

# 2021 NEW ENGLAND 4-H PROGRAM

## 4-H DAIRY GOAT ACTIVITY SIGNATURE FORM

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

**PRINT !!! Do not omit any information requested**

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**DETACH THIS APPLICATION AND SUBMIT IT TO YOUR COUNTY 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 1/1/2021 \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ANIMALS ENTERED \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF PENS NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_  
(Including tack pen)

WILL YOU BE PARTICIPATING IN THE JULY 4-H GOAT PROGRAM (yes/no)? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please circle which day you will be arriving: MONDAY (7/26) or TUESDAY (7/27)

Departure: TUESDAY (7/27) or WEDNESDAY (7/28)

WILL YOU BE PARTICIPATING IN THE OCTOBER 4-H GOAT PROGRAM at THE BIG E (10/2)? (YES/NO)? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, will you be bringing animals on FRIDAY for the OCTOBER OPEN GOAT SHOW? YES NO

DO YOU ANTICIPATE ENTERING IN THE OCTOBER OPEN GOAT SHOW (yes/no)? \_\_\_\_\_

(separate entry form 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 Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature of 4-H County Representative/Club Leader \*Signature of State Office Representative Date

\*All Signatures MUST be completed before entry will be accepted. ENTRIES are DUE July 6 at the STATE OFFICE. YOU MAY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICATIONS FROM YOUR STATE CLUB LEADER OR ONLINE AT [WWW.THEBIGE.COM/AGRICULTURE](http://WWW.THEBIGE.COM/AGRICULTURE).

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION ONLINE ENTRIES FOR 4-H GOAT MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 6 AT 11:59PM. This deadline will be enforced.

## **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 2021 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 4-H Goat Project area and must meet respective state criteria. 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 (if applicable).
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. **EXHIBITOR HEALTH CONDITIONS** Each member must obtain from his 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.
4. **CONDITIONS** The 4-H Goat Show Committee and Eastern States Exposition 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, rule interpretation will be made by the committee chair. If it is a facilities issue this should be made to the Activity Superintendent and brought forward to the ESE Director of Agriculture and Education. Any concerns regarding participation or behavior by volunteers, staff, and 4-H Members from a particular state, shall be communicated through the ESE Director of Agriculture and Education to the New England 4-H Council Chair and the appropriate Extension Director for follow up and resolution. It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent and Show Chair to consult with the judge to ascertain that they understand the rules by which 4-H members are instructed to compete.
5. **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.
6. **HOUSING AND MEALS** Members must make their own arrangements for lodging and meals. There is no sleeping in the barn permitted and the dorm is not open.
7. **Overnight accommodations on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition are permitted in tents and campers. Overnight supervision of youth are the responsibility of the parent/guardian or guardian appointed chaperone.**
8. The management assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to livestock or persons. NO SMOKING IS ALLOWED ON EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION GROUNDS.

## JULY ACTIVITY (JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>-JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>) SEE SCHEDULE PAGE

9. **ENTRIES** Exhibitors in the July program must have owned or leased their goats on or before June 1. Exception: For doe kid class - animals must be raised and cared for from birth. Kids ages 0-4 months born after June 1 are allowed to show as long as the 4-H member owned or leased the dam of the kid by June 1 of the current year. Goats should be properly conditioned and fitted to be eligible to enter the 4-H Show. HORNED ANIMALS CANNOT BE SHOWN.
10. An exhibitor may only show in one project area. Exhibitors showing ADGA Registered (section 1) goats may not show in the Non-Registered (section 2) classes. 4-H'ers with non-registered goats may exhibit in non-registered doe class. If the 4-H'er has no registered or non-registered does the 4-H'er may exhibit a wether.
11. **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 section 1, original ADGA registration papers must be submitted to the Show Secretary at check-in and as additionally requested by show committee. All tattoos must be legible tattoos and correspond with the animal's ADGA registration papers. Animals that have been retattooed must have registration papers stating retattoo. Owners must provide their own readers for animals who have an EID. EID numbers on ADGA registration papers must match those of the animals EID. 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 Show Committee upon request. Examples of ownership are as follows: Chris Clover- acceptable, no lease required.

