

2024 NEW ENGLAND 4-H PROGRAM – THE BIG E 4-H DAIRY GOAT ACTIVITY SIGNATURE FORM

This entry is made in accordance with the Agreement of Responsibility and Acknowledgment of Liability and the Rules and Regulations referred to therein governing this program (collectively, the “Rules and Regulations”).

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DETACH THIS APPLICATION AND SUBMIT IT TO YOUR COUNTY CLUB EDUCATOR.

PRINT ALL INFORMATION – COMPLETE EVERY LINE

NAME OF EXHIBITOR _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ E-Mail _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ TEL # _____

EXHIBITOR'S GENDER _____ BIRTHDATE _____ AGE AS OF 1/1/2024 _____

NUMBER OF ANIMALS ENTERED _____ NUMBER OF PENS NEEDED _____
(Including tack pen)

ENTERED IN THE OPEN SHOW (yes/no)? _____
(Separate entry in ShoWorks required)

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

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

*Signature of 4-H Exhibitor

*Signature of Parent or Guardian

*Signature of 4-H County Representative/Club Leader

*Signature of State Office Representative

*All Signatures MUST be completed before entry will be accepted. ENTRIES are DUE August 20 at the STATE OFFICE. YOU MAY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICATIONS FROM YOUR STATE CLUB LEADER OR ONLINE AT WWW.THEBIGE.COM/AGRICULTURE.

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

It is an honor and a privilege to represent 4-H and the excellent reputation of your local and state program in the New England Center and in the Mallary Complex at Eastern States Exposition. We are asking you to consider your dress while representing 4-H Youth and Family Development programs and dress for respect. Chaperones may ask you to change your attire if they deem it not appropriate for representing 4-H. You may be corrected on any inappropriate language or actions while you are representing 4-H at The Big E.

Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all individuals participating in 4-H events and activities, **including participants in the fashion programs** and 4-H chaperones.

All chaperones are asked to make sure that their 4-H delegation is meeting the dress code.

EXPECTED ATTIRE

1. All clothing shall be neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance, and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events and activities.
2. 4-H shirts and state logos are strongly encouraged, except as indicated in ring/show attire.
3. Clean shorts, pants or dress jeans are strongly encouraged.
4. Hair should be clean and neatly combed.
5. Hats will not be allowed in NEC unless it is part of the action exhibit.

Footwear deemed appropriate⁶ by your respective program must be worn at all times.

PROHIBITED CLOTHING

1. Clothing displaying profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting.
2. Skirts and dress hems must be 4" above the knee or less.
3. No cut-off shorts, torn or frayed jeans will be permitted. The inseam length of shorts is 4" or longer
4. Exposed bare midriffs (front or side), bare chests, visible cleavage, undergarments (including bra straps), or transparent (see-through) clothing are prohibited. Blouse straps must be at least 2" wide.
Exception/clarification for Fashion participants for #4: Formal wear may be strapless or have spaghetti straps. Low-cut backs must not fall below the navel line. Slits cannot exceed mid-thigh, where fingertips hit the leg. Skin-baring sides are inappropriate. Dresses may not be cut below the bust line. The bust continues around your sides directly under the armpit. With arms down at your side, if flesh touches flesh below the bust line, the dress is inappropriate.
5. Spaghetti straps, tank tops, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited.
6. Excessively baggy or tight clothing is prohibited. No wide leg, loose fit pants.
7. Any clothing that must be continually adjusted while wearing to meet the dress code is inappropriate. For example, skirts that "shorten" while walking to be more than 4" above the knees, shirts that fall off the shoulder to expose undergarments, shirts that must be pulled down to cover midriff or pants that need to be pulled up to hide undergarments etc.

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.

