

2006 NEW ENGLAND 4-H PROGRAM – THE BIG E **4-H SHEEP ACTIVITY ENTRY APPLICATION**

This entry is made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations governing this program. E-mail aginfo@thebige.com
Telephone: Please call (800)639-2908 or (413)205-5011 and request the specific department or person you intend to contact.

PRINT ALL INFORMATION – DETACH THIS APPLICATION. COMPLETE EVERY LINE, AND SUBMIT IT, ALONG WITH YOUR SHEEP ENTRY FORM, TO YOUR COUNTY OR STATE 4-H REPRESENTATIVE.

NAME OF EXHIBITOR AND OWNER _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ GENDER _____ E-MAIL _____

AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, _____ BIRTHDATE: MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____

T-SHIRT SIZE (S-XXL) _____

Please note any handicap the 4-H member has that may require special accommodations to participate in this 4-H program.

I have read the rules and certify that the facts contained in the above are true and that the applicant meets the eligibility qualifications of the rules. The applicant also agrees to participate in all activities and to be present at assemblies of the 4-H Sheep Program. Entrants will be responsible for their animal including any damage occurring to the animal or by the animal while on the grounds. Signatures signify compliance with rules and decisions of the Committee. The signatures below signify that I and my parent/guardian have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules in this document. These signatures also certify the facts contained in the above to be true and the applicant meets the eligibility qualifications of the rules.

Signature of 4-H Member

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of County or State 4-H Representative

All signatures must be completed before entry will be accepted. YOU MAY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICATIONS FROM YOUR STATE CLUB LEADER. ENTRIES ARE DUE AUGUST 20 AT THE STATE OFFICE. STATE OFFICE MUST SEND APPLICATIONS TO THE BIG E POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 25. **Any entries received after the deadline will be returned to the State office.**

The Cooperative Extension System 4-H Youth Development program prohibits discrimination in education, employment, and in the provision of services on account of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, disabled veteran status, physical or mental disability, mental retardation, [and] other specifically covered mental disabilities, [and criminal records that are not job related].

2006 4-H LEAD LINE COMMENTARY

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY

PLEASE COMPLETE AND TURN IN FORM WHEN CHECKING IN REGISTRATION PAPERS AT THE BIG E
ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

**NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN ENTRY FORM FOR THE LEAD LINE COMPETITION.
LEAD LINE MUST BE ENTERED ON YOUR CLASS ENTRY FORM AS CLASS NUMBER 11.**

This is _____ year old _____ who lives in _____.
(Age of Delegate) (Name of Delegate) (Town/City and State)

_____ attends _____ and has been a member of the _____
(Delegate's First Name) (Name of School) (Name of 4-H Club)

for _____ years.
(Number of years)

_____, the _____
(Name of Sheep) (Breed of Sheep) (Yearling Ewe, Ewe Lamb, Aged Ewe)

is _____ by _____.
(Owned or being leased) (Delegate's first name)

The outfit has been _____ by _____.
(Handmade or purchased) (Name of person who made outfit)
(If store bought, skip this one)

Briefly describe the color and style of the **OUTFIT ONLY**, NOT THE ACCESSORIES. If homemade, you may use the pattern envelope description. Please remember: What you type here will be **READ OUT LOUD** as you are leading your sheep around the ring. USE COMPLETE SENTENCES.

This garment may be worn to _____.
(School, church, a prom, etc.)

_____ has plans to pursue a career in _____.
(Delegate's first name) (Type of Career)



PUBLIC RELATIONS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete this form to have your Big E participation reported in your local newspaper. The Big E Marketing Department prepares press releases on your participation at the fair and sends them to the newspaper(s) of your choice.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Farm Name and Town: _____

Species and Breed: _____

of Animals Shown: _____

Big E shows/activities you are participating in and dates: _____

Complete information must be provided below to ensure coverage in your local newspaper. Please take the time to provide correct and complete information:

Local Newspaper: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Editor: _____ Email: _____

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City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Editor: _____ Email: _____

OBJECTIVES FOR THE NEW ENGLAND 4-H PROGRAMS

The 4-H program at The Big E is a cooperative effort with the Eastern States Exposition and the Cooperative Extension Systems of the New England States working together toward common objectives. These objectives are:

1. To motivate and recognize the achievements of 4-H members and their volunteer leaders.
2. To give the general public attending The Big E a better understanding of 4-H educational efforts including the organization, program, and accomplishments.
3. To provide educational experiences for 4-H members that are not available in the individual states.
4. To make 4-H programs and activities visible to the general public across the grounds of The Big E.
5. To expand the image of 4-H as a total diverse youth development program.
6. To ensure quality educational activities both for the 4-H participant and the general public.
7. To identify 4-H as an integral part of the Cooperative Extension System and the land grant universities of New England.
8. To involve youth as equal partners in full decision-making roles at all levels of program decision-making.

2006 NEW ENGLAND 4-H SHEEP ACTIVITY VOLUNTEERS

- Chairperson:* Ray Doyle, CT
Superintendent: Sylvia Murray, CT
Co-Secretary: Jolee Chase, NH
Co-Secretary: Megan Szlosek, MA
Treasurer: Megan Szlosek, MA
- General Knowledge Exam:* Dick Brzozowski, ME
- Exam Correctors:* Jolee Chase, NH
Donna Flint, ME
Laura Jutras, CT
- Individual Shepherd's Award:* Diane Lis, CT
- Educational Exhibits:* Debbie Desjarlais, CT
- Lead Line Competition:* Sylvia Murray, CT
Debbie Desjarlais, CT
Ray Doyle, CT
- Ring Clerks:* Jolee Chase, NH
Sylvia Murray, CT
- Ring Steward:* Malaree Searle, RI
Sue Searle, RI
- Blocking & Trimming Contest:* Mike Chase, NH
Ray Doyle, CT
- Quiz Bowl Competition:* Ray Doyle, CT
- Ex-Officio:* Jerry Myers, Director of Agriculture and Education
Donna Woolam - Agriculture Manager
- Honorary:* John Goater, ME
G. Joseph Gribouski, MA
Lonnie Malkus, MD
Gerald Smith, NH
Barbara Thompson, RI
Kerby Thompson, RI

