



143rd BOLTON FAIR

August 14 - 16, 2026

GENERAL RULES FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS



*****ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY!*****

Entries open June 19 and close July 24.

No entries will be accepted after July 24.

The rules and regulations contained in The Bolton Fair Livestock Exhibitor Guide are the conditions under which all entries are accepted.

*****ATTENTION ALL EXHIBITORS*****

Fair Entry & Wristbands

Who Gets In Free?

- **Free Admission:** Each exhibitor in the vehicle, regardless of age, plus one parent or helper.
- **Paid Admission:** All other passengers must pay the entry fee at Gate 1. Tickets can be purchased online ahead of time at www.boltonfair.org.

What You Will Receive

Based on your online entry information, a parking pass and wristband will be mailed to you:

- **Wristbands:** Issued for everyone receiving free entry. To get in, the wristband must be worn on the wrist and is valid only for the day shown.
- **Parking Pass:** Allows your vehicle entry at Gate 1 for the day(s) shown and must be hung from your rearview mirror for visibility.

Livestock Exhibitor Parking

Space on the fairgrounds is limited. A parking pass is required for all locations.

Trucks & Trailers: Park in the designated area behind the pole barns.

Primary Vehicles: Park in the lot next to the large pole barn. If this lot is full, free overflow parking for animal show exhibitors is available across Route 117 at Gate 1.

Second Vehicles: If you must bring an additional vehicle, you will be designated to park in the lot across Route 117.

Before You Arrive Checklist:

- ☐ **Wristband:** On your wrist (not in your pocket or on the seat).
- ☐ **Parking Pass:** Hanging from your rearview mirror (not on your dashboard).

ALL EXHIBITORS

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1. Livestock Shows include Youth Beef and Dairy Cattle, Youth and Open Sheep, Youth Dairy Goat, Youth Poultry, Youth and Open Rabbit and Swine.
2. All livestock must be owned by the Exhibitor or leased. Exhibitor must bring proof of ownership/lease agreement for each animal shown. Refer to the individual animal show rules for specific information.
3. 2026 MA Animal Health Fair Rules and the 2026 New England Exhibition Health Certificate Rules for Fairs and Shows are conditions for entry into The Bolton Fair. The Veterinarian on staff or Livestock Committee **MUST** check all animals on arrival at the Fairgrounds before penning.
4. Registration papers are to be made available at the time of check in and for the duration of the Fair.
5. Animal Health Certificates from licensed veterinarians must be provided to the Livestock Committee and/or Veterinarian on Staff at their request.
6. All animals entered must be in good health and in proper physical condition and will be examined at the exhibition. Any animals showing evidence of poor condition or infectious or contagious disease will be required to leave the fairgrounds immediately. The Livestock Committee and/or Veterinarian on staff's decision are final.
7. The Livestock and Fair Committees and Judges reserve the right to reject any or all animals/exhibits they deem are not desirable or properly entered.
8. The Judge/Livestock Committee reserves the right to combine or split classes based on the number of entries entered in the class.
9. In all questions, the decision of the Judge is final.
10. All Exhibitors will be under the direction of the Livestock Committee and they will exercise every reasonable care in the protection of exhibits, but in no case will the Livestock Committee or The Bolton Fair be responsible for any loss or damage by or arising from any animal or exhibit; and to defend and indemnify The Bolton Fair and the Directors thereof against all claims and liability in regard thereto. Upon this condition only are entries accepted.
11. The Bolton Fair is an educational activity. Exhibitors are expected to exercise good sportsmanship, cooperation, and honesty and have a positive social behavior towards others. Their conduct shall always reflect the highest standard of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education.
12. Exhibitors may sell, after judging, only animals/exhibits entered in The Bolton Fair, with the permission of the Livestock or Bolton Fair Committee. The animals/exhibits must remain on the fairgrounds until 6:00PM. If this regulation is not met, the Exhibitor may be asked to leave the fairgrounds and will not receive any premiums earned.
13. The Bolton Fair will not be responsible for any animals bought and sold at any show.
14. The Bolton Fair Committee reserves the right to ask any Exhibitor to leave the fairgrounds if any infraction of the rules is not followed.

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15. All individual animal show rules override the General Rules for Livestock Exhibitors.
16. Livestock Exhibitors are welcome to camp overnight in tents and/or in camper vehicles. There is limited space available on the fairgrounds. You must notify the Bolton Fair @ info@boltonfair.org. We will advise if there is space available. Please be respectful of your neighbors. Quiet hours are 10:00 pm - 6:00 am. This includes generators and loud music. Safety and respectful care of all animals and the fairgrounds are expected of each Exhibitor.
17. Because of our concern for the safety of the animals on exhibit and for the comfort and safety of our patrons, **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS OR TO REMAIN IN YOUR CAR**, with the only exception being a service animal, with their documentation, trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability.
18. **For everyone's safety, all tents that are set up by exhibitors and their families during and after fair hours must be securely weighed down with 10#, and/or staked, at each leg. If they are not secured, you will be asked to take them down.**
19. Please be advised that in the evening fairgoers may be walking through the animal show area to see the animals.
20. The Bolton Fair funds the premiums. Premiums will be mailed to winners.

YOUTH EXHIBITORS

PLEASE READ

1. Youth Exhibitors and Handlers are required to wear clean white shirts or 4-H T-shirts with white or tan pants and suitable shoes. No shorts, bathing suits, sandals or bare feet will be allowed. This is a State Requirement for participation and premium eligibility.

Note: The Youth Beef Show requires a western shirt and black pants.

2. **Youth Exhibitors are for young people under 20 years of age as of January 1st of current year.**

Exceptions: Youth Rabbit Show (under 18)

Youth Beef Cattle Show (under 21)

Youth Dairy Cattle Show (under 21)

Swine Show additional class: Young Adult (Age 19 - 25)

3. Youth Exhibitor must be the person who shows the animals they enter unless they have more than one animal per class.
4. Youth Exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at The Bolton Fair, without assistance from family and friends. The classes will be judged on fitting and conditioning of the animal, training and handling of the animal, showmanship methods used and the Exhibitor's appearance and conduct in the ring. Animals must also be shown in the breed class.
5. Parents/Guardians/4-H Leaders are responsible for supervision of Youth Exhibitors staying overnight on the fairgrounds. Safety, appropriate 4H behavior, and respectful care of all animals and the fairgrounds are expected of each Exhibitor.
6. Check out and join in the fun events happening at The Bolton Fair!

New!

FAIR ENTRY and DEPARTURE RULES

PLEASE READ

1. Livestock Exhibitors enter at Gate 1 for access to their animal show area.

Each person eligible for free entry must be wearing their wristband for that day in order to get free entry onto the fairgrounds.

A parking pass for that day must be hanging on your rearview mirror to get onto the fairgrounds.

NOTE: Livestock Exhibitor parking on the fairgrounds is limited, and a parking pass is required for all vehicles and locations. Trucks and trailers must park in the designated area behind the pole barns. Passenger vehicles park in the adjacent lot. If the adjacent lot fills up, free overflow parking is available across Route 117 at Gate 1. If you must bring a second vehicle, you will be designated to park in the lot across Route 117.

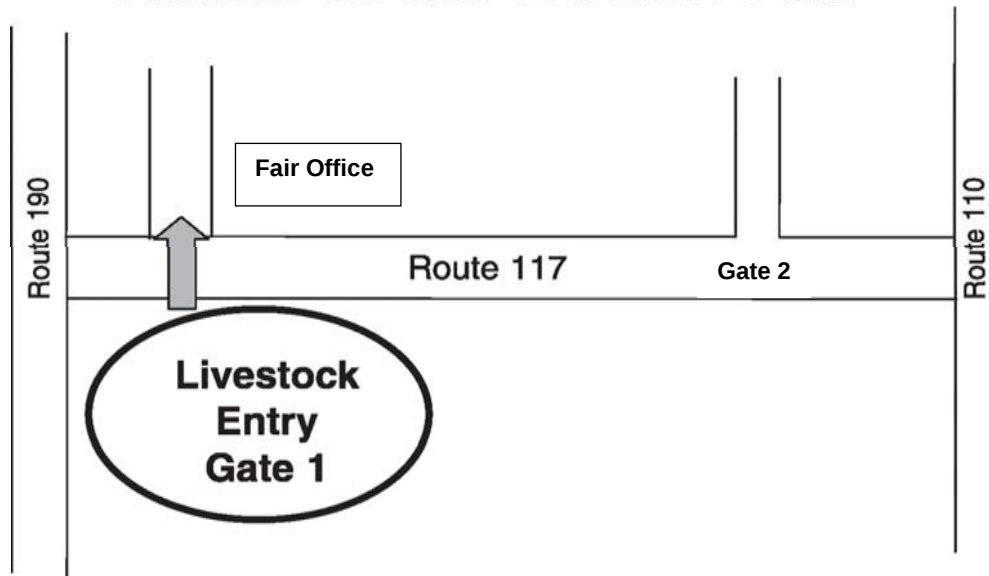
2. **Friday, August 14:** All animals must be penned and vehicles removed by 11:00AM from the animal show area to the proper parking area. The Fair opens at Noon.
3. **Saturday and Sunday, August 15 + 16:** All animals must be penned and vehicles removed by 8:00AM from the animal show area to the proper parking area. The Fair opens at 9:00AM.
4. **Departure time each day is 6:00PM. Exhibitors are expected to remain in the animal show exhibit with their animals until then. Loading begins at 6:00PM, no sooner. *Premiums will be forfeited for any Exhibitor who chooses not to follow these regulations.***
5. **Vehicles will be allowed onto the fairgrounds for loading, and trucks/trailers will be allowed to move to the pole barns/tents for loading at 6:00PM. No sooner. *Premiums will be forfeited for any Exhibitor who chooses not to follow these regulations.***
6. Before departing the fairgrounds, each Exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their pens/enclosures and their respective area of any trash and for moving manure to the designated manure pile behind the pole barns. ***Premiums will be forfeited for any Exhibitor who chooses not to follow these regulations.***
7. Before departing the fairgrounds on Sunday, each Exhibitor is expected to assist in breaking down pens/round pen panels. ***Premiums will be forfeited for any Exhibitor who chooses not to follow these regulations.***

