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CORPORATE MISSION STATEMENT

Eastern States Exposition is a not-for-profit corporation committed to excellence in providing year-round opportunities for the development and promotion of agriculture, education, industry and family entertainment while preserving our New England heritage.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Eastern States Exposition is organized as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to:

1. Provide an educational experience for urban and rural persons, especially youth, through programs and exhibitions designed to include local and regional participation, demonstration and competition;
2. Provide a show window to present the agricultural and other resources of the Northeast and beyond;
3. Provide regional facilities for use in serving the best interests of New England and the Northeast;
4. Focus attention on the New England heritage and its pioneering spirit that contributes to continuing progress.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Eastern States Exposition is committed to the humane treatment of all animals exhibited. Every possible precaution is taken to ensure animal safety and well-being. Production practices in the livestock industry are based on sound principles of animal husbandry. No one has greater economic stake in animal welfare than livestock producers and organizations involved in agriculture production and promotion.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

12noon -8:00 p.m. Brown Swiss, Holstein, Red and White Move-In

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Brown Swiss, Holstein, Red and White Move-In

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 a.m. - 12noon Brown Swiss, Holstein, Red and White Move-In
12noon -10:00 p.m. Sheep Week 1 Move-In

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Sheep Week 1 Move-In
By Apt. Brown Swiss, Holstein, Red and White Move-In

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Sheep Week 1 Move-In
9:00 a.m. Northeast National Brown Swiss Showmanship
Northeast National Brown Swiss Show
Brown Swiss moves out at show conclusion
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Aberdeen, Angus, Belted Galloway Move-In to Tie Outs Only

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00 a.m. Brown Swiss must be out of barns
8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Sheep Week 1 Move-In
8:00 a.m.-12noon Aberdeen, Angus, Belted Galloway Move-In
9:00 a.m. Red and White/Holstein Showmanship
11:00 a.m. Red and White Dairy Cattle Show – Heifers, Alternating
11:00 a.m. Northeast Fall National Holstein Show – Heifers, Alternating
12noon- 4:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Move-In

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00 a.m. Cheviot Show
9:00 a.m. 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest
9:00 a.m. Red and White Dairy Cattle Show – Cows and Groups, Alternating
9:00 a.m. Northeast Fall National Holstein Show – Cows and Groups, Alternating
12noon Holstein/Red & White moves out at show conclusion
Working Dog Demo
1:30 p.m. Suffolk Show
2:30 p.m. 4-H Dairy Grilled Cheese & Milkshake Contest
5:00 p.m.-5:45p.m. Youth Giant Pumpkin Move-In
5:30 p.m. 4-H Dairy Clipping Contest
6:30 p.m. Youth Giant Pumpkin & Squash Weigh-Off

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 a.m. Holstein/Red & White must be out of barns
8:00 a.m. Lead line must be in place
8:30 a.m. Northeast Regional Shropshire Show
8:00 a.m. Combined Beef Showmanship
American Aberdeen Show (following Beef Showmanship)
Rachel H. Breck Angus Show (following Aberdeen's)
Richard Anderson Belted Galloway Show (following Angus)
Move out after conclusion of show
9:00a.m. Youth Decorated Pumpkin
12noon Lead Line
1:30 p.m. National Northeastern Regional Dorper Show
3:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Type Show
4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Milking Shorthorn Move-In
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Weigh-In and Scanning Market Lambs
6:00 p.m. Working Dog Demo
7:00 p.m. Junior Sheep Showmanship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

By 7:00 a.m.	Aberdeen, Angus, Belted Galloway must be out of barns
7:00 a.m. – 12noon	Milking Shorthorn Move-In
8:30 a.m.	Northeast Regional Oxford Show
9:30 a.m.	4-H Dairy Fitting & Showing
11:00 a.m.	Live Market Lamb Show
2:00 p.m.	National Eastern Regional Southdown Show
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	4-H Dairy Move-Out
3:00 p.m.	Market Lamb Move-Out
6:00 -8:00 p.m.	Jackpot/ORB/Simmental move in
7:00 p.m.	Working Dog Demo
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Ayrshire Move-In

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6 a.m. - 12noon	Ayrshire Move-In
7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Pulling Horse Move-In
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Jackpot/ORB/Simmental Move-In
9:00 a.m.	Northeastern National Junior Milking Shorthorn Showmanship
	Northeastern National Junior Milking Shorthorn Show
9:00 a.m.	Northeast Regional Polled Dorset Show
10:00 a.m.	Draft Horse Pulling 3100lbs.
12noon	Northeast Regional Katahdin Show
1:30 p.m.	Draft Horse Pulling 3400lbs
3:00 p.m.	AOB Meat Show
6:00 p.m.	Draft Horse Pulling Over 3400lbs.
6:00 p.m.	Working Dog Demo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Oxen Pulling Move-In
9:00 a.m.	Northeastern National Milking Shorthorn Show
	Milking Shorthorn moves out at show conclusion
9:00 a.m.	Pure Horned Dorset Show
9:30 a.m.	Draft Oxen Pull 2500lbs. & under
11:30 a.m.	Draft Oxen Pull 2900lbs.
12noon	Working Dog Demo
1:00 p.m.	Marcus Thompson Jr. Hampshire Show
2:30 p.m.	Draft Oxen Pull 3300lbs.
4:00 p.m.	Sheep Supreme Champion Selections
4:00 p.m.	Combined Beef Showmanship
5:00 p.m.	Simmental Show followed by ORB Show
6:00 p.m.	Draft Oxen Pull Over 3300lbs.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00 a.m.	Milking Shorthorn must be out of barns
10:00 a.m.-12noon	Fleece arrival
10:00 a.m.	Sheep Exhibitor's Meeting
11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Sheep Move-Out
1:00 p.m.	Vernon Oatley Jackpot Heifer and Steer Show
	Jackpot/ORB/Simmental moves out at show conclusion
5:00 p.m.	Ayrshire Youth Showmanship
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Hereford Move-In to Tie Outs Only
10:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.	Sheep Week 2 Move-In

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00 a.m.	Jackpot/ORB/Simmental must be out of barns
8:00 a.m.-12noon	Hereford Move-In
8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	Sheep Week 2 Move-In
9:00 a.m.	Eastern States National Ayrshire Show
	Ayrshire moves out at show conclusion
6:00 p.m.	Working Dog Demo