OTHER COMMITTEES

Ice Cream Social Coordinators: Rhode Island & New Hampshire Delegation

Silent Auction Coordinators: Megan Szlosek, MA and Debbie Desjarlais, CT

Mixer Coordinators: Malaree Searle, RI and Laura Jutras, CT

Photography Coordinators: Malaree Searle, RI and Sue Searle, RI

RULES FOR THE 2006 NEW ENGLAND 4-H SHEEP SHOW

GENERAL

1. Housing and Meals The Big E will provide housing and meals for all 4-H sheep delegates and chaperones. Delegates and chaperones will eat and sleep at the 4-H Headquarters in the Horace Moses Building. The first meal will be served 11:15am Friday, September 29 and the final meal will be served Sunday, October 1. The Mallary Complex is open 6 am - 10 p.m. daily. All 4-H sheep must be off the grounds by 7:00 pm, Sunday October 1.
2. Camper Policy Please refer to 4-H and Youth Working Steer Camping Policy page
3. Passes Additional passes are available for family members at a reduced price. Please call (413)205-5011 and ask for Judy Borden within the Agriculture Department.
4. Conditions The 4-H Sheep Show Committee and The Big E reserve the right to amend or change the rules for the 4-H Sheep Show. Interpretation of the rules and regulations of the 4-H Sheep Show rests in the hands of the Show Committee and their decision shall be final. An Executive Committee for the purpose of handling problems concerning the rules which may arise during the show shall be comprised of the Committee members, with the Chairperson, Superintendent and an Exposition Representative constituting a minimum quorum. It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent and Chairperson to consult with the judges to ascertain that they understand the rules by which the 4-H members are instructed to compete.
5. The New England 4-H Sheep Committee is not responsible for errors in this catalog.
6. **Emergency Protocol and Contact Numbers. Please see Emergency Instruction page.**

LIVESTOCK

1. Entries All entries must be certified by a 4-H Educator, volunteer 4-H Leader and approved (signed) by the State Representative. Late entries will be returned to State 4-H Offices. All columns on the entry form must be filled in for each entry, including eartag numbers of the entry's sire and dam.
2. Classes 4-H delegates may show Aged Ewes, Yearling Rams and Ewes, Fall and Spring Rams and Ewe Lambs and Market Lambs. Delegates are limited to entering one sheep in any one class, but are not restricted on total number of sheep shown. Fit & Show and Lead Line animals must be shown in either breed or market classes; a separate animal may not be brought solely for Fit & Show and/or Lead Line. Members showing both wool and meat breeds will choose one Fit and Show class. Market lambs may only be ewes or wethers; no rams are allowed.
3. Ownership Delegates must be the sole owner or lessee of their sheep (no joint ownership). Date of sale on registration papers must be on or before July 1 of the year of the show, **with one exception: Delegates may bring one animal purchased between July 1 and July 31, IN ADDITION TO 4-H project animal(s), provided that: 1) proof of purchase and ownership is shown, 2) the sheep is qualified within your state approval guidelines and 3) the delegate's entries do not exceed one animal per class. Delegates may NOT show just one sheep if it was purchased between July 1 and July 31; they MUST have other project sheep entered and shown.** Delegates owning their sheep must have the actual registration papers, copies are allowed **ONLY** in the case of leased sheep. Name on registration papers and entry forms (ownership and exhibitor) must be the same. Leases: Leased animals will also be accepted. The delegate is to have lease agreements on a uniform state lease form issued by Cooperative Extension in that state. Date of lease of State Lease Forms must be on or before July 1 of the year of the show. Delegates must bring their Lease Agreement form and either the actual registration or a clearly legible copy of the animal registration paper to The Big E.
4. Substitutions A 4-H delegate is allowed to show a substitute sheep approved by their extension representative in writing, provided that the ownership of the animal complies with the rules in "Ownership" paragraph. Sheep purchased between July 1 and July 31 may be substituted, provided they are 1) not the only sheep the delegate is showing and 2) qualified within your state approval guidelines.
5. State Representation If 4-H club membership is held in more than one state, and the same project is taken in both states, the 4-H member must compete and represent the state in which they reside. If the project is only taken in one state, the 4-H member should represent that state.
6. Registration and Substitution Check-in Sheep must be penned, and registration or lease papers and health papers must be checked by the Registration Officials, by 1:00 p.m., Friday, September 30. Substitutions with proper written approval from state extension representatives must be checked in at this time. *Registration or lease papers must be available at all times for examination by the superintendent.*
7. Eartags **ALL sheep must be identified by at least one official USDA identification eartag or tattoo.** In addition they may have an association registry eartag, farm tag or tattoo. One of the tags must match the registration papers for each breeding animal entered. Sheep without USDA identification, association registry eartag, farm tag, or tattoo affixed in the ears at time of arrival will be disqualified. No fresh tattoos will be accepted. **In addition, please refer to MA Dept of Animal Health Regulations regarding Scrapie tags.**
8. Breeds This show will be opened to registered sheep of all breeds. There will be separate classes for the following breeds: Border Leicester, Cheviot, Columbia, Corriedale, Cotswold, Polled Dorset, Horned Dorset, Hampshire, Lincoln, Merino, Montadale, Natural Colored, Oxford, Rambouillet, Romney, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk and Tunis. Any other breeds will show in an All Other Breeds class or in the Novelty show. All Other Breeds and Novelty breeds will be determined at the discretion of the

Superintendent. All Natural Colored sheep must be certified or registered with a national sheep association and have proof of such.