EXHIBIT AREA RULES

PLEASE READ

1. Livestock Exhibitors will be required to maintain their respective areas in a clean and orderly condition at all times.
2. Dirty, sick or unruly animals will not be permitted to compete and will be sent home at the Livestock Committee and/or Judge's discretion.
3. Each Exhibitor shall furnish feed, hay, and water containers. Water is available on the fairgrounds.
4. Exhibitors must provide own bedding.
5. Each Exhibitor is welcome to decorate his/her space to make the barn more appealing and educational.
6. Each Exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their pens/enclosures at the end of the day. ***Premiums will be forfeited for any Exhibitor who chooses not to follow this regulation.***
7. At the close of the Fair on Sunday, each Exhibitor is expected to assist in breaking down pens/round pen panels. ***Premiums will be forfeited for any Exhibitor who chooses not to follow this regulation.***

Fairgrounds at Lancaster Home of the Bolton Fair



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Avian Influenza (HPAI) Notices:

Due to the continuing US outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in domesticated and wild birds and in dairy cattle, Animal Health Officials from all six New England States are united in advising the following for agricultural fairs, competitions, exhibitions, shows, swaps, or other in-person events that encourage the gathering or co-mingling of birds and/or cattle:

Avian species

The New England State Veterinarians strongly discourage the exhibition of domestic and wild waterfowl species and may recommend delaying or canceling domestic fowl or poultry shows. If events are held, best practices for biosecurity should be implemented. Waterfowl exhibitions are currently banned in MA through April 30, 2026, which may be extended.

Bovine species

The New England State Veterinarians strongly discourage the exhibition of any bovines, including both dairy and beef cattle, that have been present in any state at the time that state had a current outbreak of HPAI in cattle. Bovines that have been shipped from currently affected states in 2026 should not be allowed on the premises of New England fairs or shows. Moving to or from an affected state for any reason will void any New England Fair and Show Season Official Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (OCVIs) that have been issued for such cattle for the remainder of the 2026 season.

The USDA APHIS Veterinary Services Federal Order Requiring Testing for and Reporting of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Livestock issued on April 24, 2024, remains in effect. It can be found on the USDA website: www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/dairy-federal-order.pdf

General Rules for All Animals:

See M.G.L. c, 128 §2C, 129 §2

Continue to next sections for additional, specific rules for Cattle, Poultry, Goats, Camelids, Swine, Sheep, Equines, Rabbits, and Dogs and Cats.

1. All animals must be:

- a. In proper physical condition
- b. Properly identified
- c. Free of visual evidence of infectious, contagious, or parasitic disease at time of arrival
 - a. Animals of any species with open or draining wounds will not be approved for entry.

2. An animal will be rejected from entry if:

- a. There is evidence of infectious, contagious, or parasitic disease or open or draining wounds
- b. Failure to produce the necessary documents for certification, vaccination, or testing
- c. THE INSPECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL**

3. Any surgical procedure or injection of foreign substance or drug, or the application of any substance which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance is prohibited.

- a. Irritants, counterirritants, or similar substances that affect the animal's performance, contour, conformation, or appearance is prohibited.
- b. Exceptions include:
 - a. External applications of substances to the hooves or horns of animals that affect appearance only are permitted.
 - b. Surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the animal are permitted.

4. Official Identification (ID):

- a. All livestock must have proper official, individual ID as required and approved by the USDA and accepted by the fair or show for the species such as official metal ear tags, tattoos, scrapie tags, or microchips.
- b. Registration forms must accompany health certificates when used as part of official identification, e.g. with breed registry tattoos or microchips.

5. Health Certificates: New England Animals Showing in New England States

- a. One Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) may be allowed for animals of the same species to be exhibited at fairs or shows in any of the New England States when submitted with an itinerary of the dates and locations of the events at which the listed animals are expected to be shown. Only animals that are healthy at the time of shipment may be moved.
- b. For the 2026 Show and Fair season, OCVIs being used for the full season must meet all the requirements detailed in the 2026 New England Fairs and Shows memo issued jointly by the state veterinarians of CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT (attached at the end of this document). This memo may be updated at any time during the fair season in response to animal health outbreaks.

6. Health Certificates: General Rules for All Animals

- a. Multiple animals of the same species may be listed on one health certificate with appropriate individual IDs and descriptions. Animals of different species may not be listed on the same official health certificate.
- b. An itinerary of the names and locations of each New England fair or show at which the owner expects to show the listed animals and the dates when each animal is expected to be on each site must be prepared by the owner and presented to the veterinarian at the time of the OCVI is written.
 - a. A copy of this planned itinerary must be attached to the official health certificate (import and export) for it to be used for more than one fair or show.
 - b. That proposed list should be signed by the veterinarian and the owner/exhibitor and reference the relevant OCVI number(s).
- c. The name and address of the first show or fair where the listed animal will be exhibited is to be used as the “destination” on the OCVI form.
 - a. “See attached list” or similar statement directing Animal Health Official or Fair Inspectors to the attached proposed itinerary must be included.
- d. Exhibitors must keep an accurate list of the show locations and dates when their animals were present on show or fairgrounds. This record must be available to fair inspectors at each inspection and check-in.
- e. Any animal listed on an OCVI that becomes sick must remain home. If the animal is refused entry to any exhibition during 2026 for health reasons, it must have a new health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the next interstate movement.
- f. Any New England state may end their participation in this agreement and revert to the standard published requirements for livestock imports in the state at any time, in the event of foreign animal disease outbreak or changes to state legislation.

Cattle Specific Information

See M.G.L c. 129 §§2, 39 and 330 CMR 4.04(2).

1. Tuberculosis (TB) and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States (which can be found at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/status-eradication-programs>) and from in-state animals. If the exhibitor’s state is not TB-Accredited or Brucellosis-Free, then the exhibitor must call the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health for entry requirements (617-626-1795 or 857-348-3922). All animals must be free of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pinkeye, ringworm, warts, cowpox, and open or draining wounds.
2. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all cattle be currently vaccinated against rabies.
3. Note: The Big E is requiring RFID official identification tags for all cattle entering The Big E Fairgrounds premises in 2026. Other fairs may add this requirement. Contact the fair office with questions.

Bovine species- Special Notice 2026

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A plan for managing lactating dairy cattle (LDC), including the handling of milk collected at the exhibition facility, should be in place for all fairs and shows where LDC will be on the premises.

Poultry Specific Information

See M. G. L. c. §§2, 129, and 330 CMR 5.02

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, 2026, shall be individually leg banded with a state leg band. This includes out-of-state exhibitors.
6. No bird vaccinated for laryngotracheitis within thirty (30) days of the fair will be admitted.

Important: Waterfowl may not be exhibited, shown, or otherwise gathered or co-mingled at in-person events in Massachusetts until April 30, 2026, unless extended by the Director of Animal Health, per MDAR Order 1-17-AHO-25.

Goat Specific Information

See M. G. L. c. 129 §§2, 9 CFR 79.6 and Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06.

1. Tuberculosis (TB) and brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States (<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/status-eradication> programs) and in-state animals being exhibited in MA.
2. All goats and kids presented, regardless of age, must be individually listed and identified on the health certificate.
3. All goats must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions:
 - a. Foot rot, mage, pinkeye, ringworm, warts, pox, and open or draining wounds.
 - b. All goats must also be free of soremouth and scrapie exposure.
4. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP), goats and sheep of any age or sex brought to a show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA official individual identification tag or registry tattoo accompanied by current registration papers consistent with the requirements of the FSEP and the Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHP-06. Information is available from USDA-APHIS at 508-363-2290.

Camelid Specific information

See M.G.L. c. 129 §2, M.G.I. c. 131, §23, 321 CMR 9.02.

1. Tuberculosis (TB) and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States and from in-state animals. If the exhibitor's state is not TB-Accredited or Brucellosis-Free, then the exhibitor must call the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health for entry requirements (617-626-1795 or 857-348-3922).

Swine Specific Information

See M.G.L. c. 129 §14E, 330 CME 11.4(2). 9 CFR 71.19

1. 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. Exhibited swine may not have been fed raw garbage.
4. No person shall import into Massachusetts from outside the state any swine which have been pseudorabies vaccinated. M.G.L. c. 129 §14E.
5. All swine shall originate from qualified pseudorabies-free herds or herds in qualified pseudorabies-free states only.

Sheep Specific Information

See 9 CFR 79 and Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06

1. 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 18 months. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP), goats and sheep of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA official individual identification tag or registry tattoo accompanied by current registration papers consistent with the requirements of the FSEP and the Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06. Information is available from USDA-APHIS at 508-363-2290.
2. No sheep will be permitted entry from flocks in which soremouth has existed or in which soremouth vaccine had been administered in the previous sixty (60) days.
3. Sheep must be free from visual evidence of foot rot, soremouth, pinkeye, ringworm, and open or draining wounds.
4. While not required, is it strongly recommended that sheep be currently vaccinated against rabies.

Equine Specific Information

See M.G.L. c. 128 §§2C. 44. 330 CMR 16.05

1. All equines entering a Massachusetts (MA) fairground originating from both within or outside Massachusetts must be accompanied by a valid health certificate and have a record of negative EIA (Coggins) test within the last 12 months.

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. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all equines be vaccinated for rabies, tetanus, EEE and NV within one year of the fair.