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 4-H Beef Move-In

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 a.m. Ayrshires must be out of barn
 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. 4-H Beef Move-In
 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Fleece Move-in
 9:00 a.m. Fleece Show Judging
 9:00 a.m. Jacob Show
 10:00 a.m. Hereford Junior Showmanship
 Hereford Junior Show to follow
 12noon-4:00 p.m. YWS Move-In
 12noon Working Dog Demo
 1:30 p.m. Shetland Show
 2:00-10:00 p.m. Jersey and Guernsey Move-In
 5:00 p.m.-5:45p.m. Adult Giant Pumpkin Move-In
 6:00p.m. 4-H Beef Judging Contest
 6:30 p.m. Adult Giant Pumpkin & Squash Weigh-Off

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Jersey and Guernsey Move-In
 8:30 a.m. Northeast Regional Tunis Show
 9:00a.m. Adult Decorated Pumpkin
 9:00 a.m. Hereford Open Show
 12noon Sheep Lead Line
 1:00 p.m. Wool Spinning Bee
 1:00p.m. 4-H Beef Show Heifers- followed by Steers
 1:30 p.m. National Lincoln Show
 6:00 p.m. Youth Working Steer Fitting/Showing
 6:00 p.m. Working Dog Demo
 7:00 p.m. Junior Sheep Showmanship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00 a.m. Herefords must be out of barn
 8:00 a.m. 4-H Beef Showmanship
 9:00 a.m. Eastern Regional Natural Colored Fine & Medium Show
 9:00 a.m. 4-H Beef Record Judging
 12noon 4-H Beef Skill-A-Thon
 12noon Youth Working Steer Senior/Junior Performance
 1:30 p.m. National Polly Hopkins Border Leicester Show
 6:00 p.m. Working Dog Demo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 a.m. Youth Working Steer Senior/Junior Pulling
 Youth Working Steer Awards Ceremony to follow
 8:00 a.m. Open Sheep Dog Trial Registration
 9:00 a.m. Cotswold Show
 11:00 a.m. Sheep Dog Trial 1
 1:00 p.m. 4-H Beef Sale Set Up
 1:00 p.m. Romney Show
 3:00 p.m. Sheep Dog Trail 2
 5:00 p.m. 4-H Beef Buyers Reception
 6:00 p.m. 4-H Beef Sale
 6:00 p.m. Working Dog Demo
 10:00 p.m. All 4-H Beef must be out of barns

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Boer Goat Move-In
 9:00 a.m. AOB Wool
 9:00 a.m. New England Guernsey Classic Showmanship
 New England Guernsey Classic to follow

12noon	Guernsey moves out at show conclusion
1:00 p.m.	Working Dog Demo
4:00 p.m.	Corriedale Show
4:00 p.m.	Boer Goat Show 1
4:00 p.m.	Sheep Supreme Champion Selections

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00 a.m.	Guernsey's must be out of the barns
8:00 a.m.	Northeast Jersey Classic Showmanship
	Northeast Jersey Classic to follow
	Jersey move-out at show conclusion
10:00 a.m.	Sheep Week 2 Exhibitor Meeting
11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Sheep Week 2 Move-Out
12noon	Fleece must be picked up
4:00 p.m.	Boer Goat Show 2

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00 a.m.	Jerseys must be out of the barns
9:00 a.m.	Boer Goat Show Youth Show
	Boer Goat Show 3 to follow
	Boer Goats must be out of barn 1 hour post show
12noon-9:00 p.m.	Llama Move-In
2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	4-H Goat Move-In
7:00 p.m.	4-H Goat Milk Out

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00 a.m.	4-H Goat Milk Out
8:00 a.m.	Llama Fleece Judging
8:00 a.m.	Llama Show
8:00a.m.-12noon	4-H Sheep Move-In
9:00 a.m.	4-H Dairy Goat Showmanship
10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Alpaca Move-In
1:00 p.m.	Alpaca Fleece Show
2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Swine Move-In
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	4-H Dog Move-In
7:00 p.m.	4-H Goat Milk Out
7:00 p.m.	4-H Sheep Blocking & Trimming
8:00 p.m.	4-H Dog Costume Contest

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 a.m.	Llama Show
8:30 a.m.	4-H Goat Breed Classes
8:30 a.m.	4-H Sheep Fitting and Showmanship Market Lamb
9:00 a.m.	Alpaca Show
9:00 a.m.	4-H Dog Obedience
10:00 a.m.	Swine Youth Skill-A-Thon
11:00 a.m.	4-H Sheep Skill-A-Thon
3:00 p.m.	4-H Dairy Goat Release
7:00 p.m.	Llama & Alpaca Costume Class
7:00 p.m.	4-H Dog Agility
8:00 p.m.-10:00p.m.	Dairy Goat Move-In

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:30a.m.-8:30a.m.	Dairy Goat Move-In
9:00 a.m.	4-H Sheep Quiz Bowl
9:00 a.m.	4-H Dog Fitting & Showmanship
9:00 a.m.	Alpaca Show
9:00 a.m.	Llama Show
	Northeast Classic Dairy Goat Show - Sr Doe Show

12noon	Swine Prospect, Open and Youth Show Swine moves out at show conclusion
1:00 p.m.	4-H Sheep Lamb Burger Cook Off
2:00 p.m.	Northeast Classic Dairy Goat Show - Jr Doe Show Dairy Goats move out at show conclusion
4:00 p.m.	4-H Sheep Release
5:00 p.m.	4-H Dog Release
10:00 p.m.	Adult Giant Pumpkin must be picked up

ENTRY FEES AND PASS INFORMATION

Late entries, when allowed, are double the standard fee (unless otherwise noted). Late entries may not appear in the show catalog. Open show entry fees paid in full, must accompany completed entry forms. PAYMENT MUST BE IN U.S. FUNDS and checks made payable to Eastern States Exposition reflecting the following rates:

	ENTRY FEES	
	REGULAR FEE	LATE FEE (IF APPLICABLE)
BEEF	\$16 PER HEAD	\$32 PER HEAD
CHRISTMAS TREE	NO FEE	
DAIRY**	\$16 PER HEAD	\$32 PER HEAD
DAIRY GOATS	\$5 PER HEAD	\$10 PER HEAD
SHEEP	\$5 PER HEAD	\$10 PER HEAD
LEAD LINE	\$5 PER ENTRY	
SWINE	\$5 PER HEAD	\$10 PER HEAD
MARKET LAMB**	\$5 PER HEAD	\$10 PER HEAD
PRODUCE DISPLAY**	\$5 PER ENTRY	
PUMPKIN AND SQUASH**	\$5 PER ENTRY	
GOURDS**	\$2 PER ENTRY	
PULLING (Oxen and Horses)**	NO FEE	
SHEEP DOG TRIAL	\$25 PER ENTRY	
SHEEP FLEECE**	\$5 PER ENTRY	
ALPACA	\$35 PER HEAD	\$70 PER HEAD
Pen Charge	\$15 PER PEN	
Display Stall**	\$25 (limit 1 per exhibiting farm)	
Fleece	\$15 PER FLEECE	
LLAMA	\$35 PER HEAD	\$70 PER HEAD
Pen Charge	\$15 PER PEN	
Llama Fleece	\$20 PER FLEECE	
Llama Novice Jackpot	\$25 PER HEAD	
Llama Master Jackpot	\$50 PER HEAD	
Display Stall**	\$25 (limit 1 per exhibiting farm)	

****See Specific Department Rules for entry deadlines and procedures.**

REMEMBER: Entry fees are not required for group classes.