Clover Family: Sally, Bob, & Chris – acceptable as proof of ownership;

Clover Farm – not acceptable as proof of ownership, lease required;

Clover Family - not acceptable as proof of ownership, lease required.

12. Does over two years of **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.
13. Members must submit an entry form for each animal. ALL ANIMALS BROUGHT TO THE 4-H/Youth Working Steer Summer Event WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW IN THE TYPE CLASSES. Substitutions or post entries will not be permitted.
14. 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 sections.
15. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW AN OWNED OR LEASED ANIMAL IN THE SHOWING AND FITTING CLASSES. **Showmanship and fitting classes will be divided by exhibitor's age.**
16. **PEN ASSIGNMENTS** To help the goat committee with pen assignments, it is critical for exhibitors to update Jen Cushman [jennifer.cushman@uconn.edu](mailto:jennifer.cushman@uconn.edu) of any changes in their participation or number of animals. Space for tack will be allocated by the superintendent.
17. **ARRIVAL** Members and their goats must arrive on the premises Monday, July 26 between the hours of 3pm and 6pm (if participating in milk test) or Tuesday, July 27 between the hours of 7am and 10am. Participants arriving late risk being disqualified. NO LATE ARRIVALS! For arrival, vehicles, delegates and drivers may enter Gate 1. 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.
18. **DEPARTURE** Members and their goats will be released following the Junior Doe Show, Tuesday, July 27 for those only exhibiting Junior Does and at the conclusion of the Senior Doe Show, Wednesday, July 28 for those exhibiting junior and senior does, only senior does or non-registered. Release paper is required for trailers to enter the Mallary Complex Area.
19. **ANIMAL RELEASE** For departure, drivers and vehicles should enter Gate 1. The driver should proceed to Gate 10. As soon as loaded, the driver, delegate and vehicle must immediately exit via Gate 10 and Gate 1. Departure times must be adhered to.
20. **UNIFORM** Only white pants/skirt with white shirt for the show ring. Each exhibitor must have a hip clip or back harness to hold the exhibitor number while in the show ring for fitting & showmanship and type classes. 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 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/Shirt may be worn during breed classes. Please see enclosed dress code for more information.
21. **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.
22. **CARE OF EXHIBITS** Goats will be penned in the Mallary Complex. The exhibitors should bring their own grain, hay 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. Eastern States Exposition will furnish 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. 4-H banner display is encouraged. EXHIBITORS NEED TO BRING SHOVELS, FORKS 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.**
23. There will be a special 4-H banner for the Best Junior Doe in show and Best Senior Doe in show.
24. Show order subject to change by show management.

## OCTOBER ACTIVITY (OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>) SEE SCHEDULE PAGE 11

25. OPEN SHOW 4-H members and their animals are invited to participate in the open show on Sunday, October 3. If you are bringing animals for the open show and registered for the 4-H Goat Program on October 2 goats are permitted to stay in pens designated for the Open Show if arrival occurs between 6pm and 9pm on October 1. Please contact The Big E to request space for goats in the open show (space is not guaranteed). The members must make a separate entry in the open show; follow all open show rules and pay all required fees. 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 October 3, 2021.**
26. EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS Each state may bring a table top exhibit for their educational display during The Big E only. Please refer to the Educational Exhibit page.

### ADGA 4-H DAIRY GOAT SHOW AND CLASSES 2021 ADGA Rules Shall Govern

**The Junior and Senior shows are separately sanctioned.**

JUNIOR DIVISION: Does under 24 months of age, who have never freshened nor are in milk.

SENIOR DIVISION: To include does that have freshened or are being milking regularly. This includes dry and precocious milkers. Any doe 24 months of age or over that has never freshened shall not be shown.