9. Animal Health Regulations Please refer to the Massachusetts Animal Health Regulations included in this packet.

STATE DELEGATES

1. Arrival and Departure Delegates and their sheep must arrive on the grounds Friday, September 29 between the hours of 8:00 am and 12 noon. Vehicles enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1, using a vehicle pass or paying parking fee; proceed to Gate 10 at which point the personal passes are used. Vehicles then proceed to the Mallary Complex where sheep and equipment are unloaded. Vehicles towing trailers must leave the ground via Gate 10 and be dropped or parked in the Satellite lot or exit at Gate 1. Release time is 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 1. Again, vehicles enter Gate 1, using vehicle pass. The driver should then proceed to Gate 10 and park the vehicle outside the gate. Upon obtaining an official release slip from the sheep superintendent, the 4-H delegate delivers such release slip to the driver who may then bring the vehicle onto the grounds. As soon as loaded, the vehicle must immediately leave the grounds.
2. Exhibitor Health Condition Delegates must obtain from their state or county leader a health form to be filled out and signed by their parents or guardian. This procedure gives permission to administer medical treatment if and when it is necessary to do so.
3. Age Divisions Delegates will be divided into the following age groups (divisions) for all classes where age breakdowns are used:

Junior:	12-13 as of January 1 of the current year
Intermediate:	14-15 as of January 1 of the current year
Senior:	16 and has not turned 19 on or before January of the current year
4. Participation Each delegate must show at least one sheep (not purchased between July 1 and July 31) in the breed or market classes, take the General Knowledge Exam and show in Fitting and Showing.
5. Illness or Death of Animal i) In the event that the delegate owns (or has leased) and has entered, only one sheep, and that sheep is stricken with death or illness such that it can not be shown, the delegate may participate in the General Knowledge Exam, Quiz Bowl, Blocking and Fitting Contest, and may assist fellow delegates with the show. A signed note from a licensed veterinarian (on the veterinarian's letterhead) must be presented as proof of illness. ii) In the event that the delegate has ENTERED only one sheep, and that sheep is stricken with death or illness such that it can not be shown, but the delegate owns (or has leased) other STATE APPROVED sheep, the delegate may bring one of those animals in place of the originally entered sheep, regardless of age or sex. A signed note from a licensed veterinarian (on the veterinarian's letterhead) must be presented as proof of illness and a signed note from the State Extension office must be presented of proof of approval. This rule does not apply to animals purchased between July 1 and July 31.
6. Care of exhibits Sheep will be penned in an assigned area. Bedding will be furnished by The Big E. **Hay will not be provided.** Delegates are expected to care for their animals, keeping them neat and presentable at all times. Only 4-H delegates will be permitted to work on their animals after they arrive at The Big E. Parents, chaperones and others who render assistance to the 4-H member do so at the risk of having the entry disqualified. The Big E assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to equipment, livestock or persons.
7. Uniform Delegates must be clean and neatly attired at all times. Show ring attire shall consist of black, khaki, tan, green or white pants/jeans with a white shirt/blouse with collar or other shirt designated by the Committee. **All shirts must be tucked in.** Belts should be worn as needed. Showmanship will be a white shirt; for the breed shows exhibitors must wear T-Shirts given out at Orientation from Westbank. NO BLUE JEANS, HATS OR T-SHIRTS. No advertising writing or any design may appear on any article of clothing. During inclement weather, approved 4-H delegate jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts (i.e. state or 4-H club clothing) may be worn. It is the responsibility of the state chaperones and delegation to uphold this rule. Delegates may not appear in the barns or grounds barefoot. No gum chewing during 4-H events.
8. Decorations Please see Fire Prevention Regulations included in packet. Decorations MUST follow all regulations. No farm advertising is allowed. A state sign, 24" high by 32" wide will be provided. Each state will prepare a sign listing all the exhibitors from that state, but each pen need not be marked with the name of the individual whose animals are in the pen.
9. Grievance Committee If a problem arises during the show, a Grievance Committee shall resolve it. This committee will be comprised of the Chairperson, Superintendent, and one representative from each state. States are to indicate to the Superintendent upon arrival who has been designated to serve. This person must wear his/her identification badge at all times. Any other issues need to follow the protocol as outlined in the memorandum of Understanding.
10. A suggestion box will be available in the exhibit area.
11. Smoking in all buildings on the fairgrounds is prohibited.

CLASS ENTRY INFORMATION FOR 4-H SHEEP SHOW

All animals must be presented in fit and show quality and breed regulations. Exhibitors may only enter one animal per individual class, one group per group class. **Halters are optional in Showmanship and breed classes.** All sheep must be correctly identified by USDA, registration or farm tags, or tattoos. Incorrect identification will result in disqualification. Please use the following class numbers when entering. All below numbered classes (including Lead Line) must be entered on Entry Form. Please note: In individual classes, the owner must be at the head of the animal. Foot setters are optional.

Bred-and-Owned Champions In each breed class, special ribbons will be given to the highest placing bred-and-owned animal. Following the champion classes in each breed, a "Bred-and-Owned" champion will be selected, giving special recognition to project animals bred and owned by the exhibitors. Also, preceding the Supreme Champion classes, a Supreme Champion Bred-and-Owned class will be held.

Breakdates for Lamb classes All Breeds (except those listed below): January 1, 2006
Southdown, Shropshire: February 15, 2006
Cheviot: March 1, 2006

1. **Yearling Ram:** Born after August 31, 2003 and before September 1, 2004. Yearlings can not have more than four permanent teeth.
2. **Senior Ram Lamb:** See above for breakdates.
3. **Junior Ram Lamb:** See above for breakdates.
8. **Aged Ewe:** Born before September 1, 2003
9. **Yearling Ewe:** Born after August 31, 2003 and before September 1, 2004. Yearlings can not have more than four permanent teeth.
10. **Senior Ewe Lamb:** See above for breakdates.
11. **Junior Ewe Lamb:** See above for breakdates.
16. **Pair of Lambs:** Consists of one ram and one ewe lamb of the same breed, shown in previous classes. (Note: *Pair of Lambs does not need to be Bred and Owned*)
17. **Exhibitor's Flock:** Consists of one ram and two ewes of the same breed, shown in previous classes. (Note: *Exhibitor's Flock does not need to be Bred and Owned*)
18. **Best Fleeced Animal:** Each exhibitor showing Wool Breeds may enter ONE animal in the Best Fleeced Class, shown in previous classes. Best Fleeced Animal classes may be entered on the day of the show.
19. **Market Lamb:** Class may be divided. Wether and ewe lambs entered in this class may not be shown in any breed class. No ram lambs are accepted. All market lambs must have eartag or tattoo.
20. **Lead Line:** See Lead Line page for Rules and Regulations.