**PASSES ARE ISSUED FOR
INITIAL ENTRY TO GROUNDS.
ADDITIONAL PASSES ARE AVAILABLE FROM YOUR SUPERIN-
TENDENT.
RECEIPT OF PASSES IS CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY.**

1. Exhibitor Compliance: The rules and regulations contained in the Official Big E Premium Book (including IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and Eastern States Exposition (ESE) Code of Ethics) are the conditions under which all entries are accepted. Exhibitors are urged to study these rules carefully before making application for entries. A signed entry serves as an agreement to comply with all rules and regulations contained within this book and all other official Big E publications (including changes posted within our website). Incomplete (unsigned) entries will be returned with any accompanying payment.

2. Loss Or Damage: All exhibits will be under the direction of ESE Management, who will exercise every reasonable care in the protection of exhibits. In no case will ESE 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 ESE against legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. All consumption of food/beverages in the Mallary Complex by exhibitors and their guests is done at the exhibitor's risk.

3. Entries: A separate entry form is required for each exhibitor and/or herd unit for each breed Access to the ESE online entry system and entry forms is available at www.TheBigE.com/competitions, paper forms may be reproduced for your convenience. Faxed entries will be accepted and processed once the provided credit card payment has been successfully charged. *Metered mail postmarks will not be accepted as proof of meeting the entry deadline. If the number of entries exceeds the allowed barn space capacity, entries will be accepted in the order they were received. Refunds for canceled entries will only be granted in extreme circumstances at the discretion of the Director of Agriculture.*

4. Initial Passes: Upon receipt and acceptance of entry, **initial entry passes** will be issued to the exhibitor. Passes are intended to provide initial entry and parking for people working directly with the animals and owners. Additional passes will be available from your superintendent upon arrival.

5. Reduced Rate Tickets: *are available from the Agriculture Office after July 1 at \$10 per ticket. We invite and encourage you to take advantage of these ticket savings. Please call 413-205-5011, requesting the Agriculture Office, or email a ticket request to aginfo@TheBigE.com.*

6. Rule Violations: Within the show ring competition, the decision of the judge is final in all cases—except where an error or deliberate misrepresentation is discovered. In the case of unintentional error brought to light after placing has been announced but before the end of the breed show, a correction of placing and corresponding premiums will be made by management. If the error is not discovered until after the completion of the breed show, management will make an effort to rectify the error but will not be held responsible for exhibitor unintentional error. If, in the opinion of management, an exhibitor willfully violates any rules governing The Big E, all premiums and/or prizes won by him/her will be forfeited and he/she may be subject to such other penalties as management deems appropriate. Other penalties will potentially involve inclusion in the National Show Ring Ethics infraction database.

7. Rule And Deadline Interpretation: The management of ESE reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations governing the show and to make such decisions as may be necessary for the successful conduct of the show. Such interpretations and decisions will be final. Questions regarding rule interpretations should be directed to Director of Agriculture & Education, ESE, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield MA 01089, telephone 413-205-5011 or aginfo@TheBigE.com. Requests will receive prompt attention. Request for exception to any rule must be made in written form and must accompany the entry form. This request is not grounds for a late entry. All entries must be made in accordance to the listed dates to be accepted.

8. Grievance Procedure: An exhibitor wishing to protest or appeal any action, condition or circumstance occurring during the show which he considers detrimental to his interests, the interests of his fellow exhibitors or those of the Exposition, may protest, complain or appeal to the management at any time prior to the release hour for his exhibits, by plainly stating his appeal or protest in writing and attaching thereto a fee of \$100, such fee to be refunded upon settlement of the claim in his/her favor but forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Protests questioning the competency or fairness of judges will not be entertained or condoned. In all cases of complaint, protest or appeal, the decision of the appropriate committee will be binding and final.

9. Valid Registration Certificates: The original registration certificate or association's duplicate or computer printouts (NO PHOTOCOPIES) will be considered as proof of ownership, identity, age and breeder of an entry. Electronic registration certificates are accepted and may be used by management as ownership verification. The ownership of an entry must appear on the certificate as it will be exhibited, or if owned in partnership, exhibited by one or more of the owners. In the case of an animal under one year of age, a photocopy or electronic image of the registration application with a registration number assigned by the breed association may be presented if the actual registration paper is not processed by show date. We will not accept registration transfers after the show has started. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be sure animals are registered properly according to their respective breed association rules. Junior exhibitors should check rules under their specific breed for ownership deadlines. Please

make sure papers are with animals.

10. Tattoos: For all breeds requiring tattoos as a means of permanent identification, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to be sure tattoos are clear and easily readable. Animals with questionable tattoos will not be allowed to show. Exception: Llamas and Alpacas must have microchips.

11. Exhibitor And Breeder: An exhibitor must be the owner or member of a partnership or syndicate owning an animal. Animals owned in partnership or syndicate must be entered in an individual class of the show under the partnership or syndicate's name. In group classes, partnership or syndicate animals may be entered and exhibited under the name of one of the co-owners, but must be entered in all classes in the same manner. For meeting the requirements in all group classes, for premier breeder and exhibitor, and defining numbers of an entry, an exhibitor is further defined as those members of an immediate family residing on one farm and where the herd is one unit. *Exhibitors are required to list persons qualifying as family members of one unit or all members of a syndicate on the entry form.*

12. Substitutions: An entry may be substituted within or between classes after the entry deadline, providing the owner and/or part owner making the original entry is owner and/or part owner of the entry being substituted. (See Special Rules in Dairy Goat & Sheep section for exception.) As described in the definition of exhibitor and breeder, substitutions may be made among different members of the same family on the same farm. There will be no substitutions between breeds. **Use the substitution form located on the website.**

13. Inspection Procedure: All gates are closed to livestock entrance or exit between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Please plan to arrive only during the times listed in each show section, unless otherwise stated.

a. All inspections will be done by official Animal Health Inspectors or Massachusetts State Veterinarians (referred to as AHI). They have the final word of determination and management will support their decisions.

b. Multiple AHI personnel will be on hand during the pre-determined arrival hours and will remain until all animals have been checked. Specific inspectors will oversee specific areas, but all inspectors are qualified to inspect all species of animals and may be called to additional areas as needed.

c. Health papers and official interstate health papers issued from their state of origin, and meeting MDAR Fair Animal Health Requirements must accompany animals! This means the driver or exhibitor must be in possession of the papers and remain with the animals during the entire inspection process.

d. Arrive at Gate 1

1. Show health papers, if requested to do so.

2. If the gate person requests, please wait patiently until directed to proceed to the next point.

e. Proceed to Gate 10

1. Show health papers.

2. Be prepared for staff to compare the number of animals being transported with the number of animals listed on the papers. **All animals being transported must be accounted for on the health papers or driver will be asked to leave without unloading.**

f. Please contact your superintendent before attempting to unload ANY animals. No animals may unload before superintendent approval. **Each animal MUST pass inspection before entering the Mallary Complex or tie-out stalls.**

g. (Bovine, Goat, Camelid) Unload as directed by superintendent.