Dog and Cat Specific Information

See M.G.L c. 129 §39G

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 dogs and cats must be accompanied by a valid or current vaccination certificate for rabies.

Contact the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health at 857-348-3922 or 617-626-1795 for further information.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Accredited Veterinarians
Exhibitors and Show Inspectors

FROM: New England State Veterinarians
CT Dr. Thamus Morgan NH Dr. Mark Prescott
MA Dr. Lorraine O'Connor
ME Dr. Taryn Pearson
RI Dr. Scott Marshall
VT Dr. Kaitlynn Levine

SUBJECT: 2026 New England Fairs and Shows

DATE: March 27, 2026

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2026 NE Exhibition Health Certificate Rules 2 of 3

All species

- **Animals of all species susceptible to HPAI** are potentially subject to quarantine as ordered by the State Veterinarian if HPAI is detected on a premises where the animal is or was exhibited.
- **If HPAI is detected in cattle in any New England State**, the Agreement between the New England State Veterinarians to allow the use of a single, fair and show season OCVI for New England animals being exhibited in New England will be voided. All exhibited animals would need to be accompanied by an OCVI issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of being checked in at the show premises and/or other state import requirements.
- Best biosecurity practices for all species should be implemented.

Contact the state where animals will be exhibited for the latest updated information.

2026 Fair and Show New England Health Certificates

For the 2026 Show and Fair Season, domesticated animals from New England states (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT) may be exhibited at fairs and shows in New England throughout the fair and show season using a single Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) that meet the requirements outlined in this memo.

General Requirements (all NE states):

- A single OCVI from the animals' home state may be completed for travel to and from the New England states in which the animals will be exhibited.
- Multiple animals of the same species may be listed on one OCVI with appropriate individual IDs and descriptions.
- Animals of different species may not be listed on the same official health certificate.
- An itinerary of the **names and locations** for each New England fair or show at which owner expects to show the listed animals and the **dates when each animal is expected to be on each site**, must be prepared by the owner and presented to the veterinarian at the time the OCVI is written.
 - o A copy of this planned itinerary must be attached to the OCVI (import and export) for it to be used for more than one fair or show.
 - § That proposed list should be signed by the veterinarian and the owner/ exhibitor and reference the relevant OCVI number(s).
 - § Electronic OCVIs must include this list of exhibition names, addresses, and dated in the "remarks and comments" section
- The **first show or fair** where the listed animals will be exhibited will be the **Consignee** on the OCVI, as shown here:

New England Fair Season

Street address of first fair or show

See Exhibition List

2026 NE Exhibition Health Certificate Rules 3 of 3

- Exhibitors must keep an accurate list of the show locations and dates when their animals were physically on show/fairgrounds. This record must be available to fair inspectors at each inspection and check-in.
- **Any animal listed on an OCVI that becomes sick must remain home.** Any animal that is **refused entry** to any exhibition during 2026 for health reasons must have a new OCVI issued by an accredited veterinarian **within 30 days** of the next fair or show where it will be exhibited.
- Any New England state may end their participation in this agreement and revert to the standard published requirements for livestock imports in the state at any time, in the event of foreign animal disease outbreak or changes to state legislation.

State-specific requirements:

- **CT**
 - o Fair and Show OCVIs may be issued and used between January 1 and October 31, 2026
 - o An importation permit for exhibition animals is required for cattle, camelids, goats, sheep, and swine
 - o Testing and vaccinations are required for some species
 - o Contact CT Dept. of Agriculture for permits and requirements at 860-713-2504 or AGR.SVCS@ct.gov
- **MA**
 - o Fair and Show OCVIs may be issued and used between January 1 through October 31, 2026
 - o Contact MDAR at 857-348-3922 or 617-626-1795 with questions
- **ME**
 - o Fair and Show OCVIs may be issued and used between January 1 and October 31, 2026
 - o An importation permit for exhibition animals is required for some species
https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_health/livestock_importation.shtml
 - o Contact ME State Veterinarian's Office at 207-287-3701 with questions
- **RI**
 - o Fair and Show OCVIs may be used between January 1 and October 31, 2026
 - o Contact the RI State Veterinarian's Office at 401-537-4281 with questions
- **NH**
 - o Fair and show OCVIs may be issued on or after April 1, 2026, and used for participating NH fairs and shows from July 1 through October 31, 2026
 - o Contact NH State Veterinarian's Office (603) 271-2404 for permits
- **VT:**
 - o Fair and show OCVIs may be issued on or after April 1, 2026, and used for participating VT fairs and shows from May 1 through October 31, 2026
 - o Contact the VT Animal Health Office at 802-828-2421 for specific import requirements and permits

Sick or exposed animals may not be shipped anywhere.



LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS' AWARDS

Awarded to the young livestock exhibitor who best demonstrates the ideals of humane care and handling of his or her animals.

The winner receives the Livestock Exhibitor Trophy in recognition of proficiency demonstrated at the Bolton Fair, and to encourage his or her continual growth in good husbandry practices. Awarded in the youth sheep, cattle, swine, dairy goat, rabbit and poultry shows.

BEST OF SHOW AWARDS

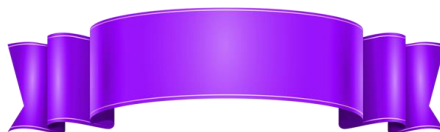
Awards presented to the "Best of Show" in each of the Livestock Exhibits.

(Not necessarily the 1st place winner.)

NAN NORSEEN SPIRIT AWARD

This award is in honor of Nan Norseen.

Presented to a Bolton Fair participant who most exemplifies continuous dedication to The Bolton Fair, and the fostering and teaching of youth with creativity, generosity, and humility.



Fun, Fun, Fun!

Join and participate in one or more of the following contests:

The Rooster Crowing Contest!

The Animal and Exhibitor Costume Contest!

The Sounds of a Pig Contest!

The Human Rooster Crowing Contest!

The Youth Sheep Show Obstacle Course!

The Sounds of a Cow Contest!

Youth Rabbit Show Exhibitor Poster Contest!

Youth Rabbit Show Educational Display Contest!

New!

and

*Exhibitor's Family and Friends can join in the fun with
the Swine Obstacle Course!*

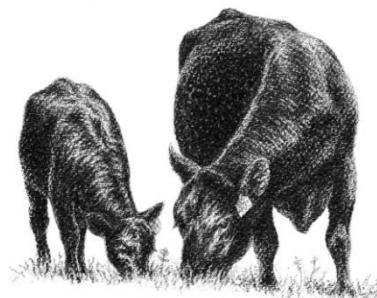


YOUTH BEEF CATTLE SHOW

SATURDAY 10:00AM

CHAIR: Karin Farrow, 978.660.6527

1. Read carefully the 2026 Bolton Fair General Rules for Livestock Exhibitors, the 2026 MA Animal Health Fair Rules, and the 2026 New England Health Certificate Rules for Fairs and Shows.
2. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE OWNED OR LEASED BY THE EXHIBITOR, EXHIBITOR FAMILY AND/OR BY EXHIBITOR CLUB/GROUP PRIOR TO JULY 1ST. PAPERWORK MUST BE AVAILABLE AND SHOWN AT REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE.
3. Entry fee is \$3.00 per animal. Online entries open June 19 and close July 24. Entries will **NOT** be accepted after July 24.
4. Entries will be accepted as space permits.
5. EXHIBITORS MUST PROVIDE OWN BEDDING.
6. **For health reasons, DO NOT UNLOAD until approval from Cattle Show Chair. All animals must be checked in with the Cattle Show Chair present.**
7. **Arrival/check-in times: Friday - 6:00PM-9:00PM; Saturday - 6:30AM-8:00AM and 6:00PM-8:00PM; Sunday – 6:30AM – 8:00AM. Any other times must be pre-arranged with the Cattle Show Chair. Any Exhibitor who chooses not to follow this regulation will NOT be able to participate in the show.**
8. Dress requirement for this show - western shirt and black pants.
9. No horns allowed in show.
10. No bulls allowed in show.
11. No day of show entries accepted.



BREEDS: Angus, Hereford, Simmental, Charolais, Other Purebred, Cross-bred, Commercial Class
Classes will be broken down as follows: Heifers and Steers by age classifications.

CLASSES

FITTING

1. Novice (No previous show experience - under 14)
2. Junior (Under 14 years)
3. Intermediate (Ages 14 – 16)
4. Senior (Ages 17 – 21)

SHOWMANSHIP

5. Novice (No previous show experience - under 14)
6. Junior (Under 14)
7. Intermediate (Ages 14-16)
8. Senior (Ages 17-21)

PREMIUMS

First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17
Champion Fitting & Showmanship will be awarded a trophy.				

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|---|---|
| 9. Junior Calf Heifer - Born 1/1/26 - 3/31/26 | 15. Two Year Old– Born 9/1/23 – 8/31/24 |
| 10. Senior Calf Heifer - Born 9/1/25 - 12/31/25 | 16. Aged Cow – Born before 9/1/23 |
| 11. Summer Yearling Heifer – Born 5/1/25 – 8/31/25 | 17. Cow w/ natural calf born by 4/30/26 |
| 12. Spring Yearling Heifer – Born 3/1/25 – 4/30/25 | 18. Steer – Light (under 6 months) |
| 13. Junior Yearling Heifer – Born 1/1/25 – 2/28/25 | 19. Steer – Medium (6 months – 1 year) |
| 14. Senior Yearling Heifer – Born 9/1/24 – 12/31/24 | 20. Steer – Heavy (over 1 year) |

PREMIUMS

First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
\$27	\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19
Breed Champions, Grand Champion, Best of Show and Reserve will be selected.				

