

2021 NEW ENGLAND 4-H PROGRAM – THE BIG E

4-H SHEEP ACTIVITY SIGNATURE FORM

This entry is made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations governing this program. E-mail aginfo@thebige.com
Telephone: Please call (800)639-2908 or (413)205-5011 and request the specific department or person you intend to contact.

PRINT ALL INFORMATION – DETACH THIS APPLICATION. COMPLETE EVERY LINE, AND SUBMIT IT, ALONG WITH YOUR SHEEP ENTRY FORM, TO YOUR COUNTY OR STATE 4-H REPRESENTATIVE.

NAME OF EXHIBITOR _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE _____ GENDER _____ E-MAIL _____

AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021 _____ BIRTHDATE: MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____

T-SHIRT SIZE (S-XXL) _____

Do you use: _____ shavings _____ straw

I have read the rules and certify that the facts contained in the above are true and that the applicant meets the eligibility qualifications of the rules. The applicant also agrees to participate in all activities and to be present at assemblies of the 4-H Sheep Program. Entrants will be responsible for their animal including any damage occurring to the animal or by the animal while on the grounds. Signatures signify compliance with rules and decisions of the Committee. The signatures below signify that I and my parent/guardian have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules in this document and the IAFE Code of Ethics. These signatures also certify the facts contained in the above to be true and the applicant meets the eligibility qualifications of the rules.

Signature of 4-H Member

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of County or State 4-H Representative

All signatures must be completed before entry will be accepted. Additional entry forms are available at www.thebige.com/agriculture.

**ENTRIES ARE DUE JULY 6 AT THE STATE OFFICE. EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION
ONLINE ENTRY MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 6 AT MIDNIGHT.**

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

NEW ENGLAND 4-H SHEEP ENTRY FORM

NAME _____ Age as of January 1, 2021 _____

MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
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Phone # () _____ **E-Mail** _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE CHOICE FOR WHICH FIT & SHOW CATEGORY YOU WILL BE SHOWING IN:

MEAT BREED

WOOL BREED

SLICK SHORN

REMINDER: ALL NUMBERED CLASSES IN WHICH YOU ARE SHOWING EXCEPT FOR CLASS 20 (STATE FLOCK), AS LISTED IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS BOOKLET, MUST BE ENTERED ON THIS FORM.

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NEW ENGLAND 4-H MEMBER PHOTO RELEASE

All fairgoers & exhibitors may be photographed or filmed by out photographers or videographers while on the grounds. Film and Footage taken on our grounds are the property of Eastern States Exposition for possible use in its promotional materials. Entrance to our grounds precludes any and all financial compensation.

Participant Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	DOB
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Phone Number	Email Address
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Parent/Guardian Authorizations

Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date
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Print Name	Date
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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.

RULES FOR THE 2021 NEW ENGLAND 4-H SHEEP SHOW

GENERAL

1. Housing and Meals Members must make their own arrangements for lodging and meals. Overnight accommodations will be available on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition. Please view the guidelines attached to this document.
2. Conditions The 4-H Sheep Show Committee and Eastern States Exposition reserve the right to amend or change the rules for the 4-H Sheep Show. Interpretation of the rules and regulations of the 4-H Sheep Show rests in the hands of the Show Committee and their decision shall be final. An Executive Committee for the purpose of handling problems concerning the rules which may arise during the show shall be comprised of the Committee members, with the Chairperson, Superintendent and an Exposition Representative constituting a minimum quorum. It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent and Chairperson to consult with the judges to ascertain that they understand the rules by which the 4-H members are instructed to compete.
3. The New England 4-H Sheep Committee is not responsible for errors in this program.
4. Emergency Protocol and Contact Numbers . **Please see Emergency Instruction page.**