GENERAL RULES/GUIDELINES FOR 2024 NEW ENGLAND 4-H GOAT ACTIVITIES

1. **ELIGIBILITY** This show is open to regularly enrolled, 4-H members from New England who are 12 years of age or older on January 1, but not turned 19 years of age on or before January 1 of the current year. Members must be enrolled in the goat project area and must meet respective state criteria.
2. **STATE REPRESENTATION** If 4-H club membership is held in more than one state, and the same project is taken in both states, the 4-H member must compete with and represent the state in which they reside. If the project is only taken in one state, the 4-H member should represent that state.
3. **ENTRIES** All Entries must be certified by a 4-H Educator, volunteer 4-H Leader and approved (signed) by the State Representative as a verified project animal. Exhibitors must have owned or leased their goats on or before June 1. Exception: For doe kids born after June 1 animals must be raised and cared for from birth. Goats should be properly conditioned and fitted to be eligible to enter the 4-H Show.
4. An exhibitor may only show in either the registered or non-registered classes of the 4-H dairy goat program. Exhibitors showing ADGA registered classes goats may not show in the Non-Registered classes. 4-H'ers with only non-registered goats may exhibit in non-registered doe class. Does over two years of age **who have never freshened** must be shown in the non-registered class. These does even if ADGA registered may not be shown in an ADGA show. If the 4-H'er has no non-registered does the 4-H'er may exhibit a wether.
5. **IDENTIFICATION AND OWNERSHIP All goats must be registered in the youth's name or leased in the name of the 4-H member by June 1.** The youth's name must appear on the registration as an owner or the animal must be leased. A farm name is not proof of youth ownership. For registered classes, ADGA registration papers must be submitted to the superintendent upon request. All tattoos must correspond with the animal's pedigree papers. **Legible tattoos must match registration papers. Animals that have been retattooed must have registration papers stating retattoo.** Parents and Leaders must certify that this exhibitor has been responsible for the feeding and management of the animal(s) entered. **LEASED ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED ACCORDING TO RULES OF STATE OF ORIGIN.** Entries of leased animals must have a copy of Lease Agreement attached to entry application and be available to the Superintendent upon request. **Original ADGA registration papers or currently accepted documents per ADGA Show Rules must be submitted at check-in or as requested. These documents must remain on the grounds throughout the program.** Examples of ownership are as follows [This assumes the Clover Family is treated as non-specific ownership]:
 - Clover Farm – not acceptable as proof of ownership, lease required; Clover Family: Sally, Bob, & Chris – acceptable as proof of ownership; Clover Family - not acceptable as proof of ownership, lease required; Chris Clover-acceptable, no lease required.
6. Members must submit an entry form for each animal. **ALL ANIMALS BROUGHT TO THE BIG E WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW IN THE TYPE CLASSES. Substitutions or additional entries will not be permitted.** Depending on space available, each 4-H'er may exhibit up to eight does. Only one wether may be exhibited. No exhibitor is permitted to exhibit animals across registered and non-registered classes.
7. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW AN OWNED OR LEASED ANIMAL IN THE SHOWING AND FITTING CLASSES.** Showing and fitting classes will be divided by exhibitor's age.
8. **PEN ASSIGNMENTS** To help the goat committee with pen assignments, it is critical for exhibitors to update the appropriate state coordinator with any scratches or cancellations. State Coordinators: Connecticut – Jen Cushman jennifer.cushman@uconn.edu; Rhode Island – Kristy Horan kstone@uri.edu; Massachusetts – Andrew Samuelson ASamuelson@umass.edu; Maine – Erin McDonald erin.mcdonald1@maine.edu; Vermont - Wendy Sorrell wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu and, New Hampshire – Wade Weber wade.weber@unh.edu. Space for tack will be allocated by the superintendent.
9. **ARRIVAL** Members and their goats must arrive on the premises Thursday, September 26 between the hours of 2pm and 6pm. Participants arriving after 6pm risk being disqualified. **NO LATE ARRIVALS!**
10. **DEPARTURE** Members and their goats will be released following the Award Ceremony, Saturday, September 28. Release paper is required for trailers to enter the Mallary Complex Area.
11. **OPEN SHOW** 4-H members and their animals are invited to participate in the open show on Sunday, September 29. If you are bringing animals for the open show that are not registered for the 4-H Goat Show they are not permitted to stay in pens designated for the 4-H Show. Please contact The Big E to request space for goats in the open show (space is not guaranteed). **Open Show animals will need to leave the barn Saturday after the 4-H program is released while cleaning occurs. It is estimated that animals will need to be removed for approximately 1 hour. The Ag Office will indicate when the barn needs to empty. Goats can be penned outside or moved to the wash rack. After the clean out, animals can be moved back inside. Open Show exhibitors will need to purchase shavings for new pens from feed store, if desired.** However, they must understand and meet the following conditions: The members must make a separate entry in the open show; follow all open show rules, pay all required fees and arrange for a dorm chaperone. The ESE Dairy Goat Show Committee and ESE 4-H Dairy Goat Show Chaperones are not responsible for the participants once the ESE 4-H Dairy Goat Show is over.

Parents/Guardians must make the appropriate arrangements, following The Big E guidelines, if the 4-H'er wants to stay for the open goat show. **The Open Show parking pass for vehicles is only good on Sunday September 29, 2024.**

