



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

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

	BEEF	DAIRY CATTLE	WORKING STEER	HORSE/ EQUINE	GOAT (ALL TYPES)	SHEEP
4HOnline Animal Enrollment & Borrowing Form Deadline*	June 1 November 1 for Fryeburg Market Steer (separate form)	May 1	May 1 (Recommended but not required for NH 4-H shows) Required for ESE!	May 1 (Recommended but not required for NH 4-H shows) Required for ESE!	June 1	June 1
If attempting to qualify for Eastern States Expo – Enroll Animal through 4HOnline by:	Feb 1 - Steer May 1 - Heifer	May 1	May 1	May 1	June 1	June 1
Minimum/ Maximum Animal Age	16 weeks + as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event**	16 weeks + as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event**	16 weeks + as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event	2 years (no stallions, no mare with foal at side)	16 weeks + as of event date to go to any fair or event ** (suckling animals OK for exhibit; meat breeds only)	16 weeks + as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event; maximum 2 years except pet class & local shows**
Animal Identification	Ear tag or tattoo. RFID tag for ESE	Ear tag or tattoo RFID tag for ESE	Ear tag or tattoo RFID tag for ESE	Photo (side view of horse) required for 4HOnline Animal Enrollment for ESE	Ear tag or tattoo or tail tattoo or microchip	Ear tag or tattoo and official Scrapie tag
Rabies vaccine Requirements	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show
Other requirements	ESE & Fryeburg have specific requirements			ASTM/SEI Helmet required for riding/driving and in-hand jumping	Scrapie Tag/ID	Scrapie Tag/ID

*Animals that are registered with a breed registry solely in the member's name on or before the deadline are not required to be listed in 4HOnline. However, completing the animal enrollment process in 4HOnline ensures you will receive emails related to opportunities for your species.

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

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	DOG ***	SWINE	LLAMA & ALPACA	WATERFOWL	RABBIT & CAVIES	POULTRY
4HOnline Animal Enrollment & Borrowing Form Deadline*	June 1 New members are eligible to show 30 days after dog is enrolled in 4HOnline (if the June 1 deadline is missed).	June 1	June 1	None	None	None
If attempting to qualify for Eastern States Expo – Enroll Animal through 4HOnline by:	June 1	No show at Eastern States Exposition	No show at Eastern States Exposition	No show at Eastern States Exposition	No show at Eastern States Exposition	No show at Eastern States Exposition
Minimum/ Maximum Animal Age	Minimum 6 months + as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event	16 weeks + as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event**	Must be weaned (approximately 6 months)	Any --must have fledged (fully feathered; no “baby” down)	12 weeks+ to go to any 4-H fair or event	Any --must have fledged (fully feathered; no “baby” down)
Animal Identification	Microchip and/or photo	Ear notch, ear tag or tattoo	Microchip	Leg band	Left ear tattoo for registered animals. Tattoo optional for cavies and pet-type (required for open shows)	Leg band required over 5 months of age documenting Pullorum testing within last year.
Rabies vaccine Requirements	Minimum 30 days, maximum 3 years before show (not expired)	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	None	Recommended for all; required 30 days+ before event if the animal is housed in a situation that exposes the animal to wildlife.	None

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

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