1. AHI will inspect each animal as they unload. AHI initials on the health papers prove the animal has passed inspection and may be stalled/penned.

2. If there is a waiting line, animal safety and welfare is of utmost concern. Weather (heat and humidity) may dictate the animals' need to unload before the inspection process can happen. In this case, the animals will proceed to the nearest wash rack on the perimeter of the Mallary Complex and remain there until inspected. **No animal may enter the Mallary Complex or tie-out stalls before they have passed inspection.**

h. (Sheep, Swine) Unload as directed by superintendent.

1. AHI will inspect each animal as they unload. AHI initials on the health papers prove the animal has passed inspection and may be penned.

2. If there is a waiting line, animal safety and welfare is of utmost concern. Weather (heat and humidity) may dictate the animals' need to unload before the inspection process can happen. In this case the animals will proceed to the holding pens on the east side or east alcove of the Mallary Complex. There, animals may unload and wait in relative safety and comfort until their turn to be inspected. **No animal may enter the Mallary Complex before they have passed inspection.**

i. Any animal not passing inspection will be asked to leave the grounds. If leaving would induce unfair hardship on the driver or exhibitor, the animals would proceed directly to the quarantine area directly outside Gate 10 and remain in the quarantine area for the duration of their stay. A reasonable amount

of bedding will be provided in the quarantine area; water and electricity are available. Animal care is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Said animal may not be exhibited.

- j. Failure to comply with the arrival and inspection procedure will constitute an infraction of the General Rules and Regulations in which case the exhibitor and/or driver and all animals listed within that entry will be asked to leave ESE premises.

14. Arrival/Departure Waiver: On rare occasions, exemptions to our published arrival/departure times are allowed. (Example: in case of family emergency or to accommodate attendance at other livestock expositions.) To request exemption to the published arrival/departure times, a request must be made to the Director of Agriculture and Education. The Director of Agriculture and Education will be contacted by gate security and will handle all nighttime emergency arrivals.

15. Releases: All release documents will be issued from the superintendent's office. Exhibitors who remove one or more animals without a release will forfeit all premiums won. For times and dates, please see each specific show. Premiums will be forfeited by the owner if exhibitor of a show string chooses to leave early.

16. Stabling: Stabling process begins with your accepted entry form; special stabling requests will be entertained if made at the time of entry and space allows. Final stabling determination is at the discretion of the show superintendent and will be done according to actual numbers of animals brought to the Fair (not entered), tack and display of farm signs, banners, etc. Payment of entry fees does not provide bedding, stabling or display space for animals not brought to the Fair.

17. Display Stalls: Displays must not interfere with other exhibitors and must comply with the West Springfield Fire Prevention Codes published in this Premium Book. Exhibitors will be required to always maintain their respective area in a reasonably clean and orderly condition. No alleyway fans will be allowed!

18. Night Tie-Out: (Beef Animals only) A night tie-out area will be provided for use between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. for beef animals.

19. Sharps Disposal: Any syringes/needles found in the garbage or manure pits require a biohazard team to be brought in for management and disposal. The cost of this situation management will be deducted from the following year's available premiums for all shows in the barn at the time of infraction. Disposal containers are available in Mallary offices, the milk room and several places throughout the barn. If a container is missing or full, please notify the Agriculture Office immediately! You may also take biohazard waste home with you.

20. Camper Policy:

- a. Camping exhibitors are to submit a camping request by May 30. Camper reservations will be issued starting June 15. Camping exhibitors will pay for their camping reservation when a confirmation has been issued. Requests that are not accommodated will be added to a wait list. Wait list reservations will be issued as space is available through the fair. **NO CAMPER WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE MALLARY COMPLEX AREA WITHOUT A VERIFIED CONFIRMATION.**
- b. Camper spaces may be requested by exhibitors and others working with an open livestock show during The Big E and are limited to dates of your entry activity.
- c. Camper move-in begins at 1 p.m. on your arrival date, and departure is by 12 pm noon on your departure day. Campers moving in on September 18 may experience delays due to the sheep move-out scheduled from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- d. Space is officially confirmed upon receipt of payment and signed Camper Confirmation. Your signature is required and by signing the Camper Confirmation the individual agrees to assume all risks associated with their stay.
- e. Camper spaces in the Mallary Complex area and are assessed as follows:
 \$20 per camper per night for 0 slide-outs
 \$30 per camper per night for 1 slide-out
 \$40 per camper per night for 2+ slide-outs
- f. No camper will be parked in the Mallary Complex without a permit attached. Permits will be available from the camper lot superintendent upon arrival to gate 10.
- g. 50-amp service is available to all campers inside the Mallary Camping Lot.
- h. No drop awnings are permitted in the Mallary Complex area. Only grounded extension cords may be used in the camper lot. One plug per unit.
- i. All campers need to be equipped with a long sewer line and hose.
- j. If space is not available in the Mallary Camper Lot, dry camping is available at Gate 9 on a "first come, first served" basis without hook-ups or electricity.
- k. No cars, trucks or other non-camper vehicles are allowed to be used as overnight accommodation on the grounds of The Big E. Any vehicles used in this manner will be towed.
- l. More information is available regarding the availability of camper parking spaces in our public

parking lot. For specific information regarding public parking, camping and pricing, please contact The Big E Admissions Department at 800-639-2908.

1. ESE does not encourage the use of tents due to their possible placement near moving vehicles in our public parking lot. Persons wishing to use canvas-sided/pop-up/tent campers must tell the parking attendant upon entering the parking area so they may be directed to the designated areas. For specific information, please contact The Big E Admissions Department at 800-639-2908.
2. No tents are allowed in the Mallary Agriculture Complex parking area.
3. Any persons using canvas-sided/pop-up/tent-type campers will be required to accept all responsibility for any theft, safety and/or personal liability.
4. Management reserves the right to refuse access, and is not responsible for accidents or personal loss, injury or damage to any property.