12. **HOUSING AND MEALS** The Big E will provide housing and meals for 4-H Dairy Goat exhibitors and designated chaperones. Members will eat and sleep at the 4-H Headquarters in the Horace Moses Building. The first meal will be supper at 5pm, Thursday and final meal will be lunch on Saturday.
13. **EXHIBITOR HEALTH CONDITIONS** Each member must obtain from their state or county leader a health form to be filled out and signed by their parents or guardian. This procedure gives permission for the Exposition doctors to administer medical treatment, if and when it is necessary to do so.
14. **UNIFORM** Only white pants/white skirt with white shirt for the show ring. A green or white sweatshirt is recommended for cool weather. While showing, members will be disqualified if they are wearing shorts, clothing advertising a farm, breed or club or any other clothing that the superintendent considers inappropriate for the event. Delegates may not appear in the barns or on the grounds barefoot. Clean sneakers or hard-soled clean shoes must be worn in the ring, **NO SANDALS, CROCS OR CLOGS**. A 4-H emblem must be worn during all 4-H Goat Show Events, as part of the uniform. **State 4-H Jackets** may be worn during breed classes. Please see enclosed dress code for more information.
15. **ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS** Please refer to the Massachusetts Animal Health Regulations included in this packet. Goat tattoos/tags must be clear and easy to read, and **must be documented on the health papers.**
16. **CARE OF EXHIBITS** Goats will be penned in the Mallary Complex. The exhibitors should bring their own grain and show equipment. Exhibitors are advised to bring a show box with lock and duplicate key and a hayrack as well as any milking equipment they need. The superintendent will arrange an area for storage. The Big E will furnish hay and bedding. Exhibitors will be expected to care for their animals and to keep them in their pens, neat and presentable at all times. Milk waste should be dumped in the designated place in the dairy area. Pen waste does **NOT** go into trash cans. Only 4-H members will be permitted to work on their animals after they arrive; others who render assistance will disqualify the entry. The management assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to livestock or persons. **NO SMOKING IS ALLOWED ON EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION GROUNDS.** 4-H banner display is encouraged. **EXHIBITORS NEED TO BRING SHOVELS, BROOMS, FORK AND WHEELBARROW.** **There is to be no display of any Farm sign, Herd signs or Farm or Herd Banners, or any display that mentions or advertises organizations, businesses, clubs or herd names.**
17. **PASSES** For arrival, vehicles, delegates and drivers may enter Gate 1, surrendering a vehicle pass to the gate attendant. Vehicles may then proceed to Gate 10 and Mallary Livestock Complex where animals and equipment may be unloaded. Vehicles may then leave the grounds via Gate 10 and or exit at Gate 1. For departure, drivers and vehicles should enter Gate 1 and surrender a vehicle pass or pay a parking fee. The driver should proceed to Gate 10 and park the vehicle outside Gate 10. Upon obtaining an official release slip from their superintendent, the 4-H delegate delivers such release slip to the driver of the vehicle who may then bring the vehicle to the inner grounds. As soon as loaded, the driver, delegate and vehicle must immediately exit via Gate 10 and Gate 1. Additional tickets for family members are available through the Agricultural Office. Please call (800) 639-2908, ask for the Agriculture Department for assistance.
18. **CONDITIONS** The 4-H Goat Show Committee and The Big E reserves the right to amend or change the rules. Animals of inferior quality will not be admitted to the grounds. For the purpose of handling problems concerning the rules which may arise during the show, please follow the protocol outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding. It will be the responsibility of the superintendent and chairman to consult with the judge to ascertain that they understand the rules by which 4-H members are instructed to compete. **HORNED ANIMALS CANNOT BE SHOWN.**
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.
20. There will be a special 4-H banner for the Best Junior Doe in show and Best Doe in show.
21. Show order subject to change by show management.

NON-REGISTERED DAIRY-TYPE SHOW AND CLASSES

1. 4-H'ers with a non-registered dairy-type goat, wether, or registered dry does over 2 years of age who have never freshened are eligible to be shown.
2. NON-REGISTERED DAIRY-TYPE GOATS: All goats must be individually listed on a health chart. Based on the FSEP (Federal Scrapie Eradication Program) goats of any age or sex brought to a show from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo or electronic implant consistent with the requirements of FSEP.
3. If any class has less than 3 animals entered, it may be combined with another class, at the discretion of the committee.
4. The following classes are to be shown:

1201 Milking Yearling under 2
1202 Dry doe over age 2
1203 Milkers 2-3 yrs of age
1204 Milkers 3-5 yrs and older

Senior Champion non-registered

1207 Under 6 mo doelings
1208 6-12 mo doelings
1209 Dry Yearlings

Junior Champion non-registered

1214 Wethers (any age)

STAR MILKERS

- a. An ADGA registered or recorded doe shall receive a Star Milker Certificate upon proper application and payment of fee (see Schedule of Rate) provided she has met minimum requirements under ADGA rules, as follow:
 - (1) On the basis of earning 18 or more points at a recognized Milking Competition conducted under rules approved by the Board of Directors.
 - (2) On the basis of AGS Advanced Registry or Canadian R.O.P. certificate (original of which to be sent to ADGA office for verification) where production meets ADGA minimum requirements in 305 days or less. (British Goat Society records are also accepted.)
- b. An ADGA-registered or recorded doe shall be entitled to an automatic *M designation without application or fee (with no Star certificate issued):
 - (1) On the basis of three qualifying Star Milker or Advanced Registry daughters.
 - (2) On the basis of two +B sons (ST.) Or 2 A.R. sons.
 - (3) On the basis of one A.R. son and one +B son (ST.)
 - (4) On the basis of one A.R. son and two A.R. and/or *M daughters.
 - (5) On the basis of one +B son (ST.) And two A.R. and/or *M daughters.
- c. An automatic *M designation is granted any ADGA registered doe that has qualified for Advanced Registry.
- d. The number of Stars shall indicate the number of consecutive generations of tested females in the immediate background. For example 1*M indicates that the doe has qualified under a. or b. above or has met the ADGA minimum requirements for A.R. and that her dam has no production record; 2*M indicates a qualified tested doe with a 1*M dam; 3*M indicates a qualified tested doe with a 2*M dam and a 1*M grand dam, etc.