LIVESTOCK

1. Entries All entries must be certified by a 4-H extension representative, and approved (signed) by the State Representative. **Online entry must be completed by July 6 at midnight.** All columns on the entry form must be filled in for each entry, including eartag numbers of the entry's sire and dam. Paper entry must match online entry.
2. Classes 4-H delegates may show Yearling Rams and Ewes, Fall, Intermediate and Spring Ram and Ewe Lambs and Market Lambs. **Aged Ewes may only be shown if they are the only animal owned or leased by the exhibitor.** Delegates are limited to showing **two** sheep in any one class, but are not restricted on total number of sheep shown. Fit & Show and Lead Line animals must be shown in either breed or market classes; a separate animal may not be brought solely for Fit & Show and/or Lead Line. Members showing both wool and meat breeds will choose one Fit and Show class. Market lambs may only be ewes or wethers; no rams are allowed.
3. Ownership All sheep except Market Lambs or commercial ewes must have registration papers. ***Read carefully. Delegate's name must appear as the sole owner or lessee of the sheep (no joint ownership or registration with only farm name).*** Date of sale on registration papers must be on or before July 1 of the year of the show or the sheep is qualified within your state approval guidelines. Delegates owning their sheep must have the actual registration papers, copies are allowed **ONLY** in the case of leased sheep. **Name on registration papers and entry forms (ownership and exhibitor) must be the same – not just farm name.**
4. Leases Leased animals will also be accepted. The delegate is to have lease agreements on a uniform state lease form issued by Cooperative Extension in that state. Date of lease of State Lease Forms must be on or before July 1 of the year of the show. **Delegates must bring their Lease Agreement form and either the actual registration or a clearly legible copy of the animal registration paper to Eastern States Exposition.**
5. Substitutions A 4-H delegate is allowed to show a substitute sheep approved by their extension representative in writing, provided that the ownership of the animal complies with the rules in "Ownership" paragraph. Sheep purchased between July 1 and July 31 may be substituted, provided they are 1) not the only sheep the delegate is showing and 2) qualified within your state approval guidelines.
6. State Representation If 4-H club membership is held in more than one state, and the same project is taken in both states, the 4-H member must compete and represent the state in which they reside. If the project is only taken in one state, the 4-H member should represent that state.
7. Registration and Substitution Check-in Sheep must be penned, and registration or lease papers and health papers must be checked by the Registration Officials, by 6pm Tuesday. Substitutions with proper written approval from state extension representatives must be checked in at this time. **Registration or lease papers must be available at all times for examination by the superintendent.**
8. Eartags ALL sheep must be identified at the time of arrival by at least one official USDA identification eartag or tattoo or they will not be allowed in the barn. In addition, they may have an association registry eartag, farm tag or tattoo. One of the tags must match the registration papers for each breeding animal entered. No fresh tattoos will be accepted. Exhibitors in the USDA VSFC Program are responsible for supplies needed to remain in compliance. All animals need to be in accordance with Massachusetts animal identification and RFID requirements for federal transport.

9. Breeds There will be separate classes for the following breeds: Border Leicester, Cheviot, Columbia, Corriedale, Cotswold, Commercial Meat, Commercial Wool, Dorper, Polled Dorset, Horned Dorset, Hampshire, Jacob, Kathadin, Lincoln, Natural Colored, Oxford, Rambouillet, Romney, Shetland, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk and Tunis. Breeds not listed above will be shown in Other Breeds classes determined at the discretion of the committee.
10. Illness or Death of Animal In the event that the delegate has ENTERED only one sheep, and that sheep is stricken with death or illness such that it cannot be shown, but the delegate owns or leases other STATE APPROVED sheep, the delegate may bring one of those animals in place of the originally entered sheep, regardless of age or sex. A signed note from a licensed veterinarian (on the veterinarian's letterhead) must be presented as proof of illness and a signed note of proof of approval from the State Extension office must be presented. This rule does not apply to animals purchased between July 1 and July 31. If the delegate only owns or leases the one sheep entered and that sheep is stricken with death or illness such that it cannot be shown, the delegate may participate on a limited basis (see STATE DELEGATES Rule 4). A signed note from a licensed veterinarian (on the veterinarian's letterhead) indicating why the animal is unable to come and permission from the State Extension office is still required.
11. Animal Health Regulations Please refer to the Massachusetts Animal Health Regulations included in this packet. **For more information, please check the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture website at <https://www.mass.gov/massachusetts-agricultural-fairs-program> In addition, please refer to MA Dept. of Animal Health Regulations regarding Scrapie tags.**

STATE DELEGATES

1. Arrival and Departure Delegates and their sheep must arrive on the grounds Tuesday, July 27 between the hours of 4pm and 6pm. Vehicles enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1, using a vehicle pass or paying parking fee; proceed to Gate 10 at which point the personal passes are used. Vehicles then proceed to the Mallary Complex where sheep and equipment are unloaded. Release time begins at 4pm, Wednesday, July 28, starting with those who live the farthest away. Again, vehicles enter Gate 1, using vehicle pass. The driver should then proceed to Gate 10 and park the vehicle outside the gate. As soon as loaded, the vehicle must immediately leave the grounds Exhibitor Health Condition Delegates 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 to administer medical treatment if and when it is necessary to do so. Delegates with special needs should let the committee know either on their entry form or when checking in. Special needs may be, but are not limited to, food allergies (lactose intolerance, gluten, nuts, etc.), therapeutic gum chewing, learning disabilities, etc.
2. Age Divisions Delegates will be divided into the following age groups (divisions) for all classes where age breakdowns are used:

Junior:	12-13 as of January 1 of the current year
Intermediate:	14-15 as of January 1 of the current year
Senior:	16 and has not turned 19 on or before January of the current year
3. Participation Each delegate with at least one sheep must show in the breed or market classes, and show in Fitting and Showing. In the event that a delegate has entered and their animal is unable to come (see LIVESTOCK Rule 10) the delegate may still come and participate in the Skillathon, Lamb Burger Cookoff, Quiz Bowl, and Shepherds Award. They may assist other delegates with the show.. All delegates are eligible for their state shepherd's award. **Each State may bring one or two teen leader (age eligible) to help their state delegation where needed.** Teen leaders participate in skillathon, shepherds award and lamb burger cookoff at The Big E October 2, 2021 and follow same rule as it pertains to a delegate whose animal is unable to come.
4. All delegates must participate at such times and places as the superintendent may direct.
5. Illness or Death of Animal In the event that the delegate owns (or has leased) and has entered, only one sheep, and that sheep is stricken with death or illness such that it cannot be shown, the delegate may assist fellow delegates with the show. A signed note from a licensed veterinarian (on the veterinarian's letterhead) must be presented as proof of illness. In the event that the delegate has ENTERED only one sheep, and that sheep is stricken with death or illness such that it cannot be shown, but the delegate owns (or has leased) other STATE APPROVED sheep, the delegate may bring one of those animals in place of the originally entered sheep, regardless of age or sex. A signed note from a licensed veterinarian (on the veterinarian's letterhead) must be presented as proof of illness and a signed note from the State Extension office must be presented of proof of approval.
6. Exhibit Areas Sheep will be penned in an assigned area. Bedding will be furnished by Eastern States Exposition. Straw is for bedding use only and is not to be used for displays or any other purpose. Display straw is available for sale at the ESE Feed Store. Delegates are expected to care for their animals, tack & trimming areas, aisles and show ring bleacher areas keeping them neat and presentable at all times. Only 4-H delegates will be permitted to work on their animals after they arrive at 4-H/YWS New England Summer Event. Parents, chaperones and others

who render assistance to the 4-H member do so at the risk of having the entry disqualified. Eastern States Exposition assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to equipment, livestock or persons.

7. Uniform Delegates must be clean and neatly attired at all times. Exhibitor numbers must be worn by the delegate when showing. Attire for all delegates in the show ring shall consist of full length, full waist **KHAKI PANTS AND A WHITE SHIRT WITH A COLLAR. A solid white turtle neck or long sleeve shirt can be worn underneath. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.** Belts should be worn as needed. **NO T-SHIRTS ALLOWED** unless they are special ones given out by the Committee. **NO TIGHT OR REVEALING CLOTHING OR HATS.** It is recommended, that all delegates bring two sets of show clothes for the weekend, 2 khaki pants and 2 white collar shirts. **Delegates not adhering to the dress code will be excused from the ring.** Pants and shirts must be plain with no advertising or lettering. During inclement weather, approved 4-H delegate jackets (i.e. state or 4-H club clothing) or other outer wear is at the discretion of the committee. It is the responsibility of the state chaperones and delegation to uphold this rule. Shoes must be closed toe and closed back. Delegates may not appear in the barns or grounds barefoot. No gum chewing in the show ring.
8. Decorations Please see Fire Prevention Regulations included in packet. Decorations MUST follow all regulations. No farm advertising is allowed. A state sign, 24" high by 32" wide will be provided. Each state may prepare a sign listing all the exhibitors from that state, but each pen need not be marked with the name of the individual whose animals are in the pen.
9. Grievance Committee If a problem arises during the show, a Grievance Committee shall resolve it. This committee will be comprised of the Chairperson, Superintendent, and one representative (unrelated to subject involved) from each state. States are to indicate to the Superintendent upon arrival who has been designated to serve. Any other issues need to follow the protocol as outlined in the memorandum of Understanding.
10. Smoking in all buildings on the fairgrounds is prohibited **as are cooking appliances in the barn.**

CLASS ENTRY INFORMATION FOR 4-H SHEEP SHOW

All animals must be presented in fit and show quality and to breed regulations. ***Halters are optional in Showmanship and breed classes.*** All sheep must be correctly identified by USDA, registration or farm tags, or tattoos. Incorrect identification will result in disqualification. Please use the following class numbers when entering. Please note: In individual classes, the owner must be at the head of the animal. Foot setters are optional.