An award will be given to the top overall scorer in the General Knowledge Exam.

4-H SHEEP INDIVIDUAL SHEPHERDS AWARD PROGRAM **CHAIRPERSON - DIANE LIS**

THE PURPOSE of this award is to honor one individual from each state who shows outstanding teamwork and dedication to their 4-H project.

1. ONLY delegates vote for the recipient of this award. No chaperones, leaders, parents or committee members may vote.
2. All delegates will vote, picking one individual from EACH STATE amongst the delegates who are exhibiting at The New England 4-H Show this year, to be that state's Shepherd.
3. A secret ballot will be taken the morning of the last day of the 4-H show and collected by the 4-H Committee Chairperson and committee clerks. The winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony that afternoon.

A delegate may not win this award two consecutive years in a row. Last year's winners will not be eligible to win the award this year.

4-H SHEEP BLOCKING AND TRIMMING CONTEST **CO-CHAIRPERSONS – MIKE CHASE AND RAY DOYLE**

THE PURPOSE of this contest is to allow contestants the opportunity to show his or her ability and skill at preparing a sheep for show. Judging will be based on teamwork, blocking and trimming ability, **technique (i.e. patience and gentleness) in handling a sheep which has not been handled before**, technique in using various pieces of trimming equipment, and the ability to find and accentuate the good qualities of a sheep.

1. Each state may have up to six delegates in the contest. They may team up with whomever they wish, from the same or another state. Depending on the number of entries and the number of sheep available, additional delegates may be invited to participate. Within an age group, all are judged equally. The oldest team member determines the age group in which the team will participate.
2. Sheep will be assigned by a random drawing of numbers at orientation.
3. The committee will provide untrimmed sheep. Participants will have the opportunity to wash, dry and card their animal following the General Knowledge exam. All washing will be done at the end of the Agricultural Complex, with the sheep tied to the wall rings – the sheep will NOT be washed on trimming stands. Animal dryers are allowed to be used - borrowing/sharing is encouraged! BOTH members of the team will work on washing the sheep together. No trimming will be allowed during this wash period. The trimming of feet is not part of this contest; participants are to leave the hooves as they are. Care and caution are urged in the handling of the sheep during washing, as they may not have been handled before. Contestants handling sheep in a manner which might harm the sheep will be disqualified. After the sheep is washed, dried and carded, they must be put back in the assigned blocking contest pens. The sheep is to be left untouched until the contest.
4. Blankets may be used provided they are properly fitted. Contestants must supply their own blankets and must prepare before coming to The Big E for the possibilities of different size animals. If blankets do not fit, and are in danger of harming the animal, it is the Event Chairperson's discretion to have the blanket removed.
5. During the contest the next day, every team is given one hour to prepare and fit the animal for show. Each team must provide their own stand and equipment. Two sets of electric shears are allowed per team but only one can be used at a time; – **however, NO SLICK SHEARING of the animals is allowed**. Chaperone and other adult assistance is allowed to help clear the equipment from the ring following the contest or in the event of an emergency (i.e. a sheep falls off a stand and is in danger of hurting itself or others - safety and logic is key!); at no other time is an adult to handle a sheep. Final judging will directly follow the hour trimming time.
6. No opened toed shoes are allowed during this contest!
7. **Awards will be given to the top 3 teams in each age division in the Blocking and Trimming Contest.**

4-H SHEEP FIT AND SHOW CONTESTS

THE PURPOSE of this event is to have delegates judged on their fitting ability of their own animal and showing knowledge in presenting this animal to a judge. There will be three fit and show classes per age division: Meat Breeds, Wool Breeds and Slick Shorn. If the number of entries is high, classes may be divided within each division. Delegates are placed in the proper class by designation of the breed standard. A Supreme Fit & Show class will be held at the conclusion of each age division, with the first place individuals in each class competing.

Please note: What follows is a GUIDELINE for delegates to use in preparing for Fit and Show. These guidelines have been given to the judge as a standard form. Delegates should note that individual judges will have their own preferences.

Appearance of Sheep - Total of 60 points

Blocking and Trimming - (20) Fleece should be carded and trimmed according to breed standard, free of dirt and stains. Blocking and trimming should start three to four weeks prior to showing. Head should be trimmed to give a neat, refined look to bring out the breed characteristics. Body wool should be trimmed to accentuate a thick uniform top, a full plump leg, a trim middle and a set of straight, squarely placed legs. The dock should be trimmed and clean. Long wool and fine wool sheep should have 2" fleeces. Medium wool breeds should have 1/2" to 3/4" fleeces.

Cleanliness - (20) Ears, eartags, eyes and muzzle should be clean. Fore and rear flanks and neck should be clean. All parts of the sheep should be thoroughly dry. Sheep other than lambs must be shorn the year they are shown. Fleeces of wool breeds should be firm, bright and showing yolk, all of which indicated bloom. Excessively long, harsh, dry and colorless fleeces will be criticized. Artificial coloring of ears, legs and fleeces will not be allowed. Sheep showing evidence of external parasites will be heavily discounted.

Condition - (10) Animal should show normal growth and size for age. It should be well covered (well fleshed) over back loin and ribs. It should not be over- or under- conditioned. Skin and fleece should show health and bloom rather than being dry and lacking color. Skin lacking in color and lack of red coloring under eyelids may be an indication of internal parasites.

Feet - (10) Hoofs should be trimmed and shaped so as to enable the animal to stand and walk naturally. Hoofs should be clean and may be prepared for showing by oiling or polishing. It is best not to trim feet too close to show day. A tender foot may mean a lame sheep. Hoofs must be free from foot rot.