4-H DAIRY GOAT SHOWING SCORE CARD

Explanation of Score Card

POINTS

- B. Appearance of Animal 40
1. Condition and Thriftiness - showing normal growth -Neither too fat nor too thin 10
 2. Hair is clean and properly groomed. Neatly disbudded if the animal is not naturally hornless. Hooves trimmed and shaped to enable animal to walk and stand naturally 10
 3. Clipping - entire body if weather has permitted, showing allowance to get neat coat of hair by show time; neatly trimmed tail and ears. 10
 4. Cleanliness - as shown by a clean body as free from stains as possible, with special attention to legs, feet, tail area, nose and ears 10

- C. Appearance of Exhibitor 10
1. Clothes and person neat and clean - under rules see #16 Uniform requirements 10

- D. Showing Animal in the Ring 50
1. Leading 10

Enter, leading the animal at a normal walk around the ring in a clockwise direction, walking on the left side, holding the collar with the right hand. Exhibitor should walk as normally and inconspicuously as possible. Goat should lead readily and respond quickly. Lead equipment should consist of a collar or small link chain, properly fitted. As the judge studies the animal, the preferred method of leading is to walk on the side away from the judge. Lead slowly with animal's head held high enough for impressive style, attractive carriage, and graceful walk.

2. Posing 15

Pose and show an animal so it is between the exhibitor and the judge as much as possible. Avoid exaggerated positions, such as crossing behind the goat. Stand or kneel where both the Judge and the animal may be observed. Pose animal with front feet squarely beneath and hind feet slightly spread. Where possible, face animal up grade with her front feet on a slight incline. Neither crowds other exhibitors nor leaves too much space when leading into a side-by-side position.

When Judge changes placing, lead animal forward out of line, down or up to the place directed then back through the line, finally making a U-turn to get into position. When judge changes placing in a head-to-tail sequence, lead animal out of line and up or down the line on the side, next to the judge. It is the responsibility of another handler to accommodate changes by moving up or down on the side opposite the judge. To step animal ahead - use slight pull on collar. If the animal steps badly out of place, return her to position by leading her forward and making a circle back through your position in the line. When judge is observing the animal, if she moves out of position, replace her as quickly and inconspicuously as possible. Be natural. Over showing, undue fussing, and maneuvering are objectionable.

3. Showing 15

Show animal to best advantage, recognizing the conformation faults of the animal you are leading and striving to help overcome them.

4. Poise, alertness, and courteous attitude 10

are all desired in the ring. Showmen should keep an eye on their animal and be aware of the position of the judge at all times - but should not stare at the judge. Person or things outside the ring should not distract the attention of the showman. Respond rapidly to requests from judges or officials, and be courteous and sportsmanlike at all times, respecting the rights of other exhibitors. The best showman will show the animals at all times - not themselves and will continue exhibiting well until the entire class has been placed, the judge has given his reasons, and he has dismissed the class.

TOTAL

100

Herdserson Score Card

(Five Top Individuals will be selected by sub-committee based on the following criteria)

Exhibitor Name: _____

Description of pen location, number of stalls, etc.: _____

		Max Points	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Judge 4	Judge 5
Husbandry 45%	Pen is clean with adequate, clean, bright bedding	20					
	Water bucket adequately clean & filled	15					
	Dairy goats clean, clipped (before show), feet trimmed (assessed through visual inspection of goat)	10					
Presentation 55%	Attractive, organized feeders and feed equipment. Feed and equipment stored neatly when not in use (out of sight if possible), and kept clean, no goat hair clippings on ground.	10					
	Safe and neat storage of supplies (extension cords, clippers, personal belongings, show whites, etc.)	10					
	Aisles kept neat and clean	15					
	Decorations neat and attractive (points will only be allocated for decorations beyond what the State provides) Appropriate signage maintained throughout weekend (State ID, animal info, no farm signs)	10					
	Overall Impression	10					
Total (100 points Max)		100					

Specific notes if needed:

Tools need to be contained and securely stowed away in tack boxes. For public safety, tack CANNOT be left out within public reach.

4-H'ers may be disqualified if anyone other than themselves or a 4-H Dairy Goat Steward manage (clean, decorate, feed or water, care for) their pen area after arrival and initial set-up.

NON-REGISTERED DAIRY-TYPE MILKING COMPETITION

Non-registered Dairy Goats will go first. Milk-out will be at an identified area in the Mallary Complex. Milkers will compete in a contest for quantity of milk only. Butterfat will not be tested.

ADGA MILKING COMPETITION—ONE DAY MILK TEST

***** ALL goats in milk are required to participate in milk test. *****

Competition is open to any goat registered or recorded in the American Dairy Goat Association, the American Goat Society or the Canadian Goat Society, upon proof of such registration or recordation. If the competition is held at a state or county fair, the rules governing entry to such fair must also be observed, provided they do not in any way waive the requirement of registration or recordation. All participants are required to use appropriate milk test bucket, i.e. a stainless steel pail. **No milk machines may be used.** Nigerian Dwarfs are advised to provide their own milking stands.

The owner shall certify to the Superintendent in charge and to ADGA the fact that the goat has not within ten days of date of test received Thyroprotein or any tonic or conditioning powder which states on the label that it will increase milk production. This certification shall be made out and signed by the owner in the presence of the Superintendent at the time the animal is brought into the barn. The Superintendent shall forward this certification to ADGA with the completed milking competition report form.

