



Eastern States Exposition 4-H Beef Show Qualifications

Representing New Hampshire at Eastern States Exposition is an honor and privilege and requires hard work, commitment, and preparation. All 4-H beef members must meet the following requirements in order to show their animal at Eastern States Exposition in the fall.

1. Eastern States Exposition Entry Form and 4-H Intent to Show Form: DUE FEBRUARY 1 OR MAY 1

Submit a 4-H ESE Entry through the Big E website: <https://thebige.fairwire.com/> and a New Hampshire 4-H Intent to Show Form to your County 4-H Office or complete at [4-H Online](#) for your animal prior to February 1 for steers, and May 1 for heifers.

2. Number of Animals to be Exhibited

Each 4-H member may only enter a total of three (3) animals in the beef show whether they are steers or heifers or a combination of steers and heifers.

3. County Fair Participation

The animals you are interested in competing with at Eastern States Exposition must be shown and judged at your county fair (provided the fair falls before Eastern States Exposition) in the appropriate Fitting and Showmanship and Market or Breed type class. If your county fair falls during/after Eastern States Exposition, you must show in another county fair.

4. Recommended Preparation Activities

It is STRONGLY ENCOURAGED that you attend all or as many of the Recommended Preparation Activities for 4-H Beef Exhibitors for Eastern States Exposition. A list of those activities can be found on the State Website.

5. Records

Records must be presented to exhibit your animal at Eastern States Exposition. Keep accurate records on your animal and they must be up to date. Records will be reviewed at the mandatory meeting in April.

Records for steers and heifers for Eastern States Exposition can be found here: <https://www.thebige.com/p.aspx?pid=competitions/4-h/380&>

6. Mandatory Meeting for Youth and Parents

There will be a mandatory meeting for all New Hampshire 4-H members and their parents interested in attending Eastern States Exposition at the Cheshire County 4-H Beef Field Day in April. This meeting will go over expectations, provide assistance in the project, and be an

initial review of your records. It is strongly encouraged you participate in the Cheshire County 4-H Beef Field Day with your animal.

You will also need to attend 2-3 more meetings throughout the season to prepare for exhibiting at Eastern States Exposition.

7. Observation, Monitoring, and Support

In efforts to increase the quality of New Hampshire's delegation to Eastern States Exposition in the 4-H Beef Project area, more observation, monitoring, and support will be conducted throughout the year. Members of the New Hampshire 4-H Beef Curriculum Committee will continually be observing, monitoring, and providing support to 4-H Beef members who intend on competing with their project animal at Eastern States Exposition. Support will be offered in order to ensure that the condition of the animal and preparedness present for a nice showing at Eastern States Exposition.

8. Unprepared Animals and Exhibitors

In order to increase the quality of the New Hampshire beef 4-H delegation, 4-H exhibitors who are recognized as being at risk of being unprepared or not ready to exhibit at Eastern States Exposition will be identified to the State 4-H Office in writing throughout the year. Support will be offered; however, if the animal and exhibitor are deemed unprepared and not ready to attend Eastern States Exposition by the State 4-H Office and the New Hampshire 4-H Beef Curriculum Committee, the animal will not be allowed to attend Eastern States Exposition. However, the exhibitor can apply to attend Eastern States Exposition as a Junior Leader for the delegation.

If the exhibitor in question attends many, most, or all of the Recommended Preparation Activities for 4-H Beef Exhibitors for Eastern States Exposition, this will be strongly considered when making the decision whether the exhibitor can attend Eastern States Exposition with their animal.

9. Junior Leader Program

One youth, age 12-18 (as of January 1) is eligible to attend Eastern States Exposition as a Junior Leader. Exhibitors who are not competing with an animal or are not able to bring their animal can apply to be a Junior Leader.

10. For the most current up-to-date information about the Eastern States 4-H Beef Show please visit Eastern States website at:

<https://www.thebige.com/p.aspx?pid=competitions/4-h/380&>

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