14. Whip and lash, goad sticks, or buggy whips may be used – stick not to be more than 4 ft long and ½ inch diameter on the small end. Leaders please take notice and address your teamsters if this is an issue.
15. **PULLING SPECIFICS** - In senior (14 years and older as of January 1 of the current year) pulling competition, the drag will not be loaded in excess of 60% of the animal's weight with consideration given to size and age of animals. In junior (10 years to 13 years old by January 1 of the current year) pulling competition, the drag will not be loaded in excess of 50% of the animal's weight with consideration given to size and age of animals.
16. **YOKES** - If a participant uses a certain style yoke for one class, the same style yoke must be used for all three classes. This may include a neck yoke, head yoke or sliding yoke.
17. **SAFETY** - If the judge sees something going wrong, the judge should stop the teamster, but judge them accordingly. If the judge doesn't see it happening due to writing notes, etc. the superintendent should say something to the judge. The safety of the teamsters and cattle are paramount.
18. **TIE- BREAKERS** - In the event of a tie for any award, the following events will be used as needed: cart class; drag class; finally, fitting and showmanship if needed.
19. **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.

HERDSMANSHIP SCORING CRITERIA

The following will be taken into consideration -

1. Cleanliness of stalls and animals
2. Promptness in having stalls cleaned by 9 a.m.
3. Neat arrangement of equipment of feed and tack area
4. Personal appearance of herdsman
5. Observance of rules and regulations (fire codes, animal health)
6. Cooperating with officials (within the ring and in the barn)
7. Interaction with the Public (politely and willingly answers all questions asked by public)
8. Agricultural Education (creative and well thought-out educational exhibits)

YWS CAMPER POLICY:

1. Camper spaces are reserved for those serving in an official capacity with their state YWS 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 aginfo@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. 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.
4. 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. 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 YWS 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 YWS 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.**

2023 YOUTH WORKING STEER SCHEDULE

Friday, September 22

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.	All Working Steer members arrive via Gate 1 & 10 to be stabled in the Mallary Complex then check into the 4-H Moses Dormitory.
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Supper - 4-H Dining Hall
7:15 - 8:00 p.m.	Parent/Guardian only meeting in upstairs Exhibitor Lounge
8:00 p.m.	Leaders & Teamsters only Orientation in upstairs Exhibitor Lounge Ice Cream Social in stall area
10:30 p.m.	All members must be in the 4-H Dormitory

Saturday, September 23

6:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast - 4-H Dining Hall
8:00 a.m.	Weigh-in - Scales
10:00 a.m.	Meet with Judge upstairs-leaders and teamsters only
11:30 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch - 4-H Dining Hall
6:00 - p.m.	Junior Fitting and Showing Contest - Mallary Arena 1
To Follow 10:30 p.m.	Senior Fitting and Showing Contest - Mallary Arena 1 All members must be in the 4-H Dormitory

Sunday, September 24

6:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast - 4-H Dining Hall
11:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch - 4-H Dining Hall
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Senior/Junior Performance on Cart - Mallary Arena 1
10:30 p.m.	All members must be in the 4-H Dormitory

Monday, September 25

6:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast - 4-H Dining Hall
8:00 - 12:00 noon	Senior/Junior Performance on Cart (Continued if needed) Senior and Junior Pulling - Coliseum
11:30 a.m.	Youth Working Steer Awards Ceremony - Coliseum
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch - 4-H Dining Hall

Releases will be issued following completion of activities.

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.

OFFICE OF
THE
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WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01089

2023 Fire Prevention Regulations for Agricultural Shows

1. **NO SMOKING** is allowed inside any building or temporary structure including the Coliseum, Barns, and Mallory Complex.
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.
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 permitted to be in direct contact with combustible materials such as wood chips, hay/straw bales, and decorations
8. 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.
9. 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
10. Corn stalks, hay bales, and bark mulch are **NOT** permitted for display purposes. Large wood chips, coarse bark mulch may be used in barns but **shall** be kept damp at all times.
11. 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.***
12. **No** gasoline or diesel powered motorized vehicles are allowed in the buildings (ie. golf carts and scooters)
13. **No** large round or square bales of hay or straw and/or open piles of silage or haylage are allowed. Feed bedding material must be bagged and bailed in small square or round bales (less than 400 lbs)
14. Feed and bedding material is **not allowed** on the floor of any aisle for display purposes including wood shavings, sawdust, peat moss, and loose straw
15. Coverings are **not allowed** over aisles, such as banners, farm signs, and EZ-UP tents

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16. All aisles **shall** be a minimum of 10 feet in width and **shall** remain free of obstructions at all times.
17. Aisle display widths are not to exceed 30 inches from each side in the main aisles and 24 inches from each side of the inside aisles
18. No excessive accumulation of rubbish or litter is allowed
19. All exits and fire lanes shall remain unobstructed and free at all times per 527 CMR 1.00 (MA State Fire Code)
20. 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 (MA State Fire Code)
21. No signs, decorations, or products **shall** be attached to any part of the automatic fire sprinkler system.