\*CHAMPION CHALLENGE: All animals entered in this class must have the prefix CH, GCH, or SGCH affixed by ADGA on the animals registration papers. Permanent champions may be shown in the regular or challenge class whichever the owner chooses.

1. This show is sanctioned by ADGA for the following breeds: Alpine, LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Sable, Toggenburg and Recorded Grade.
2. The base date for age computation is the date the animals are to be judged, Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Junior Does) and Wednesday, July 28, 2021 (Senior Does).
3. The original registration certificate is required for all animals six months of age or older and this **MUST** be shown to the Show Secretary before the start of the show. Original registration papers must remain on site for the duration of the event. The original registration certificate or duplicate application stamped by the ADGA office is required and this **MUST** be shown to the Show Secretary before the start of the show. An ADGA stamped duplicate will be accepted **for registration dated on/after February 18, 2021 and will be permitted for any age animal in lieu of a certificate of registration/recordation until September 15, 2021.**
4. No copies of registration papers will be accepted but in the case of the stamped duplicate for animals registered on/after February 18, 2021--a faxed stamped copy from the ADGA office is acceptable. All tattoos must correspond exactly with the animal's pedigree papers and be legible. Animals retattooed must have registration papers stating retattoo. **All goats must be registered in the youth's name or leased in the name of the 4-H member by June 1. The number of leased animals allowed is based on the rules of state of origin. See general rule 4 for specific information**
5. Purebred and Recorded Grades shall not be shown in the same classes.
6. Due to ADGA rules no horned animals will be allowed.
7. Nigerian Dwarfs are required to be measured.
8. The ADGA 4-H Dairy Goat Show will be divided into the following classes. Ages of animals are computed as of the date of the show. Members may exhibit up to eight goats, show order is subject to change. Show Begins at 7/27 at 4pm sharp- Junior Does, 7/28 at 9:30am sharp- Senior Doe.

	A L P I N E	L A M C H A	N I G. D W A R F	N U B I A N	O B E R H A S L I	S A A N E N	S A B L E	T O G G E B U R G	R E C G R A D E
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#### Senior Division

Jr. Milkers under 2 yrs.	2101	4101	1101	7101	3101	5101	9101	6101	8101
Int. 2- under 3 yrs.	2102	4102	1102	7102	3102	5102	9102	6102	8102
Sr. 3-under 5 yrs.	2103	4103	1103	7103	3103	5103	9103	6103	8103
Mlkrs. 5 Yrs.& Over	2104	4104	1104	7104	3104	5104	9104	6104	8104

Senior Champion

Reserve Senior Champion

ADGA Grand Champion

ADGA Reserve Grand Champion

*Champion Challenge	2109	4109	1109	7109	3109	5109	9109	6109	8109
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**Best Senior Doe in Show (to be picked from the Senior Grand Champions of all the breeds)**

#### Junior Division

Jr. Doe Kids 0-under 4 mo.	2110	4110	1110	7110	3110	5110	9110	6110	8110
Sr. Doe Kids 4-under 6 mo.	2111	4111	1111	7111	3111	5111	9111	6111	8111
Doelings 6-under 12 mo.	2112	4112	1112	7112	3112	5112	9112	6112	8112
Dry Yearling	2113	4113	1113	7113	3113	5113	9113	6113	8113

Junior Champion

Reserve Junior Champion

ADGA Grand Champion

ADGA Reserve Grand Champion

**Best Junior Doe in Show (to be picked from the Junior Grand Champions of all the breeds)**

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.
6. Footwear deemed appropriate 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.