Bred-and-Owned Champions In each breed class, special ribbons will be given to the highest placing bred-and-owned animal. Following the champion classes in each breed, a "Bred-and-Owned" champion will be selected, giving special recognition to project animals bred and owned by the exhibitors. Also, preceding the Supreme Champion classes, a Supreme Champion Bred-and-Owned class will be held. Exhibitor must own dam at time of lambing.

1. Yearling Ram: Born after August 31, 2019 and before September 1, 2020. Yearlings cannot have more than four permanent teeth.
5. Senior Ram Lamb: Born after September 1, 2020 and before December 31, 2020.
10. Intermediate Ram Lamb: Born after January 1, 2021 and before February 15, 2021.
15. Junior Ram Lamb: Born after February 16, 2021
20. Pair of Ram Lambs
30. Aged Ewe: Born before September 1, 2019 – Can only be shown if it is the only animal that the delegate has to bring to the 4-H Sheep Activity.
32. Yearling Ewe: Born after August 31, 2019 and before September 1, 2020. Yearlings cannot have more than four permanent teeth.
35. Pair of Yearling Ewes
40. Senior Ewe Lamb: Born after September 1, 2020 and before December 31, 2020.
45. Intermediate Ewe Lamb: Born after January 1, 2021 and before February 15, 2021.
50. Junior Ewe Lamb: Born after February 16, 2021
55. Pair of Ewe Lambs
65. Pair of Lambs: Consists of one ram and one ewe lamb of the same breed, shown in previous classes. (Note: Pair of Lambs does not need to be Bred and Owned)
70. Exhibitor's Flock: Consists of one ram and two ewes of the same breed, shown in previous classes. (Note: Exhibitor's Flock does not need to be Bred and Owned)
75. State Flock: Consists of one ram and three ewes, any age of the same breed, shown in previous classes. (Note: State Flock does not need to be Bred and Owned. This class does not need to be on your entry form. Can be entered day of show. Class needs two or more delegates to participate.
77. Best Fleeced Animal: Each exhibitor showing Wool Breeds may enter ONE animal in the Best Fleeced Class, shown in previous classes. Best Fleeced Animal classes may be entered on the day of the show.
80. Market Lamb: Class may be divided. Wether and ewe lambs entered in this class may not be shown in any breed class. No ram lambs are accepted. All market lambs must have eartag or tattoo.
87. Pair of Market Lambs

4-H LAMB BURGER COOK-OFF CONTEST AT THE BIG E OCTOBER 2, 2021

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

1. States will provide 1 or 2 teams of 2 members from their delegation. If the state selects 2 teams the teams will work as 2 separate teams. States can combine as one team if they do not have enough delegates to participate. Mixed age groups are allowed.
2. Cooking equipment cannot be shared. One adult supervisor per team must be present for safety precautions and cannot assist in preparing of food.
3. Each group must bring their own supplies except their ground lamb and table. Recipes, any spices, garnishes, rolls, fry pan, (no grills), extension cords, gloves, aprons, plates, tablecloth, utensils needed to complete their dishes. Need to have hair pulled back and wear a hat, have hand sanitizing station, (You will be making 3 burgers)
4. All preparation including cutting of garnishes may not done prior to the start of the competition.
5. No alcoholic beverages may be used in the preparation of recipes.
6. State signs will be provided to identify each team.
7. Each State must provide the number of teams and names of participants by September 1 of the current year. Email jolee.chase@unh.edu. Questions call 603-345-1131.
8. No food can be made ahead of time, or precooked. Everything (food items) must be made in the 45 minutes the teams are given to complete the meal.

Teams will present their lamb burgers to judges and explain their dish and be prepared to answer any questions.

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

Creativity = possible 10 points
Teamwork = possible 25 points
Taste = possible 25 points
Presentation of dish = 20 points
Presentation by group to judges = 20 points

All teams are eligible for ribbon awards.

4-H SHEEP FIT AND SHOW CONTESTS

THE PURPOSE of this event is to have delegates judged on their fitting ability of their own animal and showing knowledge in presenting this animal to a judge. There will be three fit and show classes per age division: Meat Breeds, Wool Breeds and Slick Shorn. If the number of entries is high, classes may be divided within each division. Delegates are placed in the proper class by designation of the breed standard. A Supreme Fit & Show class will be held at the conclusion of each age division, with the first place individuals in each class competing. An overall supreme champion will be selected from the supremes of each age division.