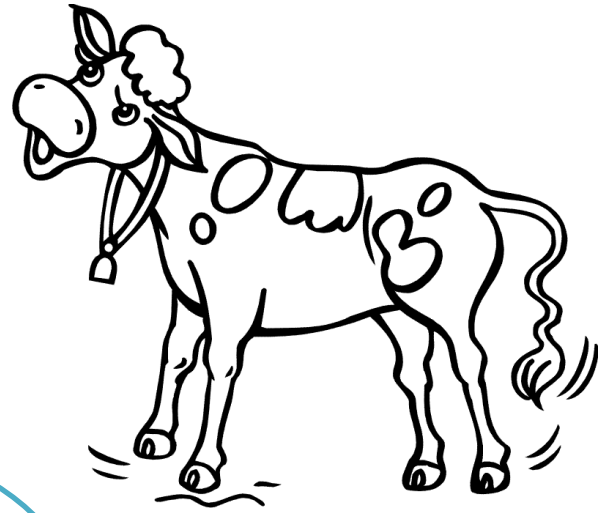
21. Sounds of a Cow Contest. Open to exhibitors and the public. Ribbons to be awarded.
22. Herdsmanship – Ribbon & Award – The Herdsmanship class is based on keeping the animals and pen area neat, clean and safe for the animals and the public. Judging may take place any time from one hour after final check-in until 5:30pm. Winner will be announced at 5:45pm. Scoring will be based on neatness and cleanliness, the condition of animal, attitude and presence of exhibitor, signage and decoration, and educational content. No staples or tacks may be used.

SOUNDS OF A COW CONTEST

5:00PM

Every day!

Can you make a
sound like a cow?



MOOOO!

Moo!

RULES

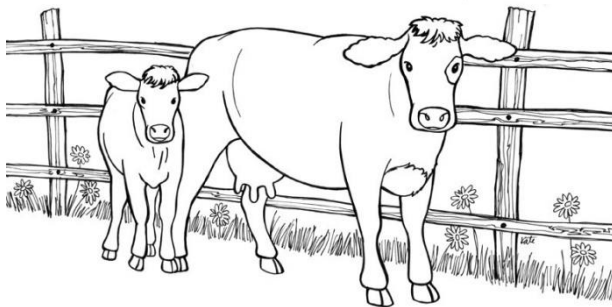
1. The contest is held at the cattle show pole barn and is open to exhibitors and the public.
2. Sound can be a true sound right off the farm or a humorous sound with the use of props and costumes.
3. Time limit is 30 seconds.
4. Two attempts only.
5. Judging will be based on the following:

50% Ability to enunciate the sound clearly and loudly
50% Excitement of the audience

CLASSES

1. 6 and under
2. 7 - 12 years
3. 13 - 17 years
4. 18 years and older

Ribbons will be awarded.

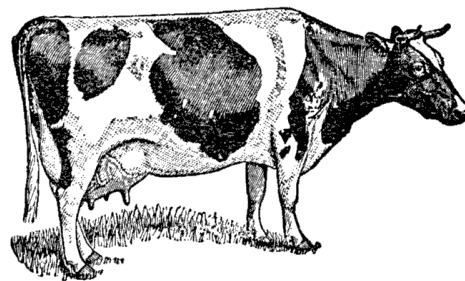


YOUTH DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

SUNDAY 10:00AM

CHAIR: Karin Farrow, 978.660.6527

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2. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE OWNED OR LEASED BY THE EXHIBITOR, EXHIBITOR FAMILY AND/OR BY EXHIBITOR CLUB/GROUP PRIOR TO JULY 1ST. PAPERWORK MUST BE AVAILABLE AND SHOWN AT REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE.
3. Entry fee is \$3.00 per animal. Online entries open June 19 and close July 24. Entries will **NOT** be accepted after July 24.
4. Entries will be accepted as space permits.
5. EXHIBITORS MUST PROVIDE OWN BEDDING.
6. **For health reasons, DO NOT UNLOAD until approval from Cattle Show Chair. All animals must be checked in with the Cattle Show Chair present.**
7. **Arrival/check-in times: Saturday - 6:00PM-8:00PM; Sunday - 6:30AM - 8:00AM. Any other times must be pre-arranged with the Cattle Show Chair. Any Exhibitor who chooses not to follow this regulation will NOT be able to participate in the show.**
8. No day of show entries accepted.
9. The Bolton Fair Committee wants to make you aware that Canadian Geese visit the pond on the Bolton fairgrounds. We are informing you of this due to the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).



BREEDS: Ayrshire, Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Other Purebred and Commercial Class

CLASSES

FITTING

1. Novice (No previous show experience - under 14)
2. Junior (Under 14)
3. Intermediate (Ages 14-16)
4. Senior (Ages 17-21)

SHOWMANSHIP

5. Novice (No previous show experience - under 14)
6. Junior (Under 14)
7. Intermediate (Ages 14-16)
8. Senior (Ages 17-21)



PREMIUMS

First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17

Champion Fitting & Showmanship will be awarded a trophy.

9. Junior Calf - Born 3/1/2026 - 5/31/2026
10. Intermediate Calf - Born 12/1/2025 - 02/28/2026
11. Senior Calf - Born 9/1/2025 - 11/30/2025
12. Junior Yearling - Born 3/1/2025 - 8/31/2025
13. Senior Yearling - Born 9/1/2024 - 2/28/2025
14. Dry Cow
15. Two Year Old - Born 9/1/2023 - 8/31/2024
16. Three Year Old - Born 9/1/2022 - 8/31/2023
17. Four Year Old and Over - Born before 8/31/2022
18. Dam and Daughter - One cow and female offspring

PREMIUMS

First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
\$27	\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19

Breed Champions, Grand Champion, and Best of Show and Reserve will be selected.

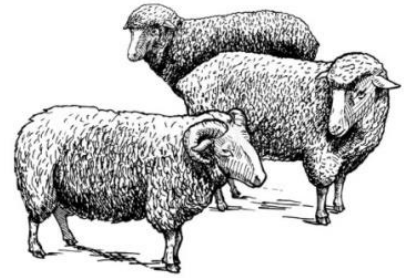
19. Sounds of a Cow Contest. Open to exhibitors and the public. Ribbons to be awarded.
20. Herdsmanship - Ribbon & Award - The Herdsmanship class is based on keeping the animals and pen area neat, clean and safe for the animals and the public. Judging may take place any time from one hour after final check-in until 5:30pm. Winner will be announced at 5:45pm. Scoring will be based on neatness and cleanliness, the condition of animal, attitude and presence of exhibitor, signage and decoration, and educational content. No staples or tacks may be used.

YOUTH SHEEP SHOW

SATURDAY 10:00AM

CHAIR: Britt Hallet, 978.835.6518, smudgesheeps@gmail.com

1. Read carefully the 2026 Bolton Fair General Rules for Livestock Exhibitors, the 2026 MA Animal Health Fair Rules, and the 2026 New England Health Certificate Rules for Fairs and Shows.
2. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE OWNED OR LEASED BY THE EXHIBITOR. REGISTRATION PAPERS, DATED PRIOR TO JULY 1ST, MUST BE AVAILABLE AND SHOWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE.
3. Entry fee is \$3.00 per animal. Online entries open June 19 and close July 24. Entries will **NOT** be accepted after July 24.
4. Be sure to list breed name on entry form.
5. Youth Exhibitors need to choose to enter in either Open or Youth Show, but cannot do both.
6. Entries will be accepted as space permits.
7. Check-in on Friday by 11:00AM. Check-in not available on Thursdays.
8. All Youth Exhibitors who show must be present on Friday and Saturday, or forfeit their premiums.
9. No individual sheep may compete in more than one class, except in group classes, where it is required that any sheep shown in a group class must have previously been shown in an individual class. Animals shown in market lamb class may not be shown in any other classes except Fitting and Showmanship.
10. Only two premiums will be allowed any Exhibitor in a singles class, and only one premium in a group class. In class where there is no competition, awards will be made according to the merit of the animals in the opinion of the judge.
11. All animals, except market lambs, must be registered with their breed association and the papers shown to the committee representative on request.
12. All breeds must be fitted and shown according to their breed's standards.
13. Youth Exhibitors and Handlers are required to wear long solid colored pants, clean short or long sleeve shirt, and closed toe shoes. No tank tops, shorts, or sandals permitted in show ring by an Exhibitor. Tan and whites allowed but not required.
14. No day of show entries accepted.
15. Youths are welcome to stay overnight with adult supervision.
16. Friday will be dedicated to prepping for Saturday's sheep show and to participate in FUN activities!



Join in the Fun!

*Sheep
Obstacle
Course!*

All sheep exhibitors welcome.

Ribbons will be awarded.

Friday TBD.

YOUTH SHEEP SHOW, CONT'D

CLASSES

1. LEAD LINE

Time to be announced

Exhibitor will be judged on the wool clothing worn and their general appearance and handling ability of their animal on a lead line. Extra points will be given for wool clothing hand-made by Exhibitor, hand-spun, knit or crocheted, wet- and needle-felted by the Exhibitor. This is not a costume class. You must state that you are entering this class on your entry form and send a description of your outfit. Prizes awarded to top 6 entries.