## 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)
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## 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>A. Appearance of Animal</b>	<b>40</b>
2. Condition and Thriftiness - showing normal growth -Neither too fat nor too thin	10
3. 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
4. Clipping - entire body if weather has permitted, showing allowance to get neat coat of hair by show time; neatly trimmed tail and ears.	10
5. 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
<b>B. Appearance of Exhibitor</b>	<b>10</b>
1. Clothes and person neat and clean - under rules see #16 Uniform requirements	10
<b>C. Showing Animal in the Ring</b>	<b>50</b>
1. Leading	10
<p>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.</p>	
2. Posing	15
<p>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 upstage 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
3. Showing	15
<p>Show animal to best advantage, recognizing the conformation faults of the animal you are leading and striving to help overcome them.</p>	
4. Poise, alertness, and courteous attitude	10
<p>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.</p>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

# ADGA DAIRY GOAT SCORECARD

Explanation of Scorecard

Sr. Doe Jr. 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

Stature- slightly taller at withers than at hips with long bone pattern throughout.

2 2 2

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 and slightly uphill to withers; level chine with full crops into a straight, wide loin; wide hips smoothly set and level with back; strong rump which is 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).

8 12 10

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 angulated in side profile through the stifle to cleanly molded hocks, nearly perpendicular from hock to B, 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

Angularity and general openness with strong yet refined and clean bone structure, showing 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.

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.

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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.

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Fore Udder - wide and full to the side and extending moderately forward without excess non-lactating tissue and indicating capacity, desirable shape, and productivity.

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Rear Udder - capacious, high, wide, and arched into the escutcheon; uniformity wide and deep to the floor; moderately curved in side profile without protruding beyond the vulva.

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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.

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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.

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**Totals**

**100 100 100**

## **ADGA MILKING COMPETITION—ONE DAY MILK TEST**

**\*\*\* ALL goats not in milk test are required to participate in milk-out. \*\*\***

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 out bucket, i.e. a stainless steel pail. 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 out 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 (\$3 - members; \$5 - nonmembers) to the American Dairy Goat Association.

## **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.

## **MANDATORY MILK OUT**

All Senior Does not participating in the ADGA milk test competition must be milked out and verified at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

## **4-H DAIRY GOAT GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

**All individuals participating in the July 4-H Dairy Goat Program must participate in the July virtual General Knowledge during orientation.**

**Individually** youth participants will be asked to demonstrate their dairy goat management knowledge, oral reason and critical thinking judging skills. All youth participants will participate. Individual awards will be awarded.

### **Resources**

Cornell 4-H Fact Sheets and Slides

<https://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/goats/dairy-goats/>

ADGA Linear Appraisal Book

<https://adga.org/linear-appraisal-resources/>

ADGA Dairy Goat Scorecard

<https://adga.org/adga-shows-scorecard/>

## **4-H DAIRY GOAT STEWARD PROGRAM**

This program is available for up to two (2) 4-H members per State.

One steward position is available to a 4-H qualifying youth whose animal has become sick and cannot be brought to the Show. The other steward position is available to a youth looking to explore the New England Summer 4-H Spectacular 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-out. They may assist other members with showing in a breed class.

## EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS AT THE BIG E OCTOBER 2, 2021

Displays must be designed and worked on by State 4-H Dairy Goat Team members only (no advisors or leaders).

1. The number of participants working on the display is not limited.
2. The subject of the display is as follows: Vermont – Feeds/Nutrition; New Hampshire – Diseases; Connecticut – DNA; Rhode Island – Breed Standards; Massachusetts – Goat Uses (clearing land, packing); and, Maine – Parasites.
3. Each state is to be given a table for their display and will be judged as one display. The exhibit must fit on a 4 foot by 2 foot, draped table (provided by ESE) and may not hang over the ends. The display must be free standing, secure, and self-contained. For safety reasons, the display's height should not exceed 3 feet. Placement of table displays will be at the discretion of the Committee Chair, upon approval by Director of Agriculture.
4. All displays and display materials must comply with West Springfield Fire Prevention Code. (Please see Fire Prevention Regulations).
5. The display should be completed and in place by 9am Saturday (Not to be changed after this time)
6. The state's name should not be included in the display until after judging is completed.
7. Educational displays should have a 4-H clover in the display.

