



NH 4-H Qualifying and entry for ESE for Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Sheep and Working Steer

★ 4-H members interested in participating in the 4-H Animal Shows or Youth Working Steer Show at Eastern States Exposition (Big E) must meet the following qualifications:

- Member must be age 12 or older as of January 1 of the current program year
- Members must be an enrolled NH 4-H member
- Animal to be shown must be entered in by the deadline set by ESE for that animal (February 1 for Beef Steer, May 1 for Beef Heifer; May 1 for Dairy, Horse and Working Steer; June 1 for Dairy Goat, Dog and Sheep). Check the Big E 4-H packets website for full qualification requirements.

The member must qualify via the process for each species – see below.

Qualification Process: NH will send a delegation for each of the species below provided there are qualified and interested members and sufficient volunteers to chaperone and supervise the NH delegation for each species.

Qualification process for Beef: Must complete the ESE entry process including signature forms on/before the deadline for up to 3 animals (heifers, steers or a combination thereof). Note early entry deadlines for beef. **In addition, please see details on page 4.**

Qualification process for Dairy, Dairy Goat and Sheep

- Must attend a 4-H show held at a NH fair on/before the ESE entry deadline
- Must show in F & S and receive a blue, must complete a quiz if offered, must show in and receive a blue in conformation or type class.
- Must complete the qualification form with all signatures and submit it to the State 4-H office with the member's signature form.
- For Dairy, there will be additional review by the NH 4-H Dairy committee as the final selection criteria.

Qualification process for Dog

- Must participate in a NH 4-H qualifying dog show on/before the deadline. Qualifying shows are fair dog shows and the Rolling Bones Fun Match.
- Must achieve a minimum score of 310 points total for Fitting and Showing, Obedience and Quiz. Family dog entries are not eligible.

Qualification process for Horse

- Must be one of the top 15 exhibitors in eligible divisions at the State 4-H Horse Show. Driving, Walk-Trot and Gymkhana exhibitors are not eligible for Big E, but may be considered as Stable Managers.

Qualification process for Working Steer

- Must attend a 4-H show held at a NH fair (including 4-H Working Steer Mini Fair if held)
- Must show in F & S and receive a blue. Must compete in cart class and drag/pull and achieve a satisfactory performance per the judgment of the judge or show superintendent.

All Species: Teen Leaders /Stewards: There are opportunities for members without a project animal to show to attend the Big E as a Teen Leader or Steward. Although these participants do not show animals there are many other activities and roles for them that vary by species and the qualifications vary by species. Please contact your leader or the State 4-H office for more information.

Entry procedure (once qualified)

1. Check the ESE website for the packet for your species and READ CAREFULLY (<https://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/packets>)
2. Print and sign the signature form and send or email to the NH State 4-H office Animal Science Field Specialist (Mary.Davis@unh.edu) or mail to Kendall Hall 129 Main St Suite 313, Durham NH 03824. Include verification that you have met the qualifications for your species. Make sure you email or mail the signature form early enough to be received by the deadline set by ESE.
3. Complete the online entry process set forth on the Big E website on or before the deadline. Note that not all species have online entry, but it must be completed if available.
4. Complete your ESE 4-H member health form and photo release and bring them to the Big E with you.
5. Contact your veterinarian early to ensure that your animal has all required vaccinations and a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. **Without this, you will not be allowed to remain on the grounds.** Check the animal health requirements on the ESE website.
6. Attend the online or in-person orientation meeting for your species.
7. Pack appropriately with supplies for your animal and yourself for the duration of the show. Bring animal registration papers and NH 4-H borrowing form if applicable.
8. You will be staying in the Moses 4-H dormitory. Unless your parent or guardian is an official NH 4-H volunteer chaperone, they must make any desired arrangements for lodging. Camping is very difficult to obtain on the ESE grounds. There are many hotels and campgrounds within a reasonable drive of the grounds. Parents/guardians are not required to stay in the area unless they are a volunteer for the event.
9. Each family is responsible for providing/arranging transportation for themselves and their animal(s).



**NH 4-H Animal Qualification for Eastern States Exposition (Big E)
4-H Animal Shows and Youth Working Steer Show**

This section to be completed by 4-H member:

Species (circle): Dog Dairy Dairy Goat Sheep Working Steer
(this form is not required for horse)

Member Name: _____ Member age: _____ (age 12 minimum as of 1/1)

County: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

Animal Name: _____

Name of qualifying show/fair: _____ Date of show/fair: _____

F & S score/ribbon color: _____

Quiz score (if applicable) _____

Dairy, Dairy Goat and Sheep type/conformation ribbon color: _____

Dog obedience score: _____

To be completed by Superintendent (if no superintendent, 4-H staff, leader or judge)
I certify that the above scores are correct.

Superintendent name: _____ **Superintendent signature:** _____

I understand that if selected for the NH 4-H delegation to ESE, I will attend any mandatory meetings, read correspondence and comply with Code of Conduct and rules.

4-H member name: _____ **4-H member signature:** _____

Parent/guardian name: _____ **Parent/guardian signature:** _____

Submit this page to the State 4-H office along with your ESE signature form on/before the deadline



NH 4-H Qualifying and entry for ESE for Beef

Must complete the ESE entry process including signature forms on/before the deadline for up to 3 animals (heifers, steers or a combination thereof) and must be shown and judged at the member's county fair in the appropriate Fitting and Showmanship and Market or Breed type class. If the member's county fair is too late in the season, must show in another county fair. Animals and 4-H members will be observed at shows by 4-H staff and key Beef project leaders, including the NH representatives to the Big E Beef committee. Those members who are not properly prepared will not be allowed to exhibit their animal(s) at the Big E, however, may apply to be a Junior Leader.

Each youth must keep complete and accurate records on each animal and must present them for review at the ESE mandatory NH 4-H beef team meetings (usually held in April at Beef Field Day, July location TBD and August at Cornish Fair) and at the Big E. Required records forms may be found on the Big E 4-H packets website: <https://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/packets>

In order to be well prepared for the Big E, members are encouraged to show and/or attend the Fryeburg Youth Show in April and the Big East in May as well as any workshops, events, and Beef Field Day related to the Beef project. Since there are many more contests than just showing Beef cattle at Big E, it is encouraged for the youth to be well rounded in the beef project so they may succeed in all contests and not just the cattle show.

Two 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. Please contact the State 4-H office, your County 4-H office or your 4-H leader for information.

This section to be completed by 4-H member for beef entries:

Member Name: _____ Member age: _____ (age 12 minimum as of 1/1)

County: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Animal Name/Tag number: _____

Please list summary of shows/fairs/clinics on the back of this page.

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4-H member name: _____ 4-H member signature: _____

Parent/guardian name: _____ Parent/guardian signature: _____

4-H Leader name: _____ 4-H Leader signature: _____

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