Please note: What follows is a GUIDELINE for delegates to use in preparing for Fit and Show. These guidelines have been given to the judge as a standard form. Delegates should note that individual judges will have their own preferences.

Appearance of Sheep - Total of 60 points

Blocking and Trimming - (20) Animals should be fitted according to the standards of their breed association and exceptions allowed by The Big E Open Sheep Show. They should be free of dirt and stains. Wool breeds need to have sufficient fleece to allow the wool to be judged.

Cleanliness - (20) Ears, ear tags, eyes and muzzle should be clean. Fore and rear flanks and neck should be clean. All parts of the sheep should be thoroughly dry. Fleeces of wool breeds should be firm, bright and showing yolk, all of which indicated bloom. Excessively long, harsh, dry and colorless fleeces will be criticized. Artificial coloring of ears, legs and fleeces will not be allowed.

Condition - (10) Animal should show normal growth and size for age. It should be well covered (well fleshed) over back loin and ribs. It should not be over- or under- conditioned. Skin and fleece should show health and bloom rather than being dry and lacking color. Skin lacking in color and lack of red coloring under eyelids may be an indication of internal parasites. Sheep showing evidence of external parasites will be heavily discounted.

Feet - (10) Hoofs should be trimmed and shaped so as to enable the animal to stand and walk naturally. Hoofs should be clean and may be prepared for showing by oiling or polishing. It is best not to trim feet too close to show day. A tender foot may mean a lame sheep. Hoofs must be free from foot rot.

Showing - Total of 40 Points

Holding and moving in the ring - (20) Bring the animal into the ring promptly and properly. Halters are optional, and delegates will be judged on their ability to show their animal to their best advantage in the style chosen (i.e. points may be deducted if a halter is used but ignored.) Line up as directed by the ring steward. Stand your sheep squarely, using the left hand under the jaw and right hand to move feet, straighten back, etc. Standing and kneeling on one knee may be interchanged. One may stand in front of sheep grasping side of face with both hands when the judge is in back of the sheep. The exhibitor should push down and back to strengthen the top and cause the leg muscle to bulge. Placing a knee against the brisket is allowable as well as placing a hand under the sheep in order to make the animal show to best advantage. The exhibitor may be penalized if the judge decides that the back is humped, or arched because of excess jaw pressure. When the judge is in front of the sheep, the showman should set up the front end of the sheep so as to show the head and front to best advantage. This is usually best accomplished by grasping the sheep under the jaw with the showman at side of sheep, or by the use of the lead rope, whichever the sheep responds to best. Remember to keep sheep alert with head set and ears forward.

In moving the sheep, walk on the left side of the sheep. If a halter is on the sheep, it must be used to walk the sheep. Move slowly and only as necessary for the judge to view you and your sheep. Exhibitor remains on left side of sheep at all times. Do not step over the back or go behind your sheep.

If a halter is used, the sheep should be trained to lead and stand squarely when properly set up. Keep sheep in good showing position. An animal well handled and trained will not usually move when handled by judge. Sheep should not be set up too wide or too narrow, but to best advantage.

Alertness and attitude - (10) The delegate should be alert at all times and courteous to the judge and fellow delegates. Delegates should watch their animals closely and know where the judge is at all times. Inattention will cost points. Gum chewing and talking in the show ring will not be allowed.

Keep showing even when the ribbons are being awarded. Do not relax until you leave the ring. You can never be sure when the judging is officially over!

Appearance of Exhibitor and Knowledge of Project - (10) The delegate must be neatly presented **in Khaki pants and a white collared shirt that is tucked in and may not wear any tight or revealing clothing or hat. Chewing gum is not allowed while in the show ring Delegates not adhering to the dress code will be dismissed from the class.**

Delegates must be prepared to answer any questions the judge may ask during the class. The judge reserves the right to ask any variety of questions dealing with knowledge of a 4-H project such as breeds of sheep, care and maintenance of a sheep project, and showing ability, amongst others. In many cases, questions are asked to determine a tie-breaker.

4-H SHEEP EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT at THE BIG E OCTOBER 2, 2021

THE PURPOSE of this exhibit is for each state to design (during the year before the 4-H Sheep Show at The Big E on OCTOBER 2, 2021) an exhibit to inform and educate the public of the responsibilities and teachings of a 4-H Sheep Project.