The display will be judged on the following criteria:

*(Please judge displays from left to right, with the 1st display on the left being Display 1)*

Judging Criteria	Value	Display 1	Display 2	Display 3	Display 4	Display 5	Display 6
1. Educational Value	30						
2. Originality	20						
3. Neatness	20						
4. Has a 4-H Clover with 18 U.S.C 707	10						
5. State Identification <u>not</u> included.	10						
6. Display within stated size guidelines.	5						
7. Scale of lettering	5						
TOTAL POINTS	100						



## 4-H DAIRY GOAT JUDGING

All participants in the 4-H Dairy Goat Program at The Big E on October 2 will judge classes of senior and junior doe animals and prepare a set of oral reasons. Ribbons will be awarded to the highest placing junior and senior exhibitors.

## 4-H DAIRY GOAT DEMONSTRATIONS

Participants will prepare and deliver a 10-minute demonstration on a topic related to dairy goats. Rosette ribbons will be awarded to the highest placing junior and senior exhibitors. Danish ribbons will be awarded to all participants.

### 4-H GOAT DEMONSTRATION SCORECARD

Judging Criteria	Point Value
Educational Value -relevant to dairy goats -accurate information	25
Ability of the audience to engage in subject -use of terminology -visuals -engages audience	20
Quality of Delivery - volume - use of time - poise	25
Mechanics of Presentation - organization	15
Ability to respond to questions	10
Appearance of Presenter -appropriate dress	5
<b>Total Points</b> 90-100 Points: Blue 80-89 Points: Red <79 Points: White	<b>100</b>

### **Smith Memorial 4-H Dairy Goat Award-Awarded in July**

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:

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 Monday and concluding at the end of 4-H dairy goat breed show on Wednesday.

#### **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 conclusion of the July the 4-H Dairy Goat Program at Big E.

**2021 NEW ENGLAND 4-H DAIRY GOAT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
**JULY ACTIVITIES**

**MONDAY, JULY 26**

- 3:00 - 6:00 pm      4-H members and goats arrive at Eastern States Exposition. **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, members should check-in their animal with the Show Secretary. Arrival at this time is required for those animals participating in milk test.
- 7:00 pm              Non-Registered Milk Test- First followed by Alphabetical by Breed  
ADGA **Recorded Milk Test**- Mallary East (Ring 2)  
Optional milk test for senior does, must arrive on Monday and participate in Monday evening, Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening milk test.

**TUESDAY, JULY 27**

- 7:00 am              Non-Registered Milk Test- First followed by Alphabetical by Breed  
ADGA Recorded Milk Test - Mallary East (Ring 2)
- 7:00 - 10:00 am      4-H members and goats not arriving on Monday must arrive at Eastern States Exposition. **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, members should check-in their animal with the Show Secretary.
- 10:30 am             Senior Fitting & Showing followed by Junior Fitting & Showing - Mallary East (Ring 2)
- 4 pm                  ADGA Junior Doe Breed Classes - Mallary East (Ring 2)
- 7:00 pm              Non-Registered Milk Test- First followed by Alphabetical by Breed  
ADGA Recorded Milk Test – Mallary East (Ring 2)  
  
Mandatory milk out for all senior does not participating in Milk Test
- 7:00 - 8:00 pm      Junior Doe Departure – Mallary East North End  
Those animals traveling with senior does may remain.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28**

- 9:00 am              Nonregistered Breed Classes – Mallary East (Ring 2)
- 9:30 am – 3:00 pm   ADGA Senior Doe Breed Classes - Mallary East (Ring 2)
- Following Sr. Doe Show   4-H Dairy Goat Departure Mallary East North End

\*Mandatory Orientation and General Knowledge will be held virtually prior to July 26<sup>th</sup>