Showing - Total of 40 Points

Holding and moving in the ring - (20) Bring the animal into the ring promptly and properly. Halters are optional, and delegates will be judged on their ability to show their animal to their best advantage in the style chosen (i.e. points may be deducted if a halter is used but ignored.) Line up as directed by the ring steward. Stand your sheep squarely, using the left hand under the jaw and right hand to move feet, straighten back, etc. Standing and kneeling on one knee may be interchanged. One may stand in front of sheep grasping side of face with both hands when the judge is in back of the sheep. The exhibitor should push down and back to strengthen the top and cause the leg muscle to bulge. Placing a knee against the brisket is allowable as well as placing a hand under the sheep in order to make the animal show to best advantage. The exhibitor may be penalized if the judge decides that the back is humped, or arched because of excess jaw pressure. When the judge is in front of the sheep, the showman should set up the front end of the sheep so as to show the head and front to best advantage. This is usually best accomplished by grasping the sheep under the jaw with the showman at side of sheep, or by the use of the lead rope, whichever the sheep responds to best. Remember to keep sheep alert with head set and ears forward.

In moving the sheep, walk on the left side of the sheep. If a halter is on the sheep, it must be used to walk the sheep. Move slowly and only as necessary for the judge to view you and your sheep. Exhibitor remains on left side of sheep at all times. Do not step over the back or go behind your sheep.

If a halter is used, the sheep should be trained to lead and stand squarely when properly set up. Keep sheep in good showing position. An animal well handled and trained will not usually move when handled by judge. Sheep should not be set up too wide or too narrow, but to best advantage.

Alertness and attitude - (10) The delegate should be alert at all times and courteous to the judge and fellow delegates. Delegates should watch their animals closely and know where the judge is at all times. Inattention will cost points. Gum chewing and talking will not be allowed.

Keep showing even when the ribbons are being awarded. Do not relax until you leave the ring. You can never be sure when the judging is officially over!

Appearance of Exhibitor and Knowledge of Project - (10) The delegate should be neatly presented as dictated in the General Rules. Appropriate clothing must be worn and **shirts tucked in at all times**; no hats are to be worn in the show ring at any time.

Delegates must be prepared to answer any questions the judge may ask during the class. The judge reserves the right to ask any variety of questions dealing with knowledge of a 4-H project such as breeds of sheep, care and maintenance of a sheep project, and showing ability, amongst others. In many cases, questions are asked to determine a tie-breaker.

4-H SHEEP EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT **CHAIRPERSON – DEBBIE DESJARLAIS**

THE PURPOSE of this exhibit is for each state to design (during the year before the 4-H Sheep Show at The Big E) an exhibit to inform and educate the public of the responsibilities and teachings of a 4-H Sheep Project.

1. Each state will be given a 24" by 4' table, with a green skirt, on which to display their exhibit. Exhibits must not hang over the edge of the tables and must not be taller than 3 ft from tabletop.
2. Displays are to be designed, worked on and erected by delegates. Leaders and adults may help with the design of the display. Adults are not allowed to help in the setting up of the display at the fair. The number of delegates who work on the display is not limited.
3. It is at the consensus and discretion of the Event Chairperson, Show Superintendent and Agriculture Manager as to where the tables will be displayed after they are judged. Since this is the case, delegates should NOT plan on having a wall on one side of the display. The tables will be easily movable, and may be placed along the livestock pens, or elsewhere. Freestanding backdrops of some kind are encouraged, but by no means necessary and must be attached securely.
4. The state's name and/or delegate's names may not be placed in the display until after the judging has been completed. The display is to be in place by **6:00 p.m.** Friday evening. There will be no changes made to the display after this point (with the exception of adding the state's name and delegates names, if desired, after the judging is completed).
5. Judging will take place after the 6:00 p.m. deadline. Displays will be judged by three individuals who are not associated with sheep or the 4-H Sheep Show. Ribbons will be awarded on the displays the following morning.
6. The display will be judged on the Danish system using the following criteria:

<i>Educational Value</i>	40 points
<i>Originality</i>	20 points
<i>Organization of Materials</i>	20 points
<i>Neatness</i>	10 points
<i>Readability of Material</i> (<i>Can letters be clearly seen and understood</i>)	10 points
TOTAL	100 points

4-H SHEEP LEAD LINE COMPETITION
CO-CHAIRPERSONS - SYLVIA MURRAY, DEBBIE DESJARLAIS
RAY DOYLE

THE PURPOSE of this competition is as a sheep and wool promotional class. Each delegate is judged on how well they exemplify the sewing and wearing of wool, along with interest and support of a 4-H sheep project.

1. Delegates who chose to enter Lead Line **MUST** write it on their entry form.
2. Each 4-H delegate must wear a garment, self made or purchased, of at least 70% wool.
3. The delegate's garment may be knit, crocheted, sewn, woven or felted.
4. The delegate must show their owned or leased animal, and the animal must have been shown in the breed or market classes at The New England 4-H show the same year. Rams will be allowed in Lead Line classes.
5. The delegate must clean, block and trim his/her own animal. Halter training must have been done by delegate.
6. Coordinated accessories may be added to adorn the sheep.
7. Exhibitor armbands with delegate's printed number **must** be worn in the competition.
8. **Commentaries must be typed(1 page limit, 14 point font and include your name, address, and age) or printed neatly on form supplied with entry forms.** Commentaries must be given to the Registration Officials when delegates check in registration papers on Friday, 8:00 a.m.-12noon. Cancellations must be made prior to 6:00 pm. Chaperones are responsible for notifying the Event Chairperson of cancellations.
9. Delegates are to be ringside and lined up when their class is announced. Participants will remain in line while waiting to enter the ring. Participants are judged the entire time they are in the ring. Neither the participant nor the judges may touch the animal in the ring. Senior Lead Line will be held first, followed by Intermediate, then Junior.
10. In the event that a delegate has entered Lead Line, but the sheep is sick and unable to attend the show, the delegate has the option to wear the prepared outfit and be ring steward to help in the ring holding sheep as the other contestants model their outfits. Their commentaries may be read if desired. However, since the sheep is 50% of the score, they will not be eligible for judging.
11. Each state may enter a total of nine contestants.

