## New Hampshire 4-H Animal Requirements & Deadlines for Participating in NH 4-H Shows

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<td>May 1 Intent to show and/or 4-H borrowing agreement for ESE eligibility; not required for NH 4-H shows</td>
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**Minimum/Maximum Animal Age**

- Beef: 4 months+ as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event
- Dairy Cattle: 4 months+ as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event
- Working Steer: 4 months+ as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event
- Swine: 4 months+ as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event
- Horse/Equine: 2 years (no stallions over 1 year, no mare with foal at side)
- Goat (all types): 4 months+ as of event date to go to any fair or event (suckling animals for exhibit meat breeds only)
- Sheep: 4 months+ as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event (maximum 2 years except pet class & local shows)

**Animal Identification**

- Beef: Ear tag or tattoo. RFID tag for ESE
- Dairy Cattle: Ear tag or tattoo
- Working Steer: Ear tag or tattoo
- Swine: Ear notch, ear tag or tattoo
- Horse/Equine: Photos required on Intent to Show form for ESE
- Goat (all types): Ear tag or tattoo or tail tattoo or microchip
- Sheep: Ear tag or tattoo and official Scrapie tag

**Rabies vaccine Requirements**

- Beef: Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show
- Dairy Cattle: Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show
- Working Steer: Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show
- Swine: Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show
- Horse/Equine: Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show
- Goat (all types): Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show
- Sheep: Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show

**Other requirements**

- Beef: ESE & Fryeburg have specific requirements available from those fairs
- Dairy Cattle: ESE & Fryeburg have specific requirements available from those fairs
- Working Steer: ASTM/SEI Helmet required for riding/driving and in-hand jumping
- Swine: Scrapie Tag/ID
- Horse/Equine: Scrapie Tag/ID
- Goat (all types): Scrapie Tag/ID
- Sheep: Scrapie Tag/ID

**Suckling livestock with mother are allowed for exhibition only with permission of fair superintendent. Dam must have received rabies vaccination per NH 4-H Rabies Vaccination/NH State Veterinarian rabies vaccination guidelines. Dam must have been handled and suitable for fair environment and recommended to be on 4-H’ers intent to show form. These animals may be used for education of visitors and are not to be handled by the general public.**

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<td>June 1* intent to show and/or 4-H borrowing agreement for any 4-H show New members eligible to show 30 days after Intent to Show (if 6/1 deadline missed)</td>
<td>none</td>
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| Minimum/Maximum Animal Age | Minimum 6 months + as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event | Any -- must have fledged (fully feathered; no “baby” down) | 12 weeks+ to go to any 4-H fair or event | Any -- must have fledged (fully feathered; no “baby” down) | Must be weaned (approximately 6 months) |

| Animal Identification | Microchip and/or photo | Leg band | Left ear tattoo for registered animals. Tattoo optional for cavies and pet-type (required for open shows) | Leg band required over 5 months of age documenting Pullorum testing within last year. | Microchip |

| Rabies vaccine Requirements | Minimum 30 days, maximum 3 years before show (not expired) | none | Recommended for all; required 30 days+ before event if the animal is housed in a situation that exposes the animal to wildlife. | none | Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show |

* Dog project animals must be suitable for the member. No aggressive or out of control animals allowed for safety reasons. Replacement animals are allowed to replace sick or injured dogs, dogs that have died or dogs that are aggressive or out of control/unsuitable for the member per the NH 4-H Animal replacement policy.

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Per 4-H policy large animals (dog, goat, sheep, swine, horse, dairy, working steer, beef, llama, alpaca) are not to be handled or shown by Cloverbuds or others under 8 years of age. Cloverbuds may exhibit small animals (rabbit, cavies, poultry, and waterfowl) non-competitively.

If you have questions or need further information, contact your county 4-H Staff or Mary Davis, Program Manager 4-H Animal Science 603-862-2188 or email: Mary.Davis@unh.edu

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