Goats entered in a One-Day Test shall be on the testing premises the evening before. They shall be milked dry 24 hours before the hour set for the final milking in the test. The Superintendent in charge, or his representative, shall check each doe to verify compliance with the preliminary milk test requirement. The Superintendent, or his representative, may require any doe to be stripped dry at that time to comply with the requirement. Refusal by the owner (or caretaker) will eliminate the doe from participation in the test.

At the time of this preliminary milking, the superintendent in charge will be responsible for checking the tattoos of every doe to verify that they correspond exactly to the tattoos listed on her registration/recordation certificate. Those that are illegible or incorrect cannot receive any *M award. Animals that have been retattooed must have this designation on their registration paper.

There shall be no more than three milkings per day for the competition. Milk must be weighed on a legal dairy scale, recording in pounds and tenths of pounds. A testing supervisor approved by the State Extension Dairyman and/or DHI Manager as licensed to conduct standard DHI tests in the state must do weighing and sampling. Standard DHI sampling and weighing techniques must be used. The supervisor will record the milk weights and butterfat percentage on the standard report form furnished by ADGA. The State Extension Dairyman or State DHI Manager must sign the report form.

The butterfat test must be made as soon as possible after milking and may be sent to any laboratory recognized by that state to run butterfat sample tests or may be run in the regular laboratory of the licensed tester conducting the milking competition. The official milking out and taking of butterfat samples may not be done in private, but must be done in public view.

- a. Points shall be given for quantity of milk, for period of time since last kidding, and for butterfat as follows:
For each pound of milk, one point figured to 1 decimal place.
- b. For each complete ten days the goat has been in milk since last kidding one-tenth (.1) of a point, with a maximum of 3.6 points.
- c. For each .05 pounds (.023kg.) of butterfat yielded in the milking, one point.
- d. Any goat that receives 18 or more points will be awarded an automatic *M designation without application or fee.

If a Star Certificate is desired the owner shall complete the necessary part of the application for this certificate and mail with the correct fee (\$5 - members; \$15 - nonmembers) to the American Dairy Goat Association.

Milk Test Procedure:

What each Youth Needs: Milking supplies (stainless steel bucket, wipes, disinfecting spray, etc...), the doe's registration paper, and you need to know the last freshening date of the doe.

Thursday Night:

- The first test to empty each doe will begin at 7pm in alphabetical order of the breeds
- **It is crucial to pay attention to when each breed is called**
- Youth will bring their goats, registration papers and milking equipment (buckets, wipes, etc.) to the show ring
- Before entering the ring, the goat's tattoos will be checked against the registration number and the date of the last freshening will be recorded. **Tattoos must be legible.**
- Each youth will milk out their goat and will have the supervisor or designee check the udder to verify it is empty
- Once the udder is confirmed empty the milk should be brought to the Supervisor. The folks at the table will need to know the breed and complete name of the goat.
- After the milk is verified, the youth may remove the goat from the stand and return the goat to their pen, youth with multiple does in milk, must milk out each goat. Please have other youth assist you with having your animals ready ringside.
- Please stay around and help other youth with their goats. Help is needed in the ring, holding goats, holding buckets, etc... Your help will ensure the test is done in a timely manner.

Friday Morning:

- Beginning at 7 am, each breed will be called into the ring in alphabetical order
- Once the youth breed is called, they should bring their goat and milking supplies to the show ring and milk out their goat. You check in and milk your goat.
- After the goat is milked out, the youth must bring up their bucket of milk to be weighed and sampled. Please provide the name of the goat and the breed when you present the milk.
- After the milk is weighed and sampled the goat may leave the ring

Friday Night:

- Beginning at 7 pm, each breed will be called into the ring in alphabetical order
- Once the youth breed is called, they should bring their goat and milking supplies to the show ring and milk out their goat
- After the goat is milked out, the youth must bring up their bucket of milk to be weighed and sampled
- After the milk is weighed and sampled the goat may leave the ring
- At this point, the test is over

SKILL-A-THON RESOURCES

Suggested resources for the skill-a-thon are listed below. Contest content is not limited to these resources.

Resources General Knowledge Resource Goat Resource Handbook Published by Ohio State University Extension 2008.

ADGA Linear Appraisal Book https://adga.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/LABOOKLETALL_19.pdf

ADGA Dairy Goat Scorecard <https://adga.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/adga-shows-judges-scorecard2022-1.pdf>

DAIRY GOAT DEMONSTRATIONS/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Youth participants will each be required to deliver a demonstration that allows the public to learn about goats, share their project knowledge and promote their 4-H involvement. Demonstrations may be individual or group of no more than 3 youth all with active roles. All youth must be present for the entire duration of the Demonstration/Public Engagement timeframe.

Options include:

- Interactive Demonstration in show ring where public is engaged (goat products, management techniques, diseases, about 4-H, etc.) and will be evaluated
- Visual poster session (4-H member stays with display and answers questions or watch demonstrations), posters will be displayed during the duration of the program and evaluated
- Serving as a Goat Ambassador answering questions and giving tours of the goats with the potential of a goat photo op. (Recommended for individuals who are comfortable engaging with members of the general public.)