SHEEP LEAD LINE COMPETITION SCORECARD

BREED _____

EXHIBITOR # _____

Scored on a scale of 1 - 10 (highest)

GARMENT SCORE SHEET

1. Garment is stylish and suited to the delegate's age.
2. Garment fits well.
3. Delegate maintains good posture and is alert during the entire class
4. Garment (cleaned and pressed) is properly presented.
5. BONUS - Score on a base of 1-5 used only to break a tie.

TOTAL GARMENT POINTS AWARDED _____

BREED _____

EXHIBITOR # _____

Scored on a scale of 1 - 10 (highest)

SHEEP SCORE SHEET

1. Sheep leads easily and is well controlled.
2. Sheep is alert.
3. Sheep is fitted properly for its breed.
4. Sheep is clean and dry.
5. Sheep shows normal growth for age and breed.

TOTAL SHEEP POINTS AWARDED _____

4-H SHEEP QUIZ BOWL

CHAIRPERSON – RAY DOYLE

THE PURPOSE of this contest is to test the knowledge of the delegates in various areas of owning and raising sheep.

1. Teams Each State will select four delegates to be their state's Quiz Bowl team. Should a state have less than four delegates at the show, those delegates will be placed on a mixed team with members from other state(s). The 4-H Sheep committee shall designate the mixed team of four. Team members must be participating fully in The New England 4-H Sheep Show as stated in the General Rules.

2. Rounds of Play Each state will participate in two rounds of play. Teams will draw for numbers just prior to the start of the game. The Rounds will be broken down as follows:

Round 1	Round 2
Team 1 plays Team 2	Team 1 plays Team 3
Team 3 plays Team 4	Team 2 plays Team 5
Team 5 plays Team 6	Team 4 plays Team 6

In Round One, all teams will answer the same questions making it necessary for the teams not competing to wait outside the game area until their match is called. After the match, they may remain in the area until the start of Round Two. The first answer given by a team member will be their official answer. If any part of an answer is incorrect, the whole answer is considered incorrect. A round will be made up of no more than 4 one-on-one questions for each contestant, plus no more than 6 toss-ups. Round One questions will be worth 1 point and Round Two questions will be worth 3 points.

3. One-on-One Questions each round will start with the moderator asking one-on-one questions. The first question will be read and only opposing delegates sitting in seat #1 may buzz and answer. The second question will be read and only opposing delegates sitting in seat #2 may buzz and answer, etc. Each correctly answered question will be worth one point; **incorrect answers will NOT result in any loss of points**. If a question is answered incorrectly, the opposing delegate in the corresponding seat will have the opportunity to answer the question correctly, with the option to gain a point.

4. Toss-Up Questions Toss-up questions are open to all contestants. They may confer on the answer, but the delegate having buzzed first must answer the question.

5. Early Buzz-In The Moderator will stop reading the question immediately when a buzzer is rung and the individual or team must answer the question at that time. If the individual or team answering the incomplete question is wrong, the question will be read in it's entirety for the opposing individual or team.

6. Final Scoring The team's final score is the cumulative total of the points they earned in Rounds One and Two. In the case of a tie, the teams will answer ONE additional toss-up question. If the teams are still tied at this point, questions will continue to be asked until the tie is broken.

7. Challenges if a team member or a team coach wishes to challenge a question or an answer, they must do so immediately at the time of the question being asked and the answer given. If the moderator has moved on to the next question, no challenge may be made. Only team members playing the round in question and their officially designated coach may challenge a question or an answer. The contest judge will be asked to rule on the challenge. The judge will make his/her final ruling based on information given in the SID Handbook. The ruling of the judge is final.

8. Sources of question will be the SID Handbook, 2002 Volume 7 edition and updates and the current year's state educational exhibits.

2006 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NEW ENGLAND 4-H SHEEP ACTIVITY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2006

8:00 am - 12:00 noon	Delegates and sheep arrive. Registration and Health Papers checked Registration at dorm	Mallary Complex Mallary Complex Moses Building
11:15 am - 1:15 pm	Lunch served.	Moses Dining Hall
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Orientation/Drawing of Blocking Animals	Moses Auditorium
1:45 pm	Orientation for Chaperones	Moses Dining Hall
1:45 pm - 3:00 pm	General Knowledge Exam	Moses Auditorium
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Washing, drying, carding of Blocking animals Trimming of personal animals Set up of Educational Exhibits	Mallary Complex Mallary Complex Mallary Complex
6:00 pm	Educational Exhibits in place	Mallary Complex
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Supper served.	Moses Dining Hall
8:00 pm	Ice Cream Social	Mallary Complex
10:00 pm	Mallary Complex closes	

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

9:00 am - 11:00 am	Lead Line Contest	Mallary - Ring #2
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Weighing of Market Lambs Market Lamb Class followed by Breed Classes	Mallary - Ring #2
11:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch served.	Moses Dining Hall
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Continuation of Breed Classes, followed by Supreme Champion Ram and Ewe and Supreme Champion Bred-and-Owned Ram and Ewe	Mallary - Ring #2
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Supper served.	Moses Dining Hall
7:30 pm	Blocking and Trimming Contest	Mallary - Ring #2
10:00 pm	Mallary Complex closes	

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2006

9:00 am - 11:00 am	Fitting and Showmanship	Mallary - Ring #3
11:15 am - 1:15 pm	Lunch served.	Moses Dining Hall
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Quiz Bowl	Mallary - Ring #3
3:00 pm	Awards Ceremony / Exhibitors Meeting	Mallary - Ring #3
4:00 pm	Release Time	Mallary Complex
7:00 pm	4-H Sheep Show closed; all sheep must be removed from the grounds.	

4-H AND YOUTH WORKING STEER CAMPER POLICY:

1. Camper spaces are reserved for those serving in an official capacity with their state 4-H program at The Big E. Each state will provide to ESE the names and responsibilities of each person they are requesting receive a camper space reservation. This one list from each state will be provided to the Agriculture office by August 15 of each year. If not postmarked or received by August 15, ESE reserves the right to use these spaces for other purposes. The following methods of communication are acceptable:

- a. US Mail ESE Ag Office 1305 Memorial Ave W.Spfld, MA 01089
- b. Email aginfo@thebige.com

Please Note: Lists will not be accepted via the telephone!