1. Each state will be given a table to display their exhibit. Exhibits must not hang over the edge of the tables and must not be wider than 4 feet or taller than 3 ft from tabletop.
2. Displays are to be designed, worked on and erected by delegates. Leaders and adults may not help with the design of the display. Adults are not allowed to help in the setting up of the display at the fair. The number of delegates who work on the display is not limited.
3. The official 4-H Clover must be included in the display.
4. No references that inadvertently identifies the state or the delegates may be present on a states display until after judging has been complete. (ie photographs of the delegates, any reference to state, etc.)

5. It is at the consensus and discretion of the Event Chairperson, Show Superintendent and the Director of Agriculture & Education as to where the tables will be displayed after they are judged. Since this is the case, delegates should NOT plan on having a wall on one side of the display. The tables will be easily movable, and may be placed along the livestock pens, or elsewhere. Freestanding backdrops of some kind are encouraged, but by no means necessary and must be attached securely.

6.. The display is to be in place by **10am** Saturday morning. There will be no changes made to the display after this point (with the exception of adding the state's name and delegates names, if desired, after the judging is completed).

7. Judging will take place after the 10am deadline. Displays will be judged and rosettes will be awarded for the six places.

The displays will be judged on the following criteria and Rosettes will be awarded:

- a. Originality - 30 points
 - i. Original idea, functional design
 - ii. Subject matter accurate, worthwhile, of current interest
 - iii. Education value – usefulness
- b. Quality of Workmanship - 20 points
 - i. Easy to read, neatness
 - ii. No glue or tape showing
 - iii. Properly displayed
 - iv. Grammar and spelling correct
- c. General Appearance – 20 points
 - i. Artistic design
 - ii. Well balanced
 - iii. Pleasing colors
 - iv. Appropriate amount of material
- d. 4-H Clover Present - 10 points
 - i. Must be the official 4-H clover
- e. State ID Not Included - 10 points
(No references that inadvertently identifies the state or the delegates)
- f. Ability to Attract and Hold Attention - 10 points
 - i. Effect of design, color, pictures
 - ii. Idea shown simply and creatively

TOTAL 100 points

Caution: Exhibits are not constantly monitored so please keep this in mind when preparing your display.

4-H SHEEP SKILLATHON at THE BIG E OCTOBER 2,2021

All delegates present at The Big E October 2, 2021 are eligible to participate in the skillathon. Indicate on the entry form if you require accommodations to participate. The skillathon will cover various topics from these sources as well as sections on herding & guarding dogs and diseases of sheep. Sheep supply catalogs, breed information, Ohio State Learning Lab & Supplements and the Ohio State University Extension Sheep Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects, Publication #4-H 194R which can be ordered through Ohio State University Extension,

An award will be given to the top scoring delegate in each age group

4-H SHEEP LEAD LINE

For the October event we will only have lead line as a display youth can wear their out fit to show the public.

THE PURPOSE of this display is as a sheep and wool promotion. Each participating delegate is expected to interact the public how well they exemplify the sewing and wearing of wool, along with interest and support of a 4-H sheep project.

Delegates are to be near their pens and be available to interact with the fairgoing public.

4-H SHEEP QUIZ BOWL at THE BIG E OCTOBER 2,2021

THE PURPOSE of this contest is to test the knowledge of the delegates in various areas of owning and raising sheep.

1. Teams Each State will select four delegates to be their state's Quiz Bowl team. Should a state have fewer delegates than required for a team, those delegates may solicit delegates from other states to fill out a team. Team members must be participating fully in The New England 4-H Sheep Show as stated in the General Rules. Each team must designate a challenger who may be either a delegate or chaperone from their state.
2. Rounds of Play Each state will participate in two rounds of play. Rounds may be modified at the discretion of the committee. Teams will draw for numbers just prior to the start of the game. The Rounds will be broken down as follows:

Round 1
Team 1 plays Team 2
Team 3 plays Team 4
Team 5 plays Team 6

Round 2
Team 1 plays Team 3
Team 2 plays Team 5
Team 4 plays Team 6

There is a ten second time limit for answering questions, time starts when contestant is recognized by the moderator. In Round One, all teams will answer the same questions making it necessary for the teams not competing to wait outside the game area until their match is called. After the match, they may remain in the area until the start of Round Two. The first answer given by a team member will be their official answer. If any part of an answer is incorrect, the whole answer is considered incorrect. A round will be made up of no more than 4 one-on-one questions for each contestant, plus no more than 6 toss-ups. Round One question will be worth 1 point and Round Two questions will be worth 3 points.

