

You're Invited to Exhibit or Compete!



**Sheffield Fair Annual Livestock
Showmanship Fitting Competition**

**Saturday, September 7, 2024
11am-4pm**

Sheffield Town Park

AGES 7-19 welcome:
Novice (not shown before)
Junior (ages 7-14)
Senior (ages 15-19)

See the attached for Entry Forms - due September 2th
& General Rules

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GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Competition is open to anyone between the ages of 7 and 19 as of January 1.
 - Classes will be judged as follows:
 - Novice = not shown before
 - Junior = age 14 and below
 - Senior = age 15 and up.
 - Judging will be Showmanship and Fitting only, no Conformation judging will be done. This contest will place emphasis on the fitting of the animals and the showmanship of the exhibitor. Appearance and behavior of both exhibitor and animal will be considered in the judging. Fitting of animals must be done by the exhibitor.
 - Classes can include dairy cattle, beef cattle, equine, poultry, swine, camelids, goats, sheep, and rabbits/cavies. Classes may be combined based on numbers. *We currently have judges for cattle and equine, if you want to show in another category please let us know so we can see if we can line up a judge.*
2. Proper health papers are required and need to be available when animals arrive at the Fair.
3. All entries should be mailed as directed on the entry form to be received by September 6th.
4. There are no entry fees and no cash premiums paid on exhibits at the fair.
5. Exhibitors should set up their animals between 9:30-10:30 am, all horses & livestock should be in place by 10:30am. Exhibitors may remove their animals after 4pm.
6. Ribbons will be awarded as