2. Camper spaces in the Mallary Agriculture Complex area and the area designated for the 4H Horse Committee are assessed a \$10 per camper per night fee.
3. Spaces reserved for the 4H Horse Committee in the Horse Show Camper Lot will be allocated by the 4-H Horse Committee Chair.
4. No cars, trucks or other non-camper vehicles are allowed to be used as overnight accommodations on the grounds of The Big E. Any vehicles used in this manner will be towed.
5. More information is available regarding the availability of camper parking spaces in our public parking lot. For specific information regarding public parking camping and pricing, please contact the **Admissions Department of The Big E at (800)639-2908.**
 - a. Members, chaperones, parents or club leaders not serving in an official capacity are encouraged to contact the Admissions Department of The Big E at (800)639-2908 regarding camper space availability in Lot 9.
 - b. Eastern States Exposition does not encourage the use of tents due to their possible placement near moving vehicles in our public parking lot. Persons wishing to use canvas-sided/pop-up/tent campers must tell the Parking Attendant upon entering the parking area so they may be directed to the designated areas. For specific information, please contact the Admissions Department of The Big E at (800)639-2908.
 - c. No tents are allowed in the Mallary Agriculture Complex parking area.
 - d. Any persons using canvas-sided/pop-up/tent-type campers will be required to sign a waiver accepting all responsibility for any theft, safety and/or personal liability.
 - e. Management reserves the right to refuse access, and is not responsible for accidents or personal loss, injury or damages to any property.
 - f. Space is reserved upon receipt of payment and signed Camper Reservation Form. (your check must accompany the entry form) By signing the Camper Reservation Form the individual agrees to assume all risks. (SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED)

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL (SEE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS)

Fairgrounds in general

In the case of a major emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones are to report to the front lawn of their respective state buildings along the Avenue of States and remain there until released by the 4-H Dormitory Supervisor.

Mallary Complex and New England Center

In case of emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones participating in activities in the Mallary Complex or New England Center should follow the instruction of Eastern States Exposition personnel or staff given through announcements and stay in a group with their volunteer leaders.

- ▶ **Emergency contact telephone numbers**
800-639-2908 or 413-737-2443 and ask for Agriculture Office
413-205-5011 Agriculture Department Secretary
413-205-5185 Moses Dormitory Office
413-205-5250 First Aid
413-205-5152 Lost People
413-205-5253 and 5254 Big E Security—24 Hour

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES & FAIRS

In addition to complying with all laws and regulations governing animal health issues (M.G.L.C. 129 §§14D, 14E, 44 and 330 CMR 4.03, 4.07, 16.03), all fairs must adopt and enforce the following rules for governance of the fair:

2006 Fairs Animal Health Rules

A. General Rules for All Animals

1. **All animals must be in proper physical condition, be properly identified and free of visual evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease at time of arrival. Specific diseases and conditions which will disqualify an animal for entry are identified for each species in the following sections of the rules. Animals of any species with open or draining wounds will not be approved for entry.**
2. **Evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease or failure to produce the necessary documents for health certification, vaccination or testing will result in the animal's rejection for entry. THE INSPECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.**
3. **REMINDER: ALL sheep and goats of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo or electronic implant consistent with the requirements of the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program. Information on approved tags, tattoos and electronic implants is available from the USDA APHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508-865-1421.**
4. **All livestock must have proper ID. For animals identified by microchip, readers must be available to the Inspectors.**
5. **SEE INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SPECIES LISTED BELOW.**

B. Out of State Animals

1. All animals entering a Massachusetts fairground from out of state must be accompanied by a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Documents of health certification must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors.
2. Health certificates must be dated January 1, 2006 or later. These documents will be acceptable for the entire fair season in Massachusetts. TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free states. Current Brucellosis and TB status in the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's Office in each state. If the exhibitor's state is not TB-Accredited or Brucellosis-Free, then the exhibitor must call the Massachusetts Bureau of Animal Health for entry requirements (617-626-1795).

C. Poultry

1. No poultry will be admitted to a fairground until it has been individually inspected.
2. All poultry must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: infectious bronchitis, coryza, pullorum-typhoid, fowl-pox, external parasites and laryngotracheitis.
3. Each bird must be accompanied by written proof (ID card or test report) that the breeding flock was blood tested negative for pullorum-typhoid within one year prior to entry date.
4. Birds from quarantined states will not be permitted entry.
5. All birds over 16 weeks of age as of January 1, 2006 shall be individually leg banded with a state leg band. This includes out of state exhibitors.
6. No bird vaccinated for laryngotracheitis within thirty days of the fair will be admitted.

D. Cattle, Goats and Camelids (llamas, Alpacas, etc.)

1. All animals entering a Massachusetts fairground from out of state, or within state, must be accompanied by a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Cattle and Camelids must be identified by either ear tag, tattoo, registration or microchip. **Note that all goats and kids presented, regardless of age, must be individually listed and identified on the health certificate.** These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Documents of health certification for out of state animals must be written on relevant state or federal forms only. In state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationary which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. Health Certificates must be dated January 1, 2006 or later. These documents will be accepted for the entire fair season in Massachusetts.
2. All of the above animals must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pink eye, ringworm, warts, cow pox and open or draining wounds.
3. In addition, all goats must also be free of sore mouth and scrapie exposure. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP), goats of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo or electronic implant consistent with the requirements of the FSEP. Information on approved tags, tattoos and electronic implants is available from the USDA APHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508-865-1421.
4. Blue tongue testing is required for Camelids originating from outside the Commonwealth. Exception: Animals from a USDA declared "Low Incident State" are exempt. Note: New England and New York are low incident states.
5. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all cattle be currently vaccinated for rabies.