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

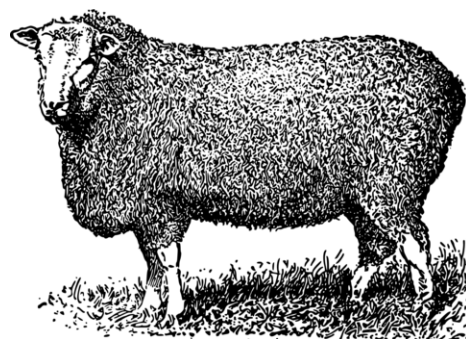
Saturday AM

All entrants must participate in Fitting and Showmanship Classes. You will be automatically entered; no fee for these classes. Entrants will be grouped in classes based on years of experience, number of Exhibitors and age of Exhibitors. You will be placed into the following classes as appropriate:

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| 2. Senior Fitting (Ages 17-20) | 6. Junior Fitting (Under 14) |
| 3. Senior Showmanship (Ages 17-20) | 7. Junior Showmanship (Under 14) |
| 4. Intermediate Fitting (Ages 14-16) | 8. Novice Fitting (No previous show experience – under 14) |
| 5. Intermediate Showmanship (Ages 14-16) | 9. Novice Showmanship (No previous show experience – under 14) |



10. Market Lamb - Wethers or Ewe Lambs only divided by the Judge at the Fair
11. Yearling Ram – Over one year and under two years as of Sept. 1 of current year
12. Senior Ram Lamb – Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 of previous year
13. Junior Ram Lamb – Born on or after January 1 of current year
14. Pair of Ram Lambs
15. Aged Ewe – Two years and over
16. Yearling Ewe – Over one year and under two years as of Sept. 1 of current year
17. Pair of Yearling Ewes
18. Senior Ewe Lamb – Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 of previous year
19. Junior Ewe Lamb – Born on or after Jan. 1 of current year
20. Pair of Ewe Lambs
21. Best Pair – Any pair not shown yet
22. Farm Flock – One (1) Ram, Two (2) Ewes, any ages



23. Shepherd – Ribbon & Award – The Shepherd Class is based on keeping the animals and pen area neat, clean and safe for the animals and the public. Judging may take place any time from one hour after final check-in until 5:30PM. Winner will be announced at 5:45pm. Scoring will be based on neatness and cleanliness, the condition of animal, attitude and presence of exhibitor, signage and decoration, and educational content. No staples or tacks may be used.

PREMIUMS

First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10
Champion, Supreme Champion, and Best of Show will be selected.					

OPEN SHEEP SHOW

SUNDAY 10:00AM

CHAIR: Britt Hallet, 978.835.6518, smudgesheeps@gmail.com

1. Read carefully the 2026 Bolton Fair General Rules for Livestock Exhibitors, the 2026 MA Animal Health Fair Rules, and the 2026 New England Health Certificate Rules for Fairs and Shows.
2. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE OWNED BY THE EXHIBITOR. REGISTRATION PAPERS, DATED PRIOR TO JULY 1ST, MUST BE AVAILABLE AND SHOWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE.
3. Entry fee is \$3.00 per animal. Online entries open June 19 and close July 24. Entries will **NOT** be accepted after July 24.
4. Be sure to list breed name on entry form.
5. Entries will be accepted as space permits.
6. Check-in by 8:00AM. Early arrivals (the night before) need to be approved by the chair.
7. Show will be limited to 150 sheep entered.
8. Limit of two (2) breeds per exhibitor.
9. Limit of eight (8) per breed per exhibitor.
10. Limit of two (2) market lambs per exhibitor.
11. Breed/Class: To qualify in a class, a breed MUST have three (2) or more exhibitors and eight (8) or more sheep. The Committee reserves the right to cancel, combine or subdivide any class. Breeds without the above requirements will be put into All Other Breed Meat or Wool.
12. No individual sheep may compete in more than one class, except in group classes, where it is required that any sheep shown in a group class must have previously been shown in an individual class. Animals shown in market lamb class may not be shown in any other classes.
13. Only two premiums will be allowed any Exhibitor in a singles class, and only one premium in a group class. In class where there is no competition, awards will be made according to the merit of the animals in the opinion of the Judge.
14. All animals except market lambs must be registered with their breed association and the papers shown to the committee representative on request.
15. All breeds must be fitted and shown according to their breed's standards.
16. No day of show entries accepted.
17. Classes 11, 12, and 13 **MUST BE BRED AND OWNED**.



CLASSES

1. Market Lambs – wethers or ewe lambs only ~ divided by the Judge at the Fair
2. Yearling Ram – Over one year and under two years as of Sept. 1 of current year
3. Senior Ram Lamb – Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 of previous year
4. Junior Ram Lamb – Born on or after Jan. 1 of current year
5. Pair of Ram Lambs
6. Yearling Ewe – Over one year and under two years as of Sept. 1 of current year
7. Pair of Yearling Ewes
8. Senior Ewe Lamb – Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 of previous year
9. Junior Ewe Lamb – Born on or after Jan. 1 of current year
10. Pair of Ewe Lambs
11. Get of Sire ~ Three (3) animals from same sire
12. Pen of 3 Lambs
13. Best Pair ~ Any pair not shown yet
14. Farm Flock ~ One (1) Ram, Two (2) Ewes, any ages



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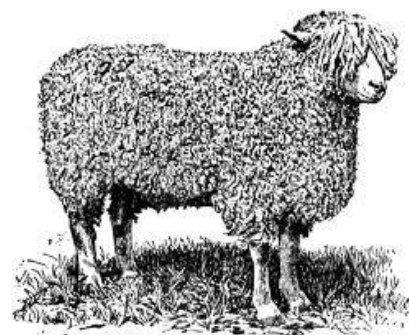
First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10
Champion, Supreme Champion, and Best of Show will be selected.					

WOOL FLEECE SHOW

SATURDAY AM

CHAIR: Brenda Baum 978.273.9825

1. Read carefully the 2026 Bolton Fair General Rules for Livestock Exhibitors, the 2026 MA Animal Health Fair Rules, and the 2026 New England Health Certificate Rules for Fairs and Shows.
2. FLEECES SHALL BE FROM SHEEP OWNED BY THE EXHIBITOR.
3. Entry fee is \$2.00 per fleece. Online entries open June 19 and close July 24. Entries will **NOT** be accepted after July 24.
4. Fleeces must have been shorn since January 1st of current year and be well-skirted. Fleeces heavily contaminated with vegetable matter or other debris will not be eligible for show.
5. Fleeces shall arrive in CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS. Fleeces are not to be tied.
6. Each fleece must be tagged with two 3x5 cards stapled to the bag with the name and address of the Exhibitor, the class number of the entry, and farm name.
7. All fleeces must be presented before 9:00AM on Saturday at the Sheep Show area.
8. Fleeces for Youth and Open Exhibitors will be judged separately.
9. Fleeces may be picked up after 6:00PM on Sunday. If not, they will be sold with the proceeds going to The Bolton Fair.



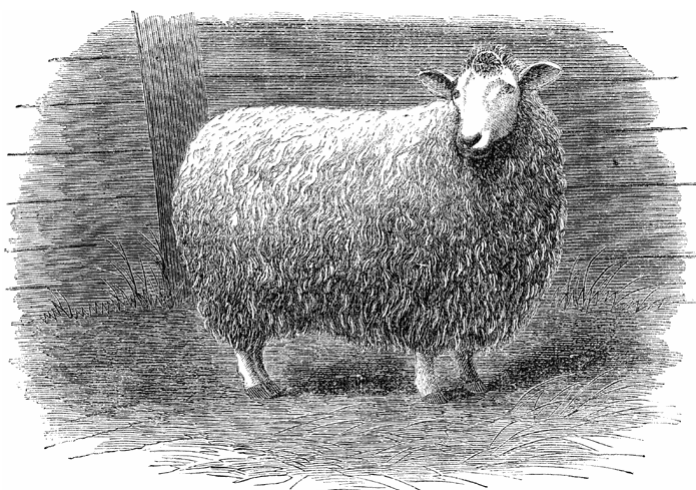
CLASSES

1. Fine wool
2. Medium wool
3. Long wool
4. Primitive

Fleeces will be judged on cleanliness, evenness of crimp (except primitive breeds), and staple length. Reduction of points for ~ second cuts, excess foreign matter, black fiber (except hand spinning). Disqualification for: weak fiber, matted or cotty wool, mouldy or improperly stored, broken fleeces.

PREMIUMS

First	Second	Third	Fourth
\$13	\$11	\$9	\$7
Best of Show for Youth and Adult will be selected.			

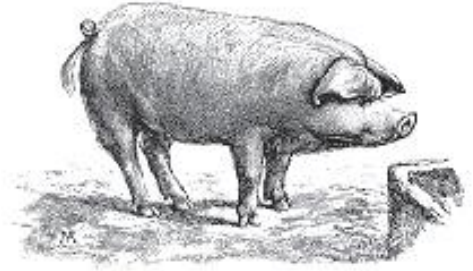


SWINE SHOW

FRIDAY 1:00PM

CHAIR: Karin Farrow, 978.660.6527

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2. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE OWNED OR LEASED BY THE EXHIBITOR PRIOR TO JULY 1ST. PAPERWORK MUST BE AVAILABLE AND SHOWN AT REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE
3. Exhibitors may show a maximum of two (2) animals. If you want to show more than two (2), please contact the Swine Show Chair for space availability.
4. Entry fee is \$3.00 per animal. Online entries open June 19 and close July 24. Entries will **NOT** be accepted after July 24.
5. Entries will be accepted as space permits.
6. Exhibitors must check in with the Swine Chair upon arrival for pen assignment.
7. EXHIBITORS MUST PROVIDE OWN BEDDING.
8. Breed classes with three or less entries may be combined.
9. Placement in weight classes TBD day of show. Must be less than 270 pounds.
10. Market classes are barrow only.
11. No day of show entries accepted.



CLASSES

BREEDS - - BREEDING HOGS: Durocs, Hampshires, Yorkshires, Other Pure Breeds, Crosses

1. Gilt under 6 months
2. Gilt over 6 months

Reserve Champion and Grand Champion will be selected.

3. Sow under 1 year
4. Sow 1 year and over

Reserve Champion and Grand Champion will be selected.