21. Premium Payment: ESE will make an effort to have checks available at time of release; occasionally circumstances will not allow this. Checks will then be mailed in a timely fashion to the exhibitor. ESE assumes no responsibility for premium checks once they are presented to the exhibitor. All checks must be cashed and missing checks reported prior to December 1. After January 1 the show's books are closed and protests are not valid. Any check not cashed within 90 days of date issued will be invalid and deemed a donation to the Agriculture and Education Department of ESE.

22. Animal Welfare: It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper and humane care and treatment to animals. Show Management reserves the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor deemed to be in violation of this basic principle of animal husbandry.

23. Exhibitor Responsibilities:

- a. Animals quarantined by Animal Health Inspector or Veterinarian must leave the grounds or proceed directly to the quarantine area near Gate 10. No quarantined animal is allowed within the Mallary Complex or show area. Failure to comply is grounds for show ejection and loss of all premium money.
- b. Livestock are to be made available for parading and for judging contests as requested or premiums will be forfeited.
- c. Parking of all stock trailers will be at a satellite lot. Maps and directions will be available upon arrival and are available at www.TheBigE.com. Trailers should be removed from the grounds upon completion of unloading. We ask that exhibitors show consideration to fellow exhibitors who may be waiting to unload. (See additional information in Special Rules for the Dairy Goat show.)
- d. Manure is a recyclable resource. Please assist this process by keeping trash out of the manure pits. Only ESE approved bedding is allowed. Due to concerns of air quality for livestock and exhibitors, mechanical shredding or distribution of bedding by the exhibitor is not allowed in the Mallary Complex.
- e. Cattle may be watered in the stall area or wash rack.
- f. Walkways and aisles must be kept dry and neat.
- g. An exhibitor meeting will be held for each individual show at The Big E. It is the responsibility of the Show Superintendent, Breed Representative and Director of Agriculture to concur on a meeting time and place. Please listen for announcements and watch the official show announcement bulletin board outside the Livestock Office for the time and place. The purposes of this meeting are to:
 1. propose new classes or recommend class deletions.
 2. have general input regarding the show.
 3. nominate judges for the following year's show.
 4. elect Breed Representative from current year's exhibitors.
- h. Upon signing of entry, the exhibitor grants permission to be photographed/interviewed by the Exposition in connection with the activity. All photographs are the property of the Exposition and may be used for their purposes.
- i. Exhibitor consumption of alcohol is at their responsibility and should not impact other exhibitors or guests of the Exposition.
- j. Radios or any media players are acceptable at a decibel level that will not impact your fellow exhibitor's Fair experience. Management reserves the right to request you to lower the volume.

24. Pet Policy: ESE has instituted a no pet policy, which is strictly monitored in the Mallary Complex. Exception is made in the following circumstances:

- a. Sheep Dog Trial entries - these dogs are restricted to the agriculture buildings and grounds appropriate for heading directly to and from these buildings (Mallary Complex, Farm-A-Rama and Coliseum), must be under supervision of their owner and on leash when not competing. These dogs must be supervised at all times. No dogs may be left unattended, whether in kennels, out of kennels or in parking lot.
- b. Dogs participating in the 4-H Dog Activity during the Fair - please refer to the Arrival/Departure

Schedule for Activity days.

c. Working Sheep Dog Demonstration dogs and fowl.

Regarding ALL the above dogs:

a. All dogs must comply with Massachusetts Animal Health Regulations. (Please see entire regulations page)

b. Any dog found wandering or left unattended will be turned over to Hampden County Animal Control, telephone 413-781-1484. Any ensuing fines or fees will be the responsibility of the dog owner.

25. Quality Assurance Program: Quality assurance testing or a survey may be done at ESE.

a. All animals are subject to testing at any time:

1. to determine whether the animal has been unethically fitted in any way.

2. to determine whether any false information or representation was made in a competition entry.

3. to determine whether an animal qualifies for competition in a particular breed classification.

b. Exhibitor's signature on the entry form acknowledges they have read, understand and agree to abide by the following rules for specific shows (copies are available in the Director of Agriculture's office):

1. HOLSTEIN ASSN OF U.S.A. Show Ring Policy for the Holstein Show.

2. PDCA Show Ring Code of Ethics for all other Dairy Shows.

3. IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics for all other Livestock Shows.

4. ESE Show Policy and Code of Ethics for all shows.

c. Use of drugs in animals not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations is **PROHIBITED**. The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Fair will be construed as tampering. Canadian exhibitors must comply with U.S. Drug Restrictions.

d. In the event of testing, violations will be handled in compliance of the ESE Code of Ethics.:

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION SHOW RING POLICY AND CODE OF ETHICS

Eastern States Exposition is one of the premier livestock shows in the Northeast. As an elite venue, Eastern States Exposition has a responsibility for maintaining a first-class image of fairness and ethics in its livestock shows. The purpose of regulations concerning ethical practices is to maintain a positive international reputation and to ensure good animal husbandry is on display for all spectators. Eastern States Exposition seeks to promote good animal husbandry, attractive barn exhibits and a high-quality show for exhibitors and spectators.

Eastern States Exposition endorses the PDCA and the IAFE Code of Ethics in all livestock shows and gives full cooperative support to the judges and the respective National Breed Associations. It recognizes that certain practices are necessary in the proper care and management of livestock in the course of moving livestock to and between shows in order to keep them in a sound, healthy condition so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition.

To detect any unethical practices, show management, at the discretion of the Ethics Committee, may use technologies for testing body fluids like milk or blood or other new examination techniques like ultrasound at anytime while the animals are on Eastern States Exposition grounds. By making entry in any exhibition, an exhibitor consents to the collection of specimens, e.g. milk, blood, etc., and photographic or direct examination of the animal. Furthermore, by making an entry in any exhibition, the owner and/or exhibitor, as well as any individual handling or fitting their animal, agrees to supply proper animal and personal identification when asked by ethics personnel or show management.

The following are examples of practices or procedures that are violations of the Eastern States Exposition Show Ring Policy and Code of Ethics, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Misrepresenting the age, lineage/breed and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is entered.
2. Treating an animal without a verifiable veterinary need for that treatment, internally or externally, for the purpose of improving the appearance. Extra label use of all drugs must be used under the direction of a licensed veterinarian. Evidence of same shall be provided in writing if requested.
3. In dairy cattle, using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease.
4. Icing of animal for non-medical purposes.
5. Administering an injected or applied anesthetic to alter the carriage of the tail or other body parts.
6. Surgically or unethically inserting any matter under the skin or into any body cavity to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body.

7. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the Show Ring, on show grounds or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.
8. Challenging, threatening, criticizing or interfering with an Ethics Committee member or volunteer appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.
9. Failing to provide proper/accurate animal and/or personal identification when asked by ethics personnel or show management.
10. Adding real or artificial hair or hair-like substances to any part of the animal, except for false switches.
11. Excessively manipulating topline and/or tailhead hair in dairy cattle, beyond 1 1/2 inches from the skin.
12. *Should a topline violation occur (i.e. adding real or artificial hair or hair-like substances or if topline hair is in excess of 1 1/2 inches): the Director of Agriculture and Education or their appointed agent shall inform the exhibitor that if they choose to enter the Show Ring, after being informed of such a topline violation, an ethics violation will have occurred.
13. Mistreatment of an animal.
14. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of owner or their representative(s).
15. Improper fitting practices, such as over filling and over bagging.
16. Any alleged unethical practices or procedures not listed above are subject to review by the Ethics Committee.
17. An observer, will be appointed by Eastern States Exposition Management to be on duty at Eastern States Exposition events.
18. The observer will be responsible for monitoring violations of the Eastern States Exposition Show Ring Policy and Code of Ethics by exhibitors and their representatives.
19. Complaints of alleged violations may be presented to Eastern States Exposition Director of Agriculture and Education.
20. All complaints of alleged violations received by Director of Agriculture will be referred to the Ethics Committee to determine investigative requirements and discipline. To the extent reasonably possible, the identity of the animal, the owner and/or other involved parties will be kept confidential.
21. All findings of the Ethics Committee will be presented to the Director of Agriculture and Education.
22. The Eastern States Exposition staff has the authority to inspect all animals to determine if violations of the Eastern States Exposition Show Ring Policy and Code of Ethics have occurred. In that regard, the Eastern States Exposition has authority to perform the following:
 - pull hair samples;
 - draw blood samples;
 - perform an ultrasound examination of the udder, prior to milk-out;
 - perform a milk-out of any individual cow or cows;
 - collect and test any of the animal's body fluids;
 - use any technology that may be useful in determining if a violation has occurred in any animal based on placement, random selection or suspect characteristics;
23. Require delivery to the Eastern States Exposition Director of Agriculture and Education of hypodermic syringe, needle or other devices, swabs, cloths, or other material, or samples or any medicine, preparation, or substance, whether in liquid or other form, in the possession or control of the exhibitor, the fitter, agents or persons acting on behalf of the exhibitor for the purpose of laboratory analysis.
24. Following the judging of the milking cow classes, the Eastern States Exposition will ultrasound the udders, prior to milk-out, of at least 3 cows in a class.
25. Following the judging of all milking cow classes, milk samples may be taken from a minimum of three cows in both the open and junior show – the Grand Champion, the Reserve Grand Champion and the Honorable Mention. Random ultrasound and milk samples will be taken in milking cow classes. Exhibitors who are selected to have milk samples taken from their animals will be presented a colored card with directions. Samples are not required to be drawn immediately following the class; however, teat seals may not be removed for milking until an ethics representative is present to take the samples. Animals may also be selected by the Director of Agriculture and Education to have a blood sample drawn.
26. An individual who is not necessarily an owner or exhibitor but who commits a violation of the Eastern States Exposition Show Ring Policy and Code of Ethics, will be subject to the same ethics enforcement procedures and sanctions as the owner or exhibitor. If an ethics violation

- occurs at the show, the Ethics Coordinator may take the following courses of action, depending on the severity of the violation.
27. Report to the Director of Agriculture and Education who may inform the judge of the violation. The judge may consider the violation in the placing of the class.
 28. Following the completion of the Eastern States Exposition events and the evaluation of the hair samples/measurements, ultrasound readings and upon the receipt of the milk sample and blood sample analysis or other lab reports, and reports of eye witnesses or Eastern States Exposition personnel, the Ethics Committee will submit a report to Show Management if any violations have occurred. This reporting will happen as soon as reasonably possible after the end of the show.
 29. If evidence suggests that a violation has occurred, the Director of Agriculture and Education will promptly notify the accused individual(s) and/or owner(s) as listed on the entry form of the suspected violation and will provide the accused individual(s) with copies of the supporting evidence to the extent reasonably possible. As soon as possible thereafter, an ethics hearing will be scheduled. Eastern States Exposition shall take reasonable steps to maintain the anonymity of the accused individual(s) and/or animal throughout the enforcement process.
 30. An Eastern States Exposition representative will present the evidence, while maintaining individual confidentiality, at a hearing of the Ethics Committee. Generally, the Ethics Committee will consist of eight people; seven livestock committee members, including representation of at least three different species, and moderated by the Eastern States Exposition Director of Agriculture and Education. Ethics Committee members will serve as a jury to determine whether the accused individual(s) is/are guilty of a violation and, if so, what penalty is appropriate for the violation. A guilty verdict must be by a 2/3 majority of the Ethics Committee. The hearing will be presided over by the Eastern States Exposition Director of Agriculture and Education. In each case, the accused individual will be invited to defend or explain the allegations, submit evidence, and/or have representation at the hearing.
 31. Promptly after the Ethics Committee renders its decision, the Director of Agriculture and Education will inform the accused individual(s) of the determinations of the Ethics Committee. It is the accused individual(s) responsibility to notify any other owners of the determination by the Ethics Committee.
 32. If found guilty of a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics, the penalty for the individual, the exhibitor, the representative and/or the animal may range from a letter of reprimand to being barred for three years from participating at Eastern States Exposition. The identity of the animal(s), exhibitors and/or representatives that are barred will be kept confidential to the extent reasonably possible.
 33. An animal found in violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics will forfeit any premiums, their placing will be removed and the animal and/or owner/representative must observe any penalty placed upon them.
 34. If the individual, the exhibitor and/or their representatives are guilty of repeated violations at Eastern States Exposition events, they and/or the animal could be barred from participating at Eastern States Exposition for life.
 35. Barring an exhibitor or representative and/or an individual will result in animals owned fully or in partnership by that individual, farm and/or affiliated entity not being allowed to enter, exhibit or sell in Eastern States Exposition shows and/or sales. The barred individual will also be ineligible to be present in the Show Ring, and/or serve any other official capacity for the length of the bar. Any individual barred for an ethics violation at any point of time (regardless of timing or length of bar) must be approved by Eastern States Exposition's Ethics Committee prior to being nominated to serve on any official committee or as an official judge.

EXHIBITOR SERVICES

Livestock Feed, Bedding and Supplies: ESE is the proprietor of the feed and bedding services for the 2025 Big E. While on the grounds orders for feed, hay, straw and shavings should be placed at the Mallary Agriculture office. Pre-orders are encouraged and may be made online at www.TheBigE.com/agriculture. Orders may also be phoned in at 413-205-5307

Please estimate as close as possible your time of arrival when placing the order. Feed orders will be cash, check or credit card. All feed store bills must be paid before a release will be issued by your Superintendent.

You may bring your own feed and bedding for your entries only or obtain it from the ESE Feed Store. No other vendors of feed or bedding will be allowed on the grounds.

Large square or round bales are not allowed in the barn. However, outside storage for small amounts is available during certain shows. Please check with your Superintendent for further information. Unloading requests will be entertained as time allows. A charge of \$10 per bale will be paid to the driver

Livestock Supplies and Equipment: Twist of Fate is pleased to be available at this year's Big E all 17-days. To provide sharpening and custom rope products to exhibitors. If you wish to pre-order anything please call us at 860-759-9335. Feel free to stop by and visit.

Veterinary Services: Service will be available from Stafford Veterinary Center. Their service will be at the exhibitor's expense and Eastern States Exposition assumes no responsibility. Please call 860-684-5868 for assistance.

Exhibitor Lounge: A lounge is provided for exhibitors upstairs in the Mallary Complex. Coffee and donuts are available most mornings. The lounge is also available for exhibitor meetings and other gatherings during the Fair. Please check with the livestock office if you want to schedule a meeting.

Exhibitor Shower: Showers for livestock exhibitors are available upstairs in the Mallary Complex.

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April 2, 2025

Order 1017-AHO-25

ANIMAL HEALTH ORDER

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws ("M.G.L."), Chapter 129, § 2

ISSUED TO: All Individuals, entities, associations, and interested parties involved in the hosting or organization of any exhibition, show, swap or other in-person event encouraging the gathering or commingling of waterfowl.

INTRODUCTION

This Order ("Order") is issued in response to the continued spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza ("HPAI") in domestic birds and dairy cattle across the United States.

JURISDICTION

This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources ("MDAR") under M.G.L. c. 129, § 2.

PARTIES

1. MDAR is a duly authorized administrative agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 129, § 2.
2. All Individuals, entities, associations, and interested parties involved in the hosting or organization of any competition, exhibition, show, swap or other in-person event in Massachusetts encouraging the gathering or commingling of waterfowl.

SUMMARY OF APPLICABLE LAW

3. M.G.L. c. 129, § 1 states, in part, the following:

"Domestic animals", all animals including poultry that are kept or harbored as domesticated animals. Poultry as used in this section shall include chickens, roosters, capons, hens, turkeys, pigeons, guinea fowl, and ducks and geese other than wild species."

4. 4. M.G.L. c. 129, § 2 states the following:

"The director may make and enforce reasonable orders, rules, and regulations relative to the following: the sanitary condition of neat cattle, other ruminants and swine and of places where such animals are kept; the prevention, suppression and extirpation of contagious diseases of domestic animals; the establishing of diseasefree herds of cattle and the issuing of certificates in connection therewith; the inspection, examination, quarantine, care and treatment or destruction of domestic animals affected with or which have been exposed to contagious disease, the burial or disposal of their carcasses, and the cleansing and disinfection of places where contagion exists or has existed. No rules or regulations shall take effect until approved by the governor and council."

FINDINGS OF FACT

5. HPAI is a highly contagious disease that affects both domestic and wild birds. This disease is deadly to many species of domestic birds and the spread of HPAI in domestic flocks may lead to interstate and international trade restrictions. Therefore, the prevention of the spread of the disease is of utmost importance to the residents and agricultural businesses located within the Commonwealth.
6. Since 2022, HPAI has been detected in multiple counties across the Commonwealth in both wild birds and domestic flocks. In 2024, Avian Influenza infections were detected in dairy cattle in multiple states. Recent data suggests that currently circulating avian influenza virus strains may be capable of infecting additional species. Contact with wild waterfowl or areas where they congregate is directly or indirectly linked to all domestic poultry detections in New England.
7. The gathering of waterfowl from different premises to a central location increases the risk of disease spread.
8. Animal Health Officials from all six New England States are recommending all competitions, exhibitions, shows, swaps or other in-person events encouraging the gathering or commingling of waterfowl be cancelled through the end of 2025.


ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, based upon the above knowledge and information, the Director of Animal Health hereby orders the cancelation or postponement of all competitions, exhibitions, shows, swaps or other in-person events encouraging the gathering or commingling of waterfowl in Massachusetts until further notice.

The above notice does not prohibit the movement of domestic fowl or poultry into slaughter channels, including licensed live bird market sales facilities.

This Order will be rescinded on January 1, 2026, unless circumstances demand an extension at that time.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call 617-626-1795.



Michael Cahill, Director
Division of Animal Health

MEMORANDUM

TO: Accredited Veterinarians
Exhibitors and Show Inspectors

FROM: New England State Veterinarians

CT	Dr. Thamus Morgan	NH	Dr. Stephen K. Crawford
MA	Dr. Lorraine O'Connor	RI	Dr. Scott Marshall
ME	Dr. Rachael Fiske	VT	Dr. Emily Buskey

SUBJECT: **2025 New England Fairs and Shows**

DATE: March 31, 2025

Special Notices:

Due to the continuing US outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in domesticated and wild birds and in dairy cattle, Animal Health Officials from all six New England States are united in advising the following for agricultural fairs, competitions, exhibitions, shows, swaps, or other in-person events that encourage the gathering or co-mingling of birds and/or cattle:

Avian species

The New England State Veterinarians strongly discourage the exhibition of domestic and wild waterfowl species and may recommend delaying or canceling domestic fowl or poultry shows. If events are held, best practices for biosecurity should be implemented.

Bovine species

The New England State Veterinarians strongly discourage the exhibition of any bovines, including both dairy and beef cattle, that have been present in any state at the time that state had a current outbreak of HPAI in cattle. Bovines that have been shipped from currently affected states in 2025 should not be allowed on the premises of New England fairs or shows. Moving to or from an affected state for any reason will void any New England Fair and Show Season Official Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (OCVIs) that have been issued for such cattle for the remainder of the 2025 season.

The states currently affected by HPAI in cattle can be found on the USDA website:
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/hpai-confirmedcases-livestock>

The USDA APHIS Veterinary Services Federal Order Requiring Testing for and Reporting of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Livestock issued on April 24, 2024, remains in effect. It can be found on the USDA website:
www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/dairy-federal-order.pdf

A plan for managing lactating dairy cattle (LDC), including the handling of milk collected at the exhibition facility, should be in place for all fairs and shows where LDC will be on the premises. The state veterinarian's office can provide assistance developing a plan.

All species

Animals of all species susceptible to HPAI are potentially subject to quarantine as ordered by the State Veterinarian if HPAI is detected on a premises where the animal is or was exhibited.

If HPAI is detected in cattle in any New England State, the Agreement between the New England State Veterinarians to allow the use of a single, fair and show season OCVI for New England animals being exhibited in New England will be voided. All exhibited animals would need to be accompanied by an OCVI issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of being checked in at the show premises and/or other state import requirements.

Best biosecurity practices for all species should be implemented.

Contact the state where animals will be exhibited for the latest updated information.

General Requirements for all Species

Currently an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) is required for each state for every animal movement across state lines. Animals crossing state lines must be properly (officially) identified per federal and state Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) requirements. Each state to which an animal travels needs to be contacted to verify that all traceability and movement permit requirements are met before shipping.

Recognizing that during the agricultural fair and show season exhibition animals may be moving to multiple states and locations within a state, the New England state veterinarians, working through the New England States Animal Agricultural Security Alliance (NESASA), have developed a protocol to facilitate animal movement. The New England State Veterinarians have agreed to allow a show/fair certificate to be valid for the 2025 show season provided the OCVI complies with all federal and state ADT rules.

One 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 time and may have additional language, movement, and permit requirements. See details below.

For the 2025 Show and Fair Season, livestock animals being exhibited in New England states must have OCVis that meet the following requirements

- • CT, MA, ME, and RI: OCVis issued on or after January 1, 2025, may be used for animals being shown at fairs and shows in CT, MA, ME, and RI through the 2025 show/fair season ending October 31, 2025.
 - Special Note on The Big E, West Springfield, MA: All bovines must have official USDA RFID tags,
- *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.
- **NH: Animals exhibited in NH must originate in a New England state and move on OCVis issued on or after April 1, 2025, to participating NH fairs and shows from July 1 to October 31, 2025. Contact NH State Veterinarian's Office (603) 271-2404 for details and permits.
- ***VT: The fair season is defined as May 1- October 31, 2025. Contact the VT Animal Health Office (802-828-2421) for specific import requirements and permits.
- 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.
- Multiple animals of the same species may be listed on one OCVI with appropriate individual IDs and descriptions. Animals of different species may not be listed on the same official health certificate.

- 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.
- A copy of this planned itinerary must be attached to the OCVI (import and export) for it to be used for more than one fair or show.
 - That proposed list should be signed by the veterinarian and the owner/ exhibitor and reference the relevant OCVI number(s).
 - Electronic OCVIs must include this list of exhibition names, addresses, and dated in the "remarks and comments" section
- The name and address of the first show or fair where the listed animals will be exhibited is to be used as the "destination" along with "New England Fair Season" 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.
- Exhibitors must keep an accurate list of the show locations and dates when their animals were physically on the show/fairgrounds. This record must be available to fair inspectors at each inspection and check- in.
- Any animal listed on an OCVI that becomes sick must remain home. If the animal is refused entry to any exhibition during 2025 for health reasons it must have a new OCVI issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the next interstate movement.
- 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.

Remember: One certificate for shows in CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT. Contact each state for specific requirements. Import permits are issued by each individual state and must be listed on the OCVI. **The list of events, with dates and locations, where the animals are expected to be shown must accompany the OCVI.** Use one certificate per species. All animals must be listed individually, with appropriate official ID numbers and physical descriptions.

Sick animals may not be shipped anywhere.

Please contact the destination state for import/ exhibition permits or with any questions about movement requirements:

CT	860-713-2504	NH	603-271-2404
MA	857-348-3922	VT	802-828-2421
ME	207-287-3701	RI	401-537-4281

EVACUATION PLAN FOR ANIMALS ON EXHIBITION AT EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

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

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

QUARANTINE PLAN FOR ANIMALS ON EXHIBITION AT EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

Should the MDAR (Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources) determine that a mass quarantine needs to take place at the Exposition, the Director of Agriculture will follow all directives issued by MDAR, and acting with the assistance of the Seasonal Security secure the quarantine area and proceed to set up care of all quarantined animals.

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2025 Fire Prevention Regulations for Agricultural Events

The West Springfield Fire Department Office of Fire Prevention shall conduct on-site inspections prior to the start of Agricultural events. Below is a list of rules and regulations in accordance with CMR 527 1.00, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Code.

1. No Smoking is allowed in any buildings, tents, or temporary structures.
2. When permitted, live vegetation shall be balled and kept watered.
3. Fine bark mulch and corn stalks are not allowed for display material. Large wood chips or coarse bark mulch may be used in barns but shall be kept damp at all times.
4. Flammable liquids and gases (propane cylinders) are not allowed in the buildings. Non-flammable gas cylinders shall be supported by metal stands and/or chains.
5. Devices utilizing open flame(s) are not permitted inside any building or tent.
6. Motorized gas or diesel vehicles are not permitted inside buildings, barns, and tents(including scooters, UTVs, golf carts).
7. Hay and straw indoors should be kept to a minimum, no more than 400 pounds per areacovered by a sprinkler head. Hay and straw should not impede egress, should not block anyaisles or exits, and if deemed unsafe may need to be moved upon inspection.
8. Feed and bedding material is not permitted on the floor of any aisle for display purposes, (including wood shavings, sawdust, peat moss, loose straw).
9. No excessive accumulation of litter or rubbish is allowed.
10. Aisles and stalls should not have any coverings over the top of them, as this would impede sprinkler activation and flow. Decorations are allowed, but should not impede safe egress.
11. All exits shall remain free and clear at all times.
12. All fire lanes shall remain free and clear at all times.
13. All fire alarm pull stations and other fire protection equipment such as extinguishers sprinkler systems, shall be free and clear of obstructions and readily visible / accessible.
14. All aisles shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet in width and shall remain free and clear at all times. Aisle display widths are not to exceed thirty (30) inches from each side of the main aisle and twenty four (24) inches from each side of the side aisles.
15. All fabric used as backdrops and / or table coverings must show proof to be flame retardant. Burlap material is not permitted as a backdrop or covering.
16. No signs, decorations, or other products shall be attached to any part of any sprinklersystem
17. 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.
18. All lights and electrical mechanisms must have a UL label. Electrical devices shall not be permitted to be in direct contact with combustible materials such as wood chips, hay bales and decorations. Extension cords must be in good condition, of proper gauge, and not overloaded with electrical devices. Extension cords shall not be covered by any combustible material such as carpet, wall coverings, plywood, wood shavings. Electrical devices shall not be left unattended, i.e., displays utilizing lights and electrical mechanisms shall be unplugged at the end of the show or before retiring for the evening.
19. All extension cords and electrical components are subject to inspection.

We thank you for your continued cooperation on providing our citizens, visitors, staff, and animals with a safe and enjoyable experience at the Eastern States Exposition.

Respectfully,

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**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.