Interactive Demonstration will be evaluated using the following criteria:

Introduction (10 points)

Organization (25 points)

Content and Accuracy (20 points)

Stage Presence (15 points)

Delivery (15 points)

Conclusion/Summary (10 points)

General/Effect on audience (5 points)

Visual Posters will be evaluated using the following criteria:

Educational Value: firm understanding of topic & shows evidence of research beyond basic knowledge (30 points)

Neatness: typed or neatly written, well laid out, free of tears, stains, smudges, scale of lettering (30 points)

Originality: Uniqueness of topic, creative way to present topic (20 points)

Images: Images used are appropriate and support topic visually (10 points)

Clover: Has 4-H Clover with 18 U.S.C 707 (5 points)

Size: Display does not exceed 36"x48" (5 points)

4-H DAIRY GOAT STEWARD PROGRAM

This program is available for up to four (4) 4-H members per State.

Two steward positions are available to a 4-H qualifying youth whose animal has become sick and cannot be brought to The Big E. The other two steward positions are available to a youth in the 4-H goat project looking to explore the Big E Dairy Goat program and who will participate without an animal.

The duties of the stewards are to assist members and help with the show. The stewards must be an active participant in all activities except showing, but will work with the Superintendent to assist in the show ring. They will also help keep the aisles clean during shows and milk test. They may assist other members with showing in a breed class. The state office must contact Eastern States Exposition with this information and all the proper forms must be completed for dorm registration.

2024 NEW ENGLAND 4-H DAIRY GOAT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 2:00 - 6:00 pm 4-H members and goats arrive at The Big E. **All animals must be inspected by the Official Animal Health Inspector before entry to the Mallary Complex.** Please, report to the Show Superintendent before unloading animals at Mallary Livestock Complex. After goats are penned, check in animals with Show Secretary. Members may then register at 4-H Headquarters (Moses Dormitory).
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm First meal will be served at 4-H Dormitory
- 6:00 pm Herdsmanship Begins
- 6:45 pm Milk Testing Orientation – Mallary Arena 3
- 7:00 pm ADGA Milk Test - Mallary Arena 3
Non-Registered does milk out first, followed by ADGA registered alphabetical by breed
- 8:00 pm Mandatory Orientation Assembly for all youth, Chaperone Orientation, (Mallary Complex), Opening Ceremony (Connecticut) Mallary Arena 2

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 6:30 - 8:00 am Breakfast - 4-H Dining Hall
- 7:00 am ADGA Recorded Milk Test - Mallary Arena 3
Non-Registered does milk out first, followed by ADGA registered alphabetical by breed
- 9:00 am Senior Showing followed by Junior Showing - Mallary Arena 2
- 11:15 - 1:30 pm Lunch - 4-H Dining Hall
- 1:00 pm Senior Fitting followed by Junior Fitting- Mallary Arena 2
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Goat Demonstrations & Public Engagement- Mallary Arena 2/Main Aisle
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm Supper - 4-H Dining Hall
- 6:45 pm Skill-a-thon Orientation- Mallary Arena 3
- 7:00 pm ADGA Recorded Milk Test - Mallary Arena 3
Non-Registered does milk out first, followed by ADGA registered alphabetical by breed
- Skill-a-thon
- Ice Cream Social (Ice Cream Sponsored by NH Dairy Promotion Board; NH: Scoops, bowls, spoons; MA: Toppings) – Mallary Arena 3

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 6:30 - 8:00 am Breakfast - 4-H Dining Hall; OPTIONAL
Milkout prior to show
- 8:30 am ADGA Breed Classes- Sr. Does followed by Non-registered then Jr. Doe Show – Mallary Arena 2
- 11:30am Lunch Pizza Party - Arena 2
- 2:00 pm Award Assembly – (Mandatory) Mallary Arena 2 Animals not staying for open show must depart immediately
- 3:00 pm Release of Goats & Exhibitors after Award Assembly (animals entered in the open show may stay)



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ADGA SCORECARD

The goal of the Unified Scorecard is to aid in the selection of the type of dairy goat that can function efficiently over a long productive lifetime.