BREEDS - - MARKET HOG: Durocs, Hampshires, Yorkshires, Other Pure Breeds, Crosses

5. Lightweight
6. Middleweight
7. Heavyweight

FITTING

8. Novice (No previous show experience – under 14)
9. Junior (Under 14)
10. Senior (Age 14 – 18)
11. Young Adult (Age 19 - 25)

SHOWMANSHIP

12. Novice (No previous show experience – under 14)
13. Junior (Under 14)
14. Senior (Age 14 – 18)
15. Young Adult (Age 19 - 25)
16. Exhibitor Friends and Family (Age 20 - 100) Ribbons and bragging rights awarded.

PREMIUMS

First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12

Champions and Best of Show will be selected.

17. Sounds of a pig contest. Open to exhibitors and the public. Ribbons to be awarded.
18. Herdsmanship – Ribbon & Award. The Herdsmanship class is based on keeping the animals and pen area neat, clean and safe for the animals and the public. Judging may take place any time from one hour after check-in until 5:30pm. Winner will be announced at 5:45pm. Scoring will be based on neatness and cleanliness, the condition of animal, attitude and presence of exhibitor, signage and decoration, and educational content. No staples or tacks may be used.

Join in the Fun!

Swine Obstacle Course!

All swine Exhibitors AND Friends and Family are welcome.

Ribbons will be awarded.

Friday TBD.

SOUNDS OF A PIG CONTEST

4:30PM

Every day!

Can you make a
sound like a pig?



Grunt!

Squeal!

Bark!

RULES

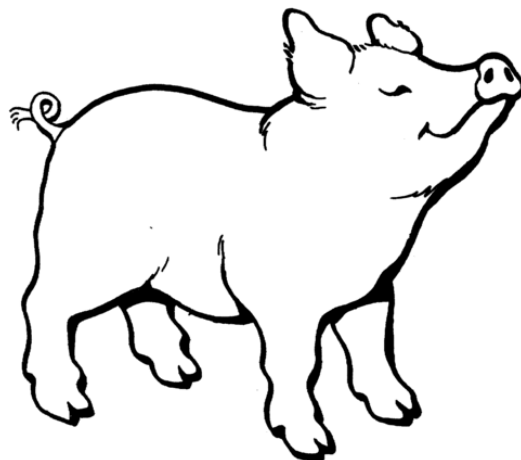
1. The contest is held at the swine show tent and is open to exhibitors and the public.
2. Sound can be a true sound right off the farm or a humorous sound with the use of props and costumes.
3. Time limit is 30 seconds.
4. Two attempts only.
5. Judging will be based on the following:

50% Ability to enunciate the sound clearly and loudly
50% Excitement of the audience

CLASSES

1. 6 and under
2. 7 - 12 years
3. 13 - 17 years
4. 18 years and older

Ribbons will be awarded.



YOUTH DAIRY GOAT SHOW

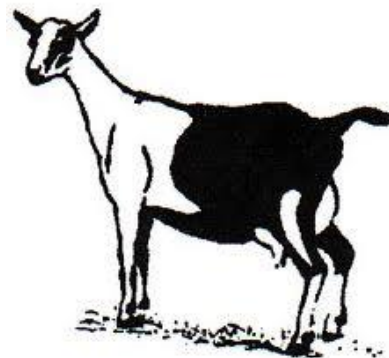
5 - 20 years of age

SATURDAY 10:00AM

CHAIR: Gina Melnick, 774.573.8710

CO-CHAIR: Gabriella Vidal, 774.573.4930

1. Read carefully the 2026 Bolton Fair General Rules for Livestock Exhibitors, the 2026 MA Animal Health Fair Rules, and the 2026 New England Health Certificate Rules for Fairs and Shows.
2. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE OWNED BY THE EXHIBITOR, OR 4-H leased prior to June 1st. Paperwork must be available and shown at committee's request.
3. Entry fee is \$3.00 per animal. Online entries open June 19 and close July 24. Entries will **NOT** be accepted after July 24.
4. Entries will be accepted as space permits.
5. Limit ten (10) goats per exhibitor.
6. Limit three (3) goats per exhibitor per class.
7. Specialty Class limit – one (1) entry per exhibitor.
8. Pet Classes -- \$3.00 entry fee per animal.
9. Pens: insert the number of pens needed under the Entry Questions on the entry form. Limited pens and shelter will be provided.
10. Exhibitors must provide their own bedding and will be responsible to clean pens at end of the day or premiums will be forfeited.
11. Exhibitors must check in with the Goat Chair Committee upon arrival for inspection and pen assignment.
12. No bucks allowed.
13. No horned goats allowed.
14. If there are fewer than three (3) entries in a class, the judge reserves the right to combine classes and/or breeds.
15. No day of show entries accepted.
16. We are looking for dairy goats for exhibit on Friday and/or Sunday. Exhibitors will be compensated for their time and effort. If interested, please contact one of the dairy goat chairs confirming the day(s) and the number of dairy goats you will bring for exhibit or complete the question in your online entry form. See next page for more details.



BREEDS: Alpine, La Mancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Sable, Toggenburg, Golden Guernsey, Recorded Grade

CLASSES

1. Junior Doe Kid (1 month and under 3 months)
2. Senior Doe Kid (3 months and under 6 months)
3. Doeling (6 months and under 1 year)
4. Dry Yearling (1 year and under 2 years)
5. Junior Milker (1 year and under 2 years)
6. Intermediate Milker (Between 2 and 3 years)
7. Senior Milker (3 years and under 5 years)
8. Aged Doe (5 years and older)

SPECIALTY CLASSES – One (1) entry per class per goat

9. Get of Sire (3 Does out of 1 Sire)
10. Produce of Dam (2 Does out of 1 Dam)
11. Dam and Daughter
12. Herd (3 animals or more owned by one person or family)

PET CLASSES – One (1) entry per class per goat

13. Pet Wether
14. Dry Doe (Any breed of doe that is currently dry that has previously freshened.)
15. Pet Doe (Any breed of doe that is not eligible for any classes listed above. This includes any doe over 2 years old who has never kidded.)

FITTING

16. Novice (No previous show experience – under 14)
17. Junior (Under 14)
18. Intermediate (Ages 14-16)
19. Senior (Ages 17-20)

SHOWMANSHIP

20. Novice (No previous show experience-under 14)
21. Junior (Under 14)
22. Intermediate (Ages 14-16)
23. Senior (Ages 17 – 20)

JUDGING

24. Novice (No previous show experience-under 14)
25. Junior (Under 14)
26. Intermediate (Ages 14-16)
27. Senior (Ages 17-20)

PREMIUMS

First	Second	Third	Fourth
\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14
Ribbons will be awarded for Fitting and Showmanship, Judging and Specialty Classes.			
A trophy will be awarded for Champion Fitter and Champion Showman.			
Best of Breed and Best of Show will be selected.			



Attention Youth Dairy Goat Exhibitors!

We are looking for Youth Exhibitors to bring their dairy goats for exhibit on Friday and/or Sunday. Exhibitors will be compensated for their time and effort.

Exhibitors must be willing to make a commitment based on the following rules –

1. Animals must be entered in their respective animal show.
2. Animals must be checked in and setup before Friday 11:00AM and Sunday before 8:00AM.
3. Animals may be removed after 6:00PM.
4. Animals must have food and water, supplied by Exhibitor.
5. Food must be marked with Exhibitor's name.
6. Exhibitors must remain on the fairgrounds.
7. Exhibitors and their animals are welcome to stay overnight on Friday and/or Saturday.
8. Exhibitors are welcome to participate in any fun contests being held!

If interested, send an email to your show chair(s) confirming the day(s) and number of animals you'd like to exhibit and/or complete the question on your online entry form. The Livestock Committee will contact you for confirmation.

YOUTH RABBIT SHOW

18 years of age and under

SATURDAY 11:00AM

CHAIR: Cindi Muller, cindimuller@hotmail.com

Co-Chair: Talia Muller, Ruthmuller2001@gmail.com; 508.816.5097

Official ARBA Sanctioned Show

1. Read carefully the 2026 Bolton Fair General Rules for Livestock Exhibitors, the 2026 MA Animal Health Fair Rules, and the 2026 New England Health Certificate Rules for Fairs and Shows.
2. YOUTH MUST BE THE OWNER OF THE ANIMALS THEY ARE SHOWING.
3. This is an ARBA sanctioned show. All ARBA rules will be followed. Please visit <https://arba.net/official-arba-show-rules/> to see all of the rules for showing. If you have questions, contact Cindi Muller.
4. Entry fee is \$1.50 per animal. Online entries open June 19 and close July 24. Entries will **NOT** be accepted after July 24.
5. Entries will be accepted as space permits.
6. Rabbits must be a minimum of 12 weeks old to show.
7. Limit of five (5) rabbits per exhibitor per variety of breed.
8. Pet class limit of two (2) rabbits per exhibitor.
9. All rabbits must be checked in by 8:00 am the day of the show.
10. Sales rabbits allowed at \$1.00 per rabbit and will not be judged – Class #16.
11. Sales rabbit entries are limited to those Exhibitors showing rabbits at The Bolton Fair. Exception: Rabbit judge (Judge cannot judge their own rabbits).
12. All rabbits, including sale rabbits, must stay on fairgrounds until 6:00PM.
13. All rabbits in breed classes must be permanently earmarked, or they will be disqualified.
14. Show will be limited to 100 rabbits entered.
15. Coops will be available for your use. We encourage Exhibitors to use them.
16. Animals entered in a fur or wool class must also be entered in a breed class.
17. No animal shall be entered in both a breed class and pet class.
18. Only ear number changes allowed within same breed, same class.
19. No day of show entries accepted.
20. All Youth Rabbit Show Exhibitors must enter in the Showmanship class.
21. Join in the fun! Participate in the Poster Contest and the new Educational Display Contest! See following pages for details.
22. We are looking for rabbits for exhibit on Friday. Exhibitors will be compensated for their time and effort. If interested, please contact your rabbit chair confirming the number of rabbits you will bring for exhibit or complete the question in your online entry form. See following page for more details.



