



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

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	<b>Beef</b>	<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	<b>Working Steer</b>	<b>Horse/ Equine</b>	<b>Goat (all types)</b>	<b>Sheep</b>
Online Intent to Show & Borrowing Form deadline for NH 4-H events	June 1 for NH 4-H shows/fairs	June 1 for NH 4-H shows/	June 1 for NH 4-H shows/fairs	June 1 for NH 4-H shows. <b>Helmet release required.</b>	June 1 for NH 4-H shows/fairs	June 1 for NH 4-H shows/fairs
ESE Deadline/Out of state deadline	Steers Feb 1; Heifer May 1 for ESE. Nov 1 for Fryeburg market steer (separate form)	May 1 (ESE)	May 1 (ESE)	May 1 (ESE)	June 1 (ESE)	June 1 (ESE)
Animal age min/max	16 weeks + as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event** Suckling animals allowed for exhibit and cow/calf class.	16 weeks + as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event**	16 weeks + as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event	2 years minimum (no stallions, no mare with foal at side)	16 weeks + as of event date to go to any fair or event	16 weeks + as of event date for any 4-H fair or event; max 2 years except pet class & local shows
Animal Identification	Ear tag or tattoo RFID tag for ESE	Ear tag or tattoo RFID tag for ESE	Ear tag or tattoo	Photos required on Intent to Show form for ESE	Ear tag or tattoo or tail tattoo or microchip	Ear tag or tattoo and official Scrapie tag
Rabies vaccine requirements	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show
Other requirements	ESE & Fryeburg have specific requirements available from those fairs			ASTM/SEI Helmet required for riding/driving and in-hand jumping	Scrapie Tag/ID	Scrapie Tag/ID

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

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	<b>Dog ***</b>	<b>Swine</b>	<b>Waterfowl</b>	<b>Rabbit &amp; Cavies</b>	<b>Poultry</b>	<b>Llama &amp; Alpaca</b>
4HOnline Intent to Show & Borrowing Form deadline for NH 4-H events	June 1 for NH 4-H shows/fairs. New members eligible to show 30 days after Intent to Show (if 6/1 deadline missed)	June 1 for NH 4-H shows/fairs	June 1 for NH 4-H shows/fairs	June 1 for NH 4-H shows/fairs	June 1 for NH 4-H shows/fairs	June 1 for NH 4-H shows/fairs
ESE Deadline/Out of state deadline	June 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Animal age min/max	Minimum 6 months + as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event	16 weeks + 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	Ear notch, ear tag or tattoo	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)	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	none	Recommended for all; required 30 days+ before event <b>if</b> the animal is housed in a situation that exposes the animal to wildlife.	none	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show

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\*\*\* 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.

If you have questions or need further information, contact your county 4-H Staff or Mary Davis, Field Specialist 4-H Animal Science 603-862-2188 or email: [Mary.Davis@unh.edu](mailto:Mary.Davis@unh.edu)  
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