	POINTS	Senior Doe	Junior Doe	Buck
A. GENERAL APPEARANCE An attractive framework with femininity (masculinity in bucks), strength, upstandingness, length, and smoothness of blending throughout that create an impressive style and graceful walk.		35	55	55
Head & Breed Characteristics - clean-cut and balanced in length, width, and depth; broad muzzle with full nostrils; well-sculpted, alert eyes; strong jaw with angular lean junction to throat; appropriate size, color, ears, and nose to meet breed standard.		5	10	8
Front End Assembly - prominent withers arched to point of shoulder with shoulder blade, point of shoulder, and point of elbow set tightly and smoothly against the chest wall both while at rest and in motion; deep and wide into chest floor with moderate strength of brisket.		5	8	10
Back - strong and straight with well-defined vertebrae throughout; taller at withers than hips, and level chine with full crops into a straight, wide loin; wide hips smoothly set and level with chine and loin		5	7	6
Rump - strong, uniformly wide and nearly level from hips to pinbones and thurl to thurl; thurls set two-thirds of the distance from hips to pinbones; well defined and wide pinbones set slightly lower than the hips; tailhead slightly above and smoothly set between pinbones; tail symmetrical to body and free from coarseness; vulva normal in size and shape in females (normal sheath and testes in males).		5	7	6
Legs, Pasterns & Feet - bone flat and strong throughout leading to smooth, free motion; front legs with clean knees, straight, wide apart and squarely placed; rear legs wide apart and straight from the rear and well angulate in side profile through the stifle to cleanly molded hocks, nearly perpendicular from hock to strong, yet flexible pastern of medium length; strong feet with tight toes, pointed directly forward; deep heels with sole nearly uniform in depth from toe to heel.		15	23	25
B. DAIRY STRENGTH Long bone pattern throughout. Openness and angularity with strong yet refined and clean bone structure, showing enough substance, but with freedom from coarseness and with evidence of milking ability giving due regard to stage of lactation (of breeding season in bucks) Neck - long, lean, and blending smoothly into the shoulders; clean-cut throat and brisket with adequate width of chest floor to support maintenance of body functions. Withers - prominent and wedge-shaped with the dorsal process arising slightly above the shoulder blades. Ribs - flat, flinty, wide apart, and long; lower rear ribs should angle to flank. Flank - deep, yet arched and free of excess tissue. Thighs - in side profile, moderately incurving from pinbone to stifle; from the rear, clean and wide apart, highly arched and out-curving into the escutcheon to provide ample room for the udder and its attachment. Skin - thin, loose, and pliable with soft, lustrous hair.		20	30	30
C. BODY CAPACITY Relatively large in proportion in size, age, and period of lactation of animal (of breeding season for bucks), providing ample capacity, strength, and vigor.		10	15	15
Chest - deep and wide, yet clean-cut, with well sprung foreribs, full in crops and at point of elbow.		4	7	7
Barrel - strongly supported, long, deep, and wide; depth and spring of rib tending to increase into a deep yet refined flank		6	8	8
D. MAMMARY SYSTEM Strongly attached, elastic, well-balanced with adequate capacity, quality, ease of milking, and indicating heavy milk production over a long period of usefulness.		35		
Udder Support - strong medial suspensory ligament that clearly defines the udder halves, contributes to desirable shape and capacity, and holds the entire udder snugly to the body and well above the hocks. Fore, rear, and lateral attachments must be strong and smooth.		13		
Fore Udder - wide and full to the side and extending moderately forward without excess non-lactating tissue and indicating capacity, desirable shape, and productivity.		5		
Rear Udder - capacious, high, wide, and arched in to the escutcheon; uniformly wide and deep to the floor; moderately curved in side profile without protruding beyond the vulva.		7		
Balanced, Symmetry & Quality - in side profile, one-third of the capacity visible in front of the leg, one-third under the leg, and one-third behind the leg; well-rounded with soft, pliable, and elastic texture that is well collapsed after milking, free of scar tissue, with halves evenly balanced.		6		
Teats - uniform size and of medium length and diameter in proportion to capacity of udder, cylindrical in shape, pointed nearly straight down or slightly forward, and situated two-thirds of the distance from the medial suspensory ligament on the floor of each udder-half to the side, indicating ease of milking.		4		
TOTALS		100	100	100

		Points	Sub-Total
E. SHOWMANSHIP – Suggested Uniform: Long-sleeved white shirt, regulation white pants; 4-H or FFA necktie; 4-H or FFA cap (if applicable), with matching shoes and belt in either black, white, or brown.			
1.	APPEARANCE OF ANIMAL		40
	Condition and Thriftiness - showing normal growth - neither too fat nor too thin.	10	
	Hair - clean and properly groomed. Hoofs - trimmed and shaped to enable animal to walk and stand naturally. Neatly disbudded if the animal is not naturally hornless.	10	
	Clipping - entire body if weather has permitted, showing allowance to get a neat coat of hair by show time; neatly trimmed tail and ears.	10	
	Cleanliness - as shown by a clean body as free from stains as possible, with special attention to legs, feet, tail area, nose, and ears.	10	
2.	APPEARANCE OF EXHIBITOR		
	Clothes and person neat and clean - white costume preferred.	10	10
3.	SHOWING ANIMAL IN THE RING		50
	Leading - enter, leading the animal at a normal walk around the ring in a clockwise direction, walking on the left side, holding the collar with the right hand. Exhibitor should walk as normally and inconspicuously as possible. Goats should lead readily and respond quickly. Lead equipment should consist of a collar or small link chain, properly fitted. As the Judge studies the animal , the preferred method of leading is to walk on the side away from the Judge. Lead slowly with the animal's head held high enough for impressive style, attractive carriage, and graceful walk.	10	
	Pose and show an animal so it is between the exhibitor and the Judge as much as possible. Avoid exaggerated positions, such as crossing behind the goat. Stand or kneel where both Judge and animal may be observed Pose animal with front feet squarely beneath and hind feet slightly spread. Where possible, face animal upgrade with her front feet on a slight incline. Neither crowd other exhibitors nor leave too much space when leading into a side-by-side position.	15	
	When Judge changes placing , lead animal forward out of line, down or up to the place directed then back through the line, finally making a U-turn to get into position. When a Judge changes placing in a head-to-tail sequence, lead animal out of line and up or down the line on the side next to the Judge. It is the responsibility of another handler to accommodate changes by moving up or down on the side opposite the Judge. To step animal ahead - use slight pull on collar. If the animal steps badly out of place, return her to position by leading her forward and making a circle back through your position in the line. When Judge is observing the animal , if she moves out of position, replace her as quickly and inconspicuously as possible. Be natural. Overshooting, undue fussing, and maneuvering are objectionable.		
	Show animal to best advantage , recognizing the conformation faults of the animal you are leading and striving to help overcome them.	15	
	Poise, alertness, and courteous attitude are all desired in the show ring. Showmen should keep an eye on their animals and be aware of the position of the Judge at all times - but should not stare at the Judge. Persons or things outside the ring should not distract the attention of the showmen. Respond rapidly to requests from judges or officials, and be courteous and sportsmanlike at all times, respecting the rights of other exhibitors. The best showmen will show their animals at all times - not themselves - and will continue exhibiting well until the entire class has been placed, the Judge has given his reasons, and he has dismissed the class.	10	
	TOTAL		100
F. HERDSMANSHIP			
1.	PREPARATION OF THE EXHIBIT		
	Adequate, clean bright bedding	10	
	Animals attractively space in pens	10	
	Decorations neat and attractive	10	
	Appropriate signs	5	
	Well-chosen color scheme - background, tack-boxes, etc.	5	40
2.	APPEARANCE AND ATTITUDE OF EXHIBITORS		
	Knowledgeable, courteous, friendly, able to answer questions about exhibit or dairy goats.	15	
	Clothes and person neat and clean, appropriated dressed.	5	20
3.	CARE OF THE EXHIBIT		
	Dairy goats clean, clipped (before show), feet trimmed.	20	
	Aisles kept neat and clean.	10	
	Attractive, organized feeders and feed equipment. Feed and equipment stored neatly when not in use (out of sight if possible) and kept clean.	10	40
	TOTAL		100