CLASSES

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Wool ~ colored | 9. Senior Buck |
| 2. Wool ~ white | 10. Senior Doe |
| 3. Satin ~ colored | 11. Intermediate Buck |
| 4. Satin ~ white | 12. Intermediate Doe |
| 5. Fur ~ colored | 13. Junior Buck |
| 6. Fur ~ white | 14. Junior Doe |
| 7. Rex Fur ~ colored | 15. Pet |
| 8. Rex Fur ~ white | 16. Sales (no premium or ribbon) |

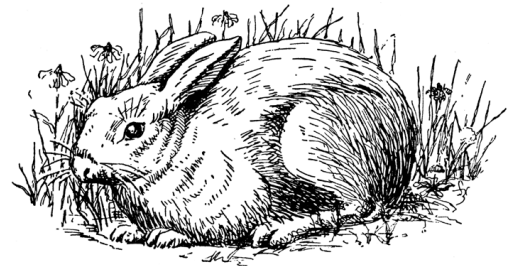
Best of Show, Reserve of Show, Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex of Breed, Best Pet, Reserve Pet will be selected.

SHOWMANSHIP – Champion will be selected.

17. Clovers or Pre-Juniors (5-7)
18. Junior (8-12)
19. Senior (13-18)
20. Novice (No previous show experience 5-18)

PREMIUMS

First	Second	Third
\$6	\$5	\$4
Ribbons will be awarded to 1 st through 3rd place.		



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ARBA website: www.arba.net. Membership Dues: Adults \$20.00 per year, \$50.00 for 3 years, Youth \$12.00 per year, \$30.00 for 3 years, Husband/Wife \$30.00 per year; \$75.00 for 3 years, Family \$30.00 plus \$5.00 each Youth member.

YOUTH RABBIT SHOW EXHIBITORS EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY CONTEST

New!

This contest is your chance to share your rabbit knowledge! Create an educational display that teaches others how to care for a pet rabbit and why certain supplies are needed. Example: Your rabbit needs water; why a bowl or bottle? Plus, you'll get to step up and explain your awesome project directly to the judge.



RULES

1. Each display must be made by the Youth Rabbit Show Exhibitor.
2. Display to be inside a small rabbit enclosure. If you don't have one, please contact Cindi or Talia Muller and they will make sure one is available for you.
3. NO live animals to be in the display; use alternatives (example: a toy rabbit).
4. Poster size to be approximately 8" x 11". It is suggested to provide a stiff backing.
5. Poster must be clearly labeled on the back with exhibitor's name and age as of January 1st of current year.
6. Poster will be judged on:

Educational Content	40 points
Presentation	20 points
Neatness/Appearance	20 points
Originality	20 points
7. Be creative!
8. Displays can be checked in with your rabbits on Saturday morning. Contact a Rabbit Show Chair at cindimuller@hotmail.com or Ruthmuller2001@gmail.com if you have any questions
9. Judging will take place on Saturday.
10. Displays will be on exhibit at the Rabbit tent during the fair on Saturday and Sunday.
11. Displays can be picked up on Sunday after 6:00pm when the fair closes or a prearranged time with the Rabbit Show Chair.
12. No entry fee – this is a free class!



CLASSES

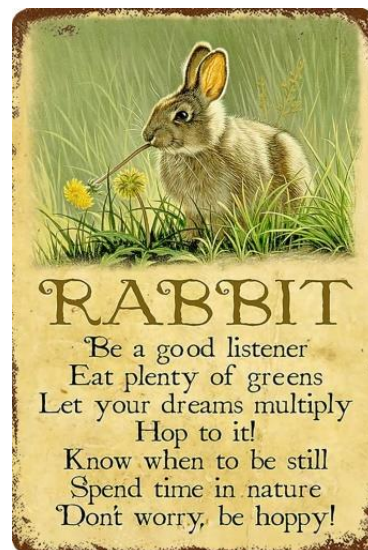
1. 10 years and under
2. 12 years and under
3. 13 - 18 years old

Ribbons and prizes to be awarded for 1st through 3rd place.

YOUTH RABBIT SHOW EXHIBITORS POSTER CONTEST



This contest is all about teaching others what you know and having a blast! It's your chance to put a spotlight on your passion for rabbits – whether you want to share your favorite breed, cool rabbit behaviors or how you keep your bunny happy and healthy with the best food, housing, and care.



RULES

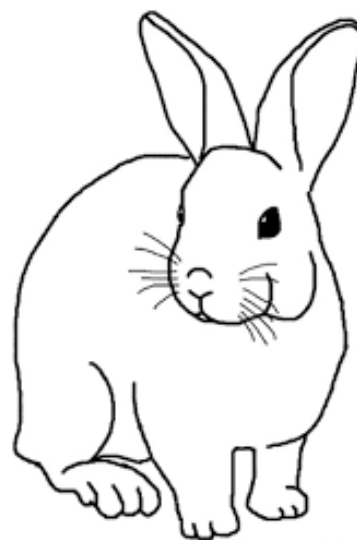
1. Each poster must be made by the Youth Rabbit Show Exhibitor.
2. Poster to be 22" x 28" size poster board. It is suggested to cover your poster with clear plastic and to provide stiff backing.
3. Poster must be clearly labeled on the back with exhibitor's name and age as of January 1st of current year.
4. Poster will be judged on:

Educational Content	50 points
Neatness/Appearance	30 points
Originality	20 points
5. Posters can be checked in with your rabbits on Saturday morning. Contact a Rabbit Show Chair at cindimuller@hotmail.com or Ruthmuller2001@gmail.com if you have any questions.
6. Judging will take place on Saturday.
7. Posters will be displayed at the Rabbit tent during the fair on Saturday and Sunday.
8. Posters can be picked up on Sunday after 6:00pm when the fair closes or a prearranged time with a Rabbit Show Chair.
9. No entry fee – this is a free class!

CLASSES

1. 10 years and under
2. 12 years and under
3. 13 - 18 years old

Ribbons and prizes to be awarded for 1st through 3rd place.





Attention Youth Rabbit Exhibitors!

We are looking for Youth Exhibitors to bring their rabbits for exhibit on Friday. Exhibitors will be compensated for their time and effort.

Exhibitors must be willing to make a commitment based on the following rules –

1. Animals must be entered in their respective animal show.
2. Animals must be checked in and setup before Friday 11:00AM.
3. Animals may be removed after 6:00PM.
4. Animals must have food and water, supplied by Exhibitor.
5. Food must be marked with Exhibitor's name.
6. Exhibitors must remain on the fairgrounds.
7. Exhibitors and their animals are welcome to stay overnight on Friday and/or Saturday.
8. Exhibitors are welcome to participate in any fun contests being held!

If interested, send an email to your show chair confirming the number of animals you'd like to exhibit and/or complete the question on your online entry form. The Livestock Committee will contact you for confirmation.

OPEN RABBIT SHOW

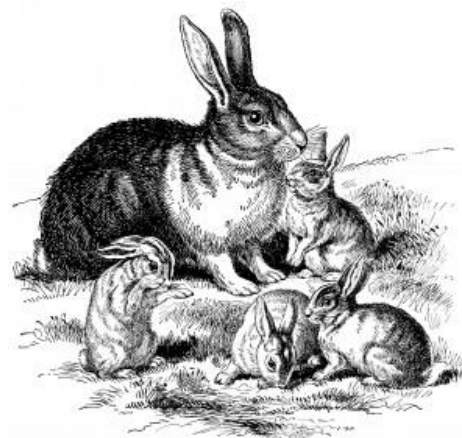
SUNDAY 11:00AM

CHAIR: Cindi Muller, cindimuller@hotmail.com

Co-Chair: Talia Muller, Ruthmuller2001@gmail.com; 508.816.5097

Official ARBA Sanctioned Show

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2. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE OWNED BY THE EXHIBITOR.
3. This is an ARBA sanctioned show. All ARBA rules will be followed. Please visit <https://arba.net/official-arba-show-rules/> to see all of the rules for showing. If you have questions, contact Cindi Muller.
4. Entry fee is \$1.50 per animal. Online entries open June 19 and close July 24. Entries will **NOT** be accepted after July 24.
5. Entries will be accepted as space permits.
6. Rabbits must be a minimum of 12 weeks old to show.
7. Limit of five (5) rabbits per exhibitor per variety of breed.
8. All rabbits must be checked in by 8:00 am the day of the show.
9. Sales rabbits allowed at \$1.00 per rabbit and will not be judged – Class #15.
10. Sales rabbit entries are limited to those Exhibitors showing rabbits at The Bolton Fair. Exception: Rabbit judge (Judge cannot judge their own rabbits).
11. All rabbits, including sales rabbits, must remain on fairgrounds until 6:00PM.
12. All rabbits in breed classes must be permanently earmarked, or they will be disqualified.
13. Show will be limited to 150 rabbits entered.
14. Coops will be available for your use. We encourage Exhibitors to use them.
15. Animals entered in a fur or wool class must also be entered in a breed class.
16. Only ear number changes allowed within same breed, same class.
17. No day of show entries accepted.



CLASSES

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| 2. Wool ~ white | 10. Senior Doe |
| 3. Satin ~ colored | 11. Intermediate Buck |
| 4. Satin ~ white | 12. Intermediate Doe |
| 5. Fur ~ colored | 13. Junior Buck |
| 6. Fur ~ white | 14. Junior Doe |
| 7. Rex Fur ~ colored | 15. Sales – No premium or ribbon given |
| 8. Rex Fur ~ white | |

Best of Show, Reserve of Show, Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex of Breed will be selected.

PREMIUMS

First	Second	Third
\$6	\$5	\$4
Ribbons will be awarded to 1 st through 3rd place.		

