



Eastern States Exposition 4-H Livestock Shows

Eastern States Exposition offers 4-H Shows for youth exhibiting Beef, Sheep, Dairy Goats, Dairy Cattle, Dogs and Horses. A youth show is offered to those exhibiting Working Steers and in NH, this is a 4-H opportunity handled by the State 4-H office. These shows offer youth an opportunity to exhibit project skills through participation in general knowledge events, poster contests, the development of educational exhibits, fitting and show and judging classes. Working as a team with other New Hampshire 4-H members, meeting 4-H members from all over New England and experiencing the biggest fair in New England are highlights of this opportunity. Youth travel to and stay in the ESE dormitory with other 4-H members and chaperones.

Dates: 15 days in late September and through the first weekend in October. (Shows are over one of the three weekends – see www.thebige.com for schedules).

Location: West Springfield, MA.

Eligibility: 4-H youth, 12 and over as of 1/1 of the current year and who have submitted valid animal approval forms and lease records (if applicable) by appropriate deadlines.

Beef – Entry deadline for steers is February 1. Entry deadline for heifers is May 1. Approval forms and lease records (if applicable) are needed by those dates as well. Request forms from your local County Extension office.

Horse, Dairy Cattle and Working Steers – 4-H participants must qualify at a 4-H qualifying show(s).

Sheep, Dairy Goats – 4-H members in these projects must qualify for ESE by showing their animal in a NH 4-H show and receiving a blue or red ribbon in fitting and show AND in their type class.

Dog – 4-H members must show their dog in at least one NH 4-H Dog show and receive a minimum of a total score of 310 from the Quiz, Fitting & Show and the Obedience Class combined at that show. You must have the ESE Dog qualification form signed by the Show Superintendent to verify you and your dog participated at the show.

Look at your NH Fairs 4-H Entry Information Sheet that came with your approval forms or at the following web site: <http://extension.unh.edu/design/4-H/4-HLearnM/4-HLMP.htm> for the current list of NH 4-H Shows at which you can qualify. You must qualify at one of the NH 4-H Fair shows held before August 20. Request qualification forms from your County Extension office.

Cost: Travel to ESE and trucking of animals are the 4-H member's responsibility. ESE and UNH Cooperative Extension provide dormitory and meals to members while on the grounds.

Registration: After qualifying at a NH 4-H Show (beef entries excluded) the 4-H member must request an official entry form and complete and return their entry to the State 4-H Office prior to the deadline on the form. Parent or guardian signatures are required.

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