Smith Memorial 4-H Dairy Goat Award

Berton and Agnes Smith valued integrity, hard work, sportsmanship, and were 4-H'ers through and through. This award goes to a current year 4-H Goat Delegate including Stewards that exhibits fair play, hard work, and honesty/integrity. Eligibility is open to youth from all participating New England States.

Award Criteria:

The candidate demonstrates during the New England 4-H Program:

Head: demonstrates good decision making skills

Heart: demonstrates dedication to the goat project and/or 4-H

Hands: helpful to others, eager to volunteer and participate in all activities/events

Health: demonstrates concern for the safety of themselves, animals, and others.

Delegates will be considered for the award starting 7:00pm on Thursday and concluding at the end of 4-H dairy goat breed show on Saturday.

Selection:

Nominations may be made by any delegate, committee member or chaperone. The selection committee will consist of an adult representative of each state with youth participating plus, the 4-H Goat Show Superintendent or 4-H Goat Committee Chair. A member of the Smith family may choose to participate.

Prize:

\$100 Monetary prize to be donated by the Smith family in memory of Berton and Agnes Smith and awarded at the end of closing ceremonies of the New England 4-H Dairy Goat Program at Big E

4-H CAMPER POLICY:

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

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

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

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL (SEE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS)

- Fairgrounds in general

In the case of a major emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones are to report to the front lawn of their respective state buildings along the Avenue of States and remain there until released by the 4-H Dormitory Supervisor. In the case of an active shooter seek safety immediately until instructed to do something else by an official security detail. Upon all clear please report to the Moses Dorm or Mallary, whichever one you are closest to.
- Mallary Complex and New England Center

In case of emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones participating in activities in the Mallary Complex or New England Center should follow the instruction of Eastern States Exposition personnel or staff given through announcements and if possible stay in a group with their volunteer leaders.

 - ▶ **Emergency contact telephone numbers**
 - **413-205-5011 Agriculture Department**
 - **413-205-5185 Moses Dormitory Office**
 - **413-205-5555 Big E Police—24 Hour**
 - **Do not call 911.**

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2024 Fire Prevention Regulations

for Exhibit Halls / Temporary Structures / Agricultural Events

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

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

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

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IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

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

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

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

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

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

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

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

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2024 Animal Health Rules for Fairs and Shows

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. Health Certificates: --

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

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

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

MA -Notes: **The Big E Fairgrounds** in West Springfield requires an Infectious Disease Waiver (provided by The Big E) for all equines entering the premises for any show, fair, or exhibition. All Bovines must have official RFID tags.
- b. **CT and ME:** An importation permit for exhibition animals is also required. *Contact CT Dept. of Agriculture (860-713-2504) or ME State Veterinarian's Office (207-287-3701) for permits or questions.*
- c. **NH: * * NH:** To qualify for the extended CVI, animals exhibited in NH must originate in a New England state and move on OCVIs issued on or after April 1, 2024 to participating NH fairs and shows from **July 1 to October 31. The extended CVI is not available for animals that do not reside in New England.** *Contact NH State Veterinarian's Office (603) 271-2404 for details and permits.*
- d. *****VT:** *Contact the VT Animal Health Office (802-828-2421) for specific import requirements that deviate from the general information in this letter and must be met for legal import of livestock.*
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2. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all cattle be currently vaccinated for rabies.
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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.
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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.
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