William Grassetto - Deputy Fire Chief


Robert Manchino - Fire Chief

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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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 soremouth 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.

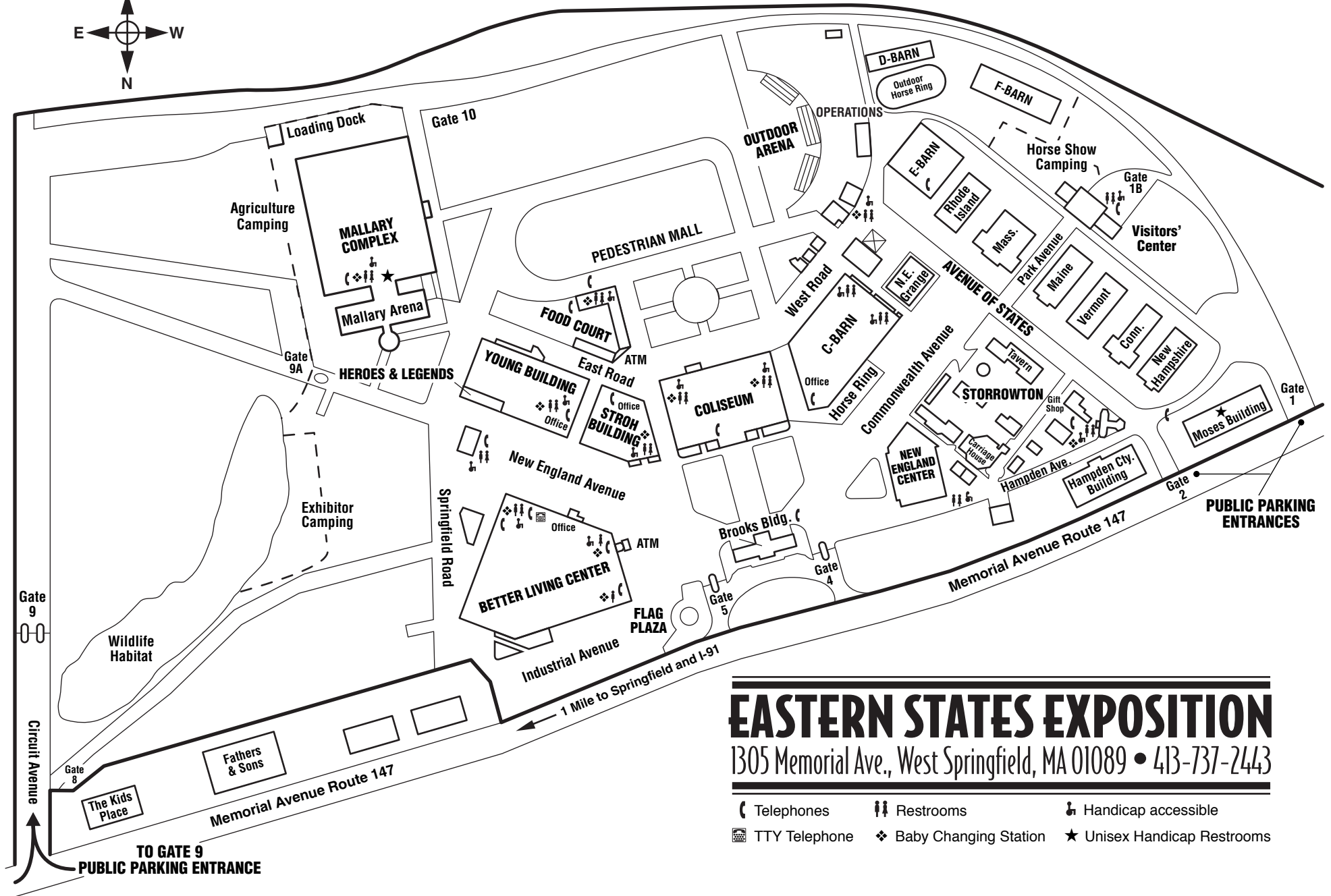
I. Rabbits: See M.G.L. c. 129 §2

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.



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