E. Swine

1. All swine entering a Massachusetts fairground must be accompanied by a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure to such disease. Documents of health certification for out of state animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationary which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Health certificates must be dated January 1, 2006 or later. These documents will be accepted for the entire fair season in Massachusetts. All swine must be identified by an official ear tag or registration.
2. Swine must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, mange and open or draining wounds.
3. No person shall import into Massachusetts from outside the state any swine which have been pseudorabies vaccinated. M.G.L.C. 129 § 14E.
4. No person shall import into Massachusetts swine from Stage 1 or Stage 11 Pseudorabies States.
5. All swine shall originate from qualified pseudorabies free herds, or monitored herds in qualified pseudorabies free states only. The pseudorabies status of the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office in each state.

F. Sheep

1. Sheep entering a Massachusetts fairground must have a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Documents of health certification for out of state animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationary which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Health certificates must be dated January 1, 2006 or later. These documents will be acceptable for the entire fair season.
2. No sheep will be allowed entry from flocks in which scrapie has been diagnosed or in which animals are under surveillance for scrapie during the previous eighteen months. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program, sheep of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo or electronic implant consistent with requirements of the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program. Information on approved tags, tattoos and electronic implants is available from the USDA APHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508-865-1421.
3. No sheep will be allowed entry from flocks in which Sore Mouth has existed or in which Sore Mouth Vaccine has been administered in the previous sixty days.
4. Sheep must be free from visual evidence of foot rot, sore mouth, pink eye, ringworm and open and draining wounds.
5. While not required, it is strongly recommended that sheep be currently vaccinated against rabies.

G. Equine

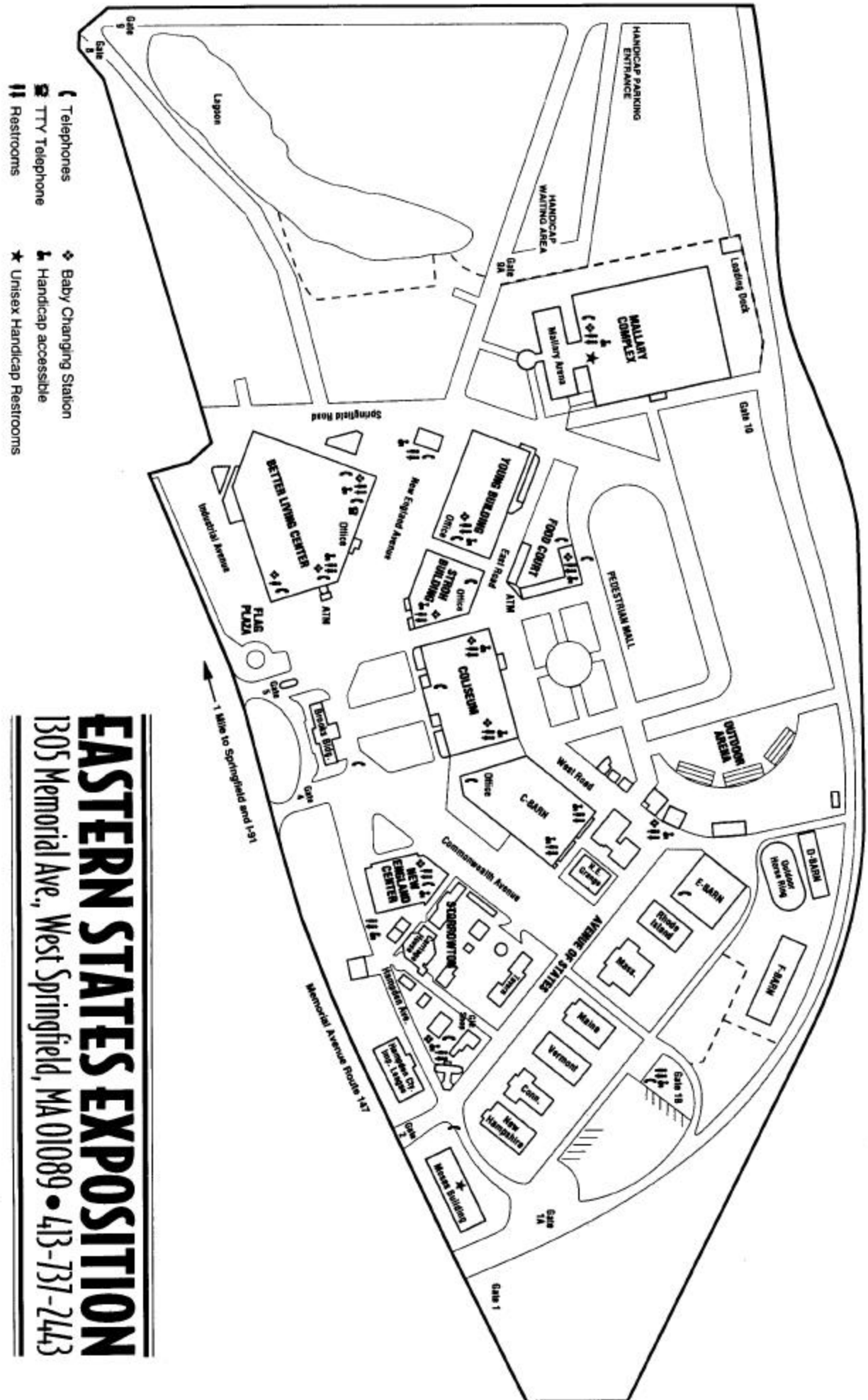
1. All equines entering Massachusetts fairgrounds must have a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Documents of health certification for out of state animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationary which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Health certificates must be dated January 1, 2006 or later. These documents will be acceptable for the entire fair season.
2. All equines must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: mange, ringworm, soring, strangles and open or draining wounds.
3. All equines originating from within and outside of the Commonwealth must have a negative USDA approved EIA test (i.e., Coggins test or ELISA test) dated within twelve months of entry.
4. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all equines be vaccinated for rabies, tetanus and EEE within one year of the fair.

H. Rabbits

1. Rabbits must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: snuffles, wet tail, skin and ear infections.

I. Dogs and Cats

1. All dogs and cats must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: kennel cough, distemper, hepatitis, parvo, ringworm and mange.
2. **All Massachusetts dogs and cats and those originating from out of this state must have a valid and current vaccination certificate for rabies.**



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