3. One-on-One Questions each round will start with the moderator asking one-on-one questions. The first question will be read and only opposing delegates sitting in seat #1 may buzz and answer. The second question will be read and only opposing delegates sitting in seat #2 may buzz and answer, etc. Each correctly answered question will be worth one point; **incorrect answers will NOT result in any loss of points**. If a question is answered incorrectly, the opposing delegate in the corresponding seat will have the opportunity to answer the question correctly, with the option to gain a point.
4. Toss-Up Questions Toss-up questions are open to all contestants. The delegate having buzzed first must answer the question.
5. Early Buzz-In The Moderator will stop reading the question immediately when a buzzer is rung and the individual or team must answer the question at that time. If the individual or team answering the incomplete question is wrong, the question will be read in its entirety for the opposing individual or team.
6. Final Scoring The team's final score is the cumulative total of the points they earned in Rounds One and Two. In the case of a tie, the teams will answer ONE additional toss-up question. If the teams are still tied at this point, questions will continue to be asked until the tie is broken.
7. Challenges if a team member or a team coach wishes to challenge a question or an answer, they must do so immediately at the time of the question being asked and the answer given. If the moderator has moved on to the next question, no challenge may be made. Only team members playing the round in question and their officially designated person may challenge a question or an answer. The contest judge will be asked to rule on the challenge. The judge will make his/her final ruling based on information given in the sources listed in Item 9 below. The ruling of the judge is final.
8. NO technological devices (cell phones, pagers, etc.) will be permitted. All devices found will be removed.
9. Sources of question will be the Ohio State Extension Sheep Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects, Publication #4-H 194R which can be ordered through Ohio State University Extension, "Storey's Guide to Raising Sheep" Breeding – Care – Facilities by Paula Simmons & Carol Ekarius and the current year's state educational exhibits.

2021 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NEW ENGLAND 4-H SHEEP ACTIVITY

TUESDAY, JULY 27

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Delegates and sheep arrive.
Registration and Health Papers checked

Mallary Complex
Mallary Complex

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

9:30 am - TBA

Fit & Show
30 minute break and we will begin with the market lamb classes followed by breed classes.
Market Lamb Class followed by
Breed Classes
Selection of Supreme Champions

4:00 pm

Release Time
(Begins with furthest States dismissed first)

Mallary Complex

6:00 pm

4-H Sheep Show closed; all sheep must be removed from the grounds

2021 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT THE BIG E **NEW ENGLAND 4-H SHEEP ACTIVITY[Tentative]**

OCTOBER 2, 2021

Each state may bring a sheep or two as a display

8am	Delegates and sheep arrive. Registration and Health Papers checked Set up of Educational Exhibits	Mallary Complex Mallary Complex Mallary Complex
10:00 am	Educational Exhibits in place	Mallary Complex
11:00 am	Skill-a-Thon	Mallary - Ring #3
1:00 pm	Quiz Bowl	Mallary Complex
3:00 pm	Lamb Burger Cook-Off	Mallary Ring #3

OPENING SAFELY - Guidelines and Procedures for Summer 4-H/YWS Event

Eastern States Exposition, along with public health officials, strives to present a clean, safe environment and to communicate with guests the changes to expect to experience this 2021 summer 4-H/YWS Event. Please check our website consistently for postings regarding COVID Safety

<https://www.easternstatesexposition.com/covid19>

Arrival:

All animals and participants should arrive during their activities check in time. Schedules are available in the activity packets. All animals must have a CVI (health papers) and will be verified and inspected for health on their arrival. See <https://www.mass.gov/doc/agricultural-fairs-animal-health-rules/download> and also review <https://www.mass.gov/doc/ne-fairs-and-shows-cvi-requirements/download>

Camping:

The Moses 4-H Dormitory will not be open this year. Camping is available for parents and committee members on the grounds of ESE. Camping (RV or tent) is charged \$15 a day and payable via credit card or cash at the gate as you enter the grounds. Camping is available on a first come, first served basis.

There will be plenty of spots available for your RV's near the Mallary complex or in the horse show area. You will be directed by the gate personnel where to go.

All those wishing to camp with tents – (We will have WBYoung open across from the Mallary complex and cordoned off for family groups. Bathrooms will be available in WB Young. Shower and bathrooms will be open in Mallary. All showers in the visitor's center at Gate 1 will open for Horse Show camping area as well.

Hotels –There is a list of hotels at info@explorewesternmass.com

Feed Store:

The ESE Feed Store will be available during the event for your needs. ESE will provide the bedding necessary for your show. All contestants should plan on bring their own feed and hay for this event. Call 413- 205-5307 or email FStore@thebige.com to pre-order your supplies.