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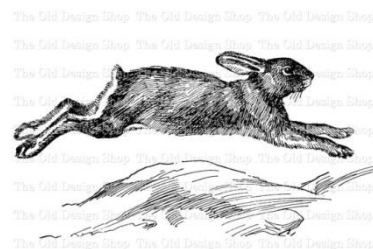
ARBA website: www.arba.net

Membership Dues: Adults \$20.00 per year, \$50.00 for 3 years

Youth \$12.00 per year, \$30.00 for 3 years

Husband/Wife \$30.00 per year; \$75.00 for 3 years

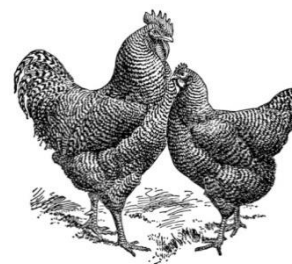
Family \$30.00 plus \$5.00 each Youth member



YOUTH POULTRY SHOW

SATURDAY 9:00AM

CHAIRS: Jinean Erickson, 508.471.8911, jinean.erickson98@gmail.com
Isabella Suazo, 781.410.7530, brownlsabella2621@gmail.com



1. Read carefully the 2026 Bolton Fair General Rules for Livestock Exhibitors, the 2026 MA Animal Health Fair Rules, and the 2026 New England Health Certificate Rules for Fairs and Shows.
2. ALL BIRDS MUST BE OWNED AND CAGED BY THE EXHIBITOR AND ALL, ADULT AND YOUNG, MUST BE STATE BANDED.
3. Entry fee is \$1.50 per animal. Online entries open June 19 and close July 24. Entries will **NOT** be accepted after July 24.
4. Entries will be accepted as space permits.
5. **PULLORUM TESTING POULTRY FOR FAIRS:** All birds over 16 weeks of age as of January 1, 2026 shall be individually leg banded with a state leg band. This includes out-of-state exhibitors. 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. Poultry under 4 months of age must be accompanied by paperwork documenting they originated from a NPIP hatchery, or NPIP 9-3 paperwork or a copy of the MDAR pullorum clean certificate from the flock of origin (seller). If poultry under 4 months of age are part of a larger flock with birds over 16 weeks of age, even if those birds are not being exhibited, you must bring official documentation that the older flock is salmonella pullorum clean. Testing: Blood samples are collected by inspectors of the Mass Division of Animal Health. Contact MDAR at 617.626.1795 or Megan McGrath at 617.626.1798 for testing. The test must be done every year for valid certification. Testing is free of charge for Massachusetts flock owners.
6. Different breeds may be entered in each class. Exhibitors are limited to two birds of each breed per class. However, all breeds will be competing together unless competition warrants division. Entries may be reclassified at the discretion of the Chair.
7. Youths and Seniors will be judged together unless competition warrants division.
8. Sex Links and recognized Cross Breeds may be entered only in Classes 20 and 21 since this is the reason for cross breeding.
9. All birds must have food and water, supplied by owner.
10. Entry numbers are subject to change.
11. No day of show entries accepted.
12. All Youth Poultry Show Exhibitors must enter in the Showmanship class.
13. Participate in the Rooster Crowing Contest! See following page for details.
14. We are looking for birds to exhibit on Friday and/or Sunday. Exhibitors will be compensated for their time and effort. If interested, please contact Isabella @ brownlsabella2621@gmail.com confirming the day(s) and the number of birds you will bring for exhibit and/or complete the question on your online entry form. See following page for more details.

CLASSES

A - STANDARD

1. Cock
2. Hen
3. Cockerel
4. Pullet

B - BANTAM

5. Cock
6. Hen
7. Cockerel
8. Pullet

C - GEESE

9. Gander
10. Goose
11. Young Gander
12. Young Goose

D - DUCKS

13. Drake
14. Duck
15. Young Drake
16. Young Duck

O - OTHER FOWL

17. Pheasant
18. Guinea Fowl
19. Tom Turkey
20. Hen Turkey

P - PRODUCTION

21. Live Market Poultry – judged on meat basis but must be well feathered.
22. Egg Production Poultry – judged on production points only but must be well feathered.

SHOWMANSHIP – *Champion will be selected.*

23. Novice (No previous show experience - under 14)
24. Junior (Under 14)
25. Intermediate (14-16)
26. Senior (Ages 17-20)

PREMIUMS

First	Second	Third
\$6	\$5	\$4
Champions and Best of Show will be selected.		





Attention Youth Poultry Exhibitors!

We are looking for Youth Exhibitors to bring their birds for exhibit on Friday and/or Sunday. Exhibitors will be compensated for their time and effort.

Exhibitors must be willing to make a commitment based on the following rules –

1. Animals must be entered in their respective animal show.
2. Animals must be checked in and setup before Friday 11:00AM and Sunday before 8:00AM.
3. Animals may be removed after 6:00PM.
4. Animals must have food and water, supplied by Exhibitor.
5. Food must be marked with Exhibitor's name.
6. Exhibitors must remain on the fairgrounds.
7. Exhibitors and their animals are welcome to stay overnight on Friday and/or Saturday.
8. Exhibitors are welcome to participate in any fun contests being held!

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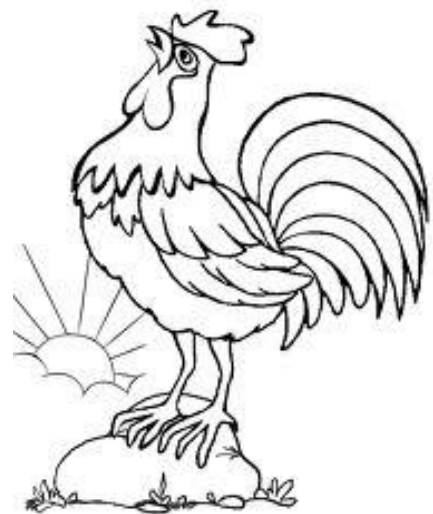
Cock-A-Doodle Doo!

It's a Rooster Crowing Contest!

How many times will your rooster crow in 5 minutes?

RULES

1. The contest will be located at the Youth Poultry Show
2. The contest is open to anyone who has pre-entered his or her rooster in the Youth Poultry Show. No additional entry fee is required.
3. One entry per exhibitor.
4. The rooster must have had Pullorum testing (see Youth Poultry-Water Fowl Show for Pullorum testing information).
5. The contest will be limited to 12 entries on a first-come, first-served basis.
6. Participants are responsible for getting their roosters in their cage upon entering the contest.
7. Any ties will be "crowed off" by rules set up by the committee in charge of the contest.
8. Roosters will be penned in individual coops and handlers will be able to cheer their bird on but cannot clap or annoy birds.
9. The winner shall receive a prize determined by The Bolton Fair, and "crowing rights" one year!



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HUMAN ROOSTER CROWING CONTEST

Every day!

3:00PM

Can you crow like a rooster?

RULES

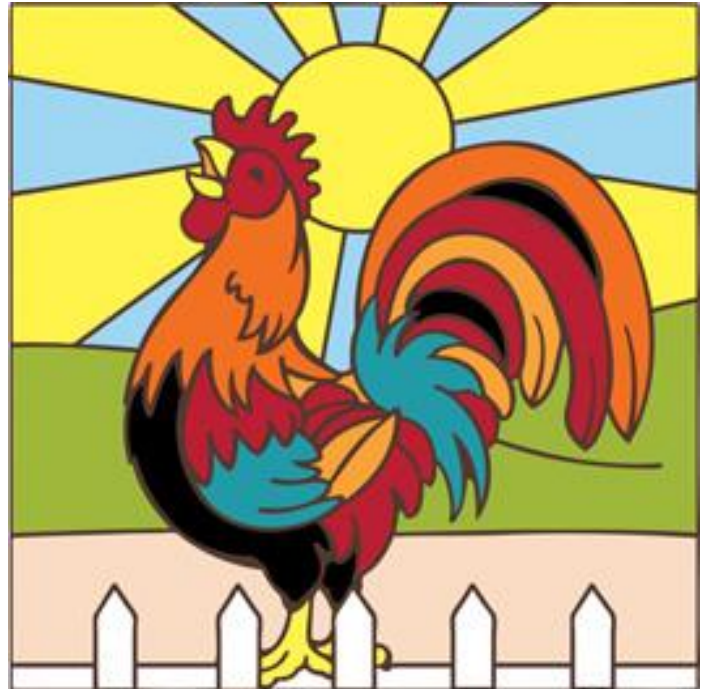
1. The contest is open to exhibitors and the public.
2. Two attempts only.
3. Judging will be based on the following:

50%	Voice
50%	Strut

CLASSES

1. 6 years old + under
2. 7 -12 years old
3. 13 - 17 years old
4. 18 years and older

Ribbons will be awarded.



ANIMAL **AND** EXHIBITOR COSTUME CONTEST

Every day!

4:00PM

COME ON...
JOIN IN THE FUN...

DRESS UP YOUR ANIMAL
and YOU!

New categories!

CATEGORIES

1. Red, White, and Blue – the most creative or spectacular use of patriotic colors, flags, and stars across both costumes.
2. The Perfect Match – for the exhibitor and animal whose costumes coordinate or tell a story together (e.g. a youth dressed as a chef with their “chicken” ingredient, or a shepherd and a sheep dressed as Little Bo Peep).
3. Funniest – for the duo that brings the most laughter to the ring.

CLASSES

1. 8 years old and under
2. 9-13 years old
3. 14-17 years old
4. 18-20 years old

RULES

1. Participants must be entered in animal show.
2. Both animals and exhibitors must be in costume.
3. Judging will take place at the poultry tent in the animal show area at 4:00PM each day.
4. Entry deadline: July 24, 2026. You may also sign up at the Fair at the Poultry Tent.

