



**NEW HAMPSHIRE 4-H DAIRY QUALIFYING EVENT FOR ESE**

**Held in Conjunction with NH Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Breed Shows**  
**Entry information available from your County Extension office or on the web at:**  
**<http://www.ceinfo.unh.edu/4H/4HLearnM/4HLMP.htm>**

1. **Eligibility** - All animals must be owned and/or leased by a regularly enrolled 4-H member and registered and/or leased in his or her name only. NH 4-H guidelines regarding numbers of animals that may be leased per member will be followed and a signed 4-H Approval Form, Lease Form and original registration certificate must accompany each animal. All lease agreements must be initiated prior to May 1. (leased or owned cows must have been leased or owned on or before May 1st of the year in which the animal was a yearling) In the event that a 4-H dairy member's **only approved** project animal dies or is permanently injured, a replacement animal can be approved after May 1st for 4-H competition in NH if the loss is verified by an Extension Educator and ownership or a lease is established. A replacement animal cannot be shown until after this verification has occurred and will not be eligible for Eastern States. If more than one animal is to be exhibited per class, a 4-H exhibitor must exhibit their 4-H entries. Any animals owned by the exhibitor but not exhibited by him or her is not eligible for 4-H awards or to go to Eastern States. Registered or grade animals are accepted at this state event, however, grade animals are not eligible for ESE although upgraded animals in some breeds are eligible for Eastern States Exposition as allowed by their breed.
2. **Health** - Animals must originate from a clean herd under state and federal supervision for the eradication of tuberculosis and brucellosis. **All animals must have a current vaccination for rabies given at least 30 days and not more than 1 year prior to the show.** Owners of New Hampshire cattle may show their animals at New Hampshire fairs providing they are not from a quarantined herd. Animals with ringworm, warts, or other communicable diseases must be removed from the grounds immediately.
3. **Care and Milking** - 4-H exhibitors are expected to care for and show their animals. All members with 4-H milking animals are expected to do their own milking. However, if necessary a designated adult may milk a 4-H animal the night prior to show day during the quiet hours.
4. **Fitting and Showing** - All 4-H exhibitors must show in one fitting and show class, according to their age. Animals to be used in the 4-H F&S class at the 4-H Dairy Qualifying Event must be a calf or yearling unless the exhibitor does not have an entry in either age group, then they must show their youngest animal. **Any 4-H animal being clipped or fitted on the grounds by anyone other than the 4-H Exhibitor prior to fitting and showmanship will be disqualified from fitting and showing, and the exhibitor will not be eligible for Eastern States Exposition.**

The following classes will be offered, ages based on age of exhibitor on January 1 of the current year. Classes may be divided if entries warrant.

Novice - Age 8-14 showing for first year

Intermediate- Age 12-14

Beginner - Age 9-11

Advanced - Age 15-18

5. **Show Ring Clothing** - Tan Khaki or white pants or skirt and white shirt. (white or tan socks with a skirt). **No other colors, solid or patterned, will be allowed and no blue jeans.** Exhibitors will be disqualified if they are wearing clothing advertising a farm or breed or any other clothing that the superintendent considers inappropriate for the event.
6. **Dress Code for show grounds:** 4-H exhibitors may not appear barefoot or wearing extremely brief and/or short skirts or shorts. Halter tops, net tops or midriff tops will definitely not be allowed. Sturdy and appropriate shoes must be worn at all times when handling cattle.

7. Eastern States Participation - Final selection of entries for the New England 4-H Dairy Show at Eastern States will be made by the 4-H Selection Committee in accordance with guidelines published elsewhere in these rules. A 4-H member must be 12 years old or older and participate in the Intermediate or Advanced divisions of the show, take the 4-H quiz, participate in 4-H fitting and showing and the appropriate type classes at the breed show to be eligible to participate at ESE. Permission to take the quiz at any time other than scheduled must be cleared with the 4-H superintendent ten days prior to the show. In order for a 4-H exhibitor to be eligible for nomination to ESE, two signed Eastern States forms filled out except for animal information must be submitted with their 4-H Qualifying Show entry. Entry forms and a list of ESE states classes are included. Final ESE selection will be made at the conclusion of the show. Participants will be notified by mail the following week.
8. There will be a general knowledge quiz for all 4-H exhibitors. 4-H members who have specific needs with respect to quiz taking or require other accommodations are encouraged to indicate this on their entry form. Help is available and members are encouraged to take advantage of that help. ANY member wishing to qualify for ESE must take the ESE qualifying quiz and all other 4-H exhibitors will take the non-qualifying quiz.

References for the quizzes may include the Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl study materials <http://www.dasc.vt.edu/youth/bowlmat.html>, Holstein Workbook Series, <http://www.holsteinfoundation.org> and Hoard's Dairyman.

9. Any exceptions to the rules must receive prior approval of the Superintendents. Requests for exceptions are to be made by July 30.

### **General Information:**

1. Supervision: - Supervision of all 4-H participants is the responsibility of the 4-H member's parent/guardian. Every youth must have a designated supervisor who remains on the grounds with them; youth may not stay on the grounds unsupervised.
2. Animal Care - Sawdust bedding will be provided in limited quantity. Exhibitors must provide all hay, grain, and equipment.
3. Animal/Exhibit Liability - The 4-H member and their family are responsible for any physical or financial damage caused to another person or property by them or their animals.
4. **CONDUCT; RUDENESS AT ANY TIME OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR IS UNACCEPTABLE. IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**
5. **THE USE OF ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUGS, TOBACCO AND FIREWORKS ARE NOT ALLOWED. ANYONE FAILING TO ABIDE BY THIS POLICY WILL BE DEALT WITH AS FOLLOWS:**
  - Immediate notification of parents and dismissal from the show.
  - Loss of eligibility for Eastern States Exposition.
  - Possible forfeiture of other state 4-H awards earned during the year and possible disqualification from exhibiting at the 4-H Dairy Qualifying Show the following year.
6. QUIET HOURS: The fairgrounds will observe quiet hours between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.