Food: After many years of dedicated service, the church ladies and gentlemen notified ESE this week they will no longer be running the Moses cafeteria. They were a tremendous asset to our program and will be missed. There will be a food stand in the Coliseum and one open down in Mallary. ESE will not be paying for 4-H meals, all participants are responsible for their own food.

Night people: Each state may have one night person stay in the barn. We will be stalling states by aisles.

Chaperones: Each state is responsible for delineating how it will handle availability of chaperones. Parents/guardians are responsible for their children unless their respective state program offers other accommodations.

Animal Health Identification for Eastern States Exposition 2021

1. For 2021 it is required that cattle be identified with a 15 digit AIN RFID tag.

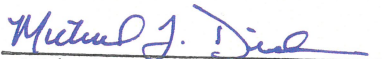
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WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01089
FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL SHOWS

1. **NO** smoking allowed in the Coliseum, Barns, Mallary Complex or any other building used during an event.
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 retardants 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 finish.
4. EZ-UP tents, if used must have flame retardant ratings. No vendor **shall** set up more than (2) 10 foot by 10 foot tents next to each other. ATTENTION PROMOTERS: **No show layout should have more than 20 feet of tent without a 10 foot non-tent space.**
5. Devices utilizing open flames are not permitted.
6. All lights and electrical mechanisms must have a UL label. Extension cords **shall** be UL listed, and must be of proper gauge (AWG) and not overloaded with electrical devices. **No** residential-type 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 each event/show.
9. Flammable liquids and gases (propane, butane, etc.) are **not** allowed in the buildings. Non-flammable gas cylinders, such as helium, shall be supported by metal stands or secured with a proper size chain.
10. Corn stalks, hay/straw bales and fine bark mulch are not allowed 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 water 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 allowed in buildings. (i.e. Golf Carts & Scooters)
13. **No** large round or square bales of hay or straw and or open piles of silage or haylage are allowed. Feed and bedding material must be bagged and bailed in small square or round bales (less than 400lbs.)
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.
16. All aisles **shall** be a minimum of 10 feet in width and **shall** remain free and clear at all times.
17. Aisle display widths are not to exceed 30" from each side in main aisle and 24" from each side in side aisles.
18. **No** excessive accumulation or rubbish or litter allowed.
19. All exits shall remain free and clear at all times.
20. All fire lanes shall remain free and clear at all times per 527 CMR 1.00 (MA State Fire Code)
21. 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)
22. **NO** signs, decorations, or products **shall** be attached to any part of the automatic fire sprinkler system.


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2021 Animal Health Rules for Fairs and Shows

Special Note: Massachusetts COVID-19 response orders supersede all other exhibition guidance. Please visit mass.gov/covid-10updates for the most current information and updates.

In addition to complying with all laws and regulations governing animal health issues all fairs must adopt and enforce the following rules for governance of 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 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 *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 2021 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, 2021** may be used for those animals being shown at multiple fairs and shows in CT, **MA**, and RI through the 2021 show/fair season ending October 31, 2021.
 - i. **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.*
 - ii. **MA -Note: The Big E Fairgrounds** in West Springfield requires a CVI issued within the prior 30 days for all **horses** entering the premises for any show, fair, or exhibition.
 - iii. **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, 2021 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.*
 - iv. *****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.*
- b. 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.*
- c. 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.
- d. **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).
- e. 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.
- f. Exhibitors must keep an accurate list of the show locations and dates when their animals were actually on the show/fairgrounds. This record must be available to fair inspectors at each inspection and check-in.
- g. Any animal listed on an OCVI that becomes sick must remain home. If the animal is refused entry to any exhibition during 2021 for health reasons it must have a new health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the next interstate movement.
- h. 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 2021 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 2021. 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, 2021 shall be individually leg banded with a state leg band. This includes out of state exhibitors.
6. No bird vaccinated for laryngotracheitis within thirty days of the fair will be admitted.

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

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

E. Camelids (Llamas, Alpacas, etc.): See M.G.L. c. 129 §2, M.G. I. 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 soremouth has existed or in which soremouth 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 a CVI issued within the prior 30 days for all equines entering the premises for any show, fair, or exhibition.
2. All equines must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: mange, ringworm, soring, strangles, and open or draining wounds.
3. All equines originating from 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.

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 617-626-1797 or 617-626-1795 for further information.

IAFE
(INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)
NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

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

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

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

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

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and

analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

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

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

may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.