# 2021 NEW ENGLAND 4-H DAIRY GOAT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT THE BIG E

## OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1**

6pm-9pm Optional Arrival for those 4-H members exhibiting goats in the Open Goat Show on Sunday

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2**

9am Setup Educational Displays

9:30-11am Dairy Judging Contest

11:00am Judging Educational Displays

11:00 – 3pm Demonstrations

\* Mandatory Orientation will be held virtually prior to October 2<sup>nd</sup>

### 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

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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

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Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date
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Print Name	Date
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## UNDERSTANDING ADGA RULES FOR AN ADGA SANCTIONED 4-H SHOW

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The American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) sanctions the 4-H show and milking competition at The Big E. Because of this, there may be more rules than you are familiar with from your local 4-H show. We hope that this sheet will give you some information you need to know about showing in this type of show. Full rules and guidelines that ADGA shows are governed by are in the ADGA Guidebook. This guidebook is available from the American Dairy Goat Association or on ADGA.org. All ADGA Rules shall govern regardless if they are highlighted here or not.

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### **REGISTRATION PAPERS:**

Animals shown in an ADGA sanctioned show must have registration papers issued by ADGA, CGS, or AGS. These papers must be presented at time of check-in to be able to show. The original paper must be presented for all animals over 6 months of age. No photocopies or faxed copies are allowed. Animals under 6 months of age can be shown on a stamped duplicate. **A stamped duplicate is only valid for 30 day from the date stamped by the ADGA office.**

### **TATOOS:**

All animals being shown must have a legible tattoo that matches the tattoo exactly as it is on the registration papers. It is advised that you check these before registering for the show. People make mistakes (tattoo the wrong ear, etc.) and registration papers can be changed if you check in advance. Also remember, some tattoos fade over time—check to make sure they are readable. If a goat needs to be re-tattooed, the registration papers must be sent back to ADGA and the papers will need to state “re-tattooed”. If stray marks are found in the ear and the papers do not say re-tattooed, the judge could say the tattoo is incorrect, and you will not get credit for your show win.

### **HORNS:**

ADGA does not allow animals with horns to be shown. AGS does register animals with horns, but ADGA rules do not allow them in the show ring, so if the animal is registered through AGS and has horns, it may not be shown.

### **BREED STANDARDS/DEFECTS/DISQUALIFICATION:**

These are located in the ADGA Guidebook. It is your responsibility to know your animals and if they have developed a disqualification. For example, an Oberhasli may be registered meeting breed standards. Later on, the animal may develop a white spot greater than 1.5 inches. At this point, the animal would be disqualified. Other general disqualifications include: total blindness, serious emaciation, permanent lameness or difficulty in walking, blind teat, evidence of hermaphroditism and blind or non-functioning half of udder. This is not an all-inclusive list. You should refer to the ADGA guidebook for a complete list. If an animal has a disqualification it should not be shown. Animals with defects will be placed lower in the class, but are still able to be shown.

### **RECORDED GRADES:**

Know what breed your goat is registered under. Just because it looks like a Nubian does not mean it is a Nubian. It could be registered as a recorded grade or experimental (brown papers) and needs to be shown in the recorded grade class.

### **SANCTION:**

The 4-H show at The Big E is a combined Jr./Sr. Doe Show. It is a restricted show as only 4-H youth are allowed to enter. The rules governing *Winning a Leg towards Championship* are available in the ADGA guidebook.

### **ADGA DEFINITIONS:**

1. Combined Jr./Sr. Doe Show--A show for the exhibition of does of all ages
2. Senior Doe Show--A show for the exhibition of does that have freshened or are being milked regularly
3. Junior Doe Show--A show for the exhibition of does under 24 months of age who have never freshened nor are in milk

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

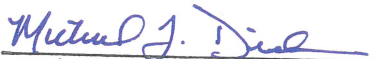
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**WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01089**  
**FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL SHOWS**

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.

  
Michael J. Dickson- Deputy Fire Chief

  
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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](https://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.