



# 2024 Big East General Information

May 3-5, 2024

**ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 19, 2024**

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The 16th Annual Big East Regional Youth and Jackpot Show will be held May 3-5, 2024.

Event Location: Eastern States Exposition 1305 Memorial Ave West Springfield, MA

**Events to be held include:** Youth Showmanship Competition Skill-A-Thon Jackpot Steer Show - Shown by weight  
Jackpot Market Heifer Show – Shown by weight Jackpot Heifer Show - Shown by Registered and Commercial breeds  
Youth Heifer Show - Both Papered and Commercial Cow/Calf Division Youth Steer Show Youth Market Heifer Show  
Scotch Auction Trade Show Photo Booth Big East Apparel Farm Olympics

**Interested in sponsoring one of these events? Contact us at [bigeast@thebige.com](mailto:bigeast@thebige.com) or visit [www.thebige.com/thebigeast](http://www.thebige.com/thebigeast)**

**Jackpot Premiums: We will be paying out the top 5 places in each of the jackpot shows. Overall payout will be determined at the show.**

#### **Hotel:**

Hilton Garden Inn – Offers a discounted rate to our exhibitors. Reserve your room by April 8, 2024. Rates do not include state and local taxes. Visit <https://thebigeast.easternstatesexposition.com/p/entry-information1/accommodations> for more information.

Other local area hotels:

Comfort Inn & Suites - 106 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089, Phone: (413) 736-5000

Residence Inn - 64 Border Way, West Springfield, MA 01089, Phone: (413) 732-9543

**Camping:** Campers are welcome, with full-utility hookups. The charge for 30 amp is \$20 per day and a limited number of 50 amp service are available for \$25 per day. Payment is due upon arrival to the Fairgrounds.

#### **Judges:**

**Jeff Jackson, Walnut Springs, Texas:** Youth Showmanship, Open Jackpot Steer Show, Open Jackpot Market Heifer Show, NEHCA Open Show, and Open Jackpot Heifer Show.

**Lydell Meier, Clinton, Tennessee:** Youth Heifer Show, New England Regional Hereford Show, Youth Market Animal Show, Youth Hereford Steer Show, and Youth American Aberdeen Steer Show.

**Show Supplies Onsite:** Twist of Fate will be selling livestock products and offering sharpening services at this event. Call 860-759-9335 or visit them online at <https://twistoffatespinnery.biz/>. We encourage you to stock up on your supplies at the event to avoid paying shipping fees. If you need steel equipment, order ahead for Big East delivery.

The Big East event is sponsored and supported by the New England Junior Hereford Association, New England Hereford Association, and Eastern States Exposition, as well as local businesses and farms committed to preserving agriculture in the Northeast.



# 2024 Big East Rules & Regulations

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1. Entry Deadline: April 19, 2024. Late entries will be accepted until show time for an additional \$10 per show.
2. Age of Participants: The Jackpot Show is open to exhibitors of all ages. The Youth show is for juniors who are 3 years old as of January 1, 2024 and not older than 22 years as of January 1, 2024.
3. Tie-Outs: Tie-Outs are provided by the fairgrounds. You will need to supply your own bedding for the tie-out area. Straw and shavings will be available for purchase at the show.
4. Stalling: Stalls will be assigned in the Mallary Complex, if desired. Please see posted stall plans around the barn. Initial bedding will be provided. Exhibitors are encouraged to show off trailers. \*Location of trailers to be determined by show management at arrival. Must clean up all bedding before departure.
5. Health Requirements: We will not accept animals with RINGWORM or WARTS. Health certificates (CVI) must be dated January 1, 2024 or later. For a complete list of Massachusetts health requirements, please go to: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/agricultural-fairs-animal-health-rules/download>. **RFID TAGS REQUIRED.**
6. All Purebred cattle showing in the Youth Show must have registration certificates or leases in the name of the junior exhibiting. **All Herefords need to be owned either by the youth or in the youth and sibling's name only, in order to be shown in the Hereford Regional Junior Show. Not less than 30-day ownership.** All Hereford tattoos will be checked. Tattoos which, in the opinion of the designated AHA official, are found to be missing, illegible, altered, incorrect, and/or in any other way in disagreement with the official AHA records might be disqualified.
7. Simmental Show: All Simmentals in the Simmental Show must be registered as 100% Simmental. A percentage show will be offered if show requirements are met.
8. American Aberdeen: 50% to 99% registered Aberdeens are to be entered in the Aberdeen Percentage Show. 100% registered Aberdeens are to be entered in the Aberdeen Fullblood Show.
9. Breeds with at least 6 entries will have their own division. Otherwise, they will show in the AOB division.
10. The Eastern States Exposition Showring Policy and Code of Ethics will apply. For a complete copy, please go to: <http://d2w7gersd1ix5b.cloudfront.net/files.ashx?t=fg&f=15showringcodeethics.pdf&rid=TheBigE>
11. Heifer exhibitors may choose either Breeding or Market Heifer division but not both. Youth Steers and market heifers will be shown by weight. Jackpot Market Heifer show will be shown immediately following the Jackpot Steer Show. A minimum of 15 heifers must be entered in the Jackpot Market Heifer Show by April 19, or the show will be canceled. There will be no overall Market Animal Champion.
12. Hereford Youth steers need to have steer registration papers from the American Hereford Association as a requirement of the Regional status of the Hereford Show. On the entry form, please make sure you denote that this animal is to show in the Hereford Steer class. Please make sure the animals are correctly tattooed and their tattoo is legible. Hereford steers are required to have a correct DNA profile on file with the American Hereford Association (AHA). Hereford steer exhibitors are required to present the letter from the AHA stating their steer's DNA profile is on file with the AHA along with their steer's registration paper at check-in. Hereford steers may enter the Youth Market Animal show with double the entry fee.
13. Check-In: All animals must be checked in by 12noon, Friday, May 3, 2024. Exception: Jackpot animals must be checked in by 9am, Saturday, May 4, 2024. Check-In begins at 12noon Thursday, May 2, 2024. Upon arrival please be prepared to present health papers and registration papers. ALL steers and market heifers will be weighed at this time.
14. Any exhibitor may leave when done showing.
15. Showmanship: Showmanship will be blow n' go.
16. Dogs and Scooters: All dogs must be on a leash at all times. Scooters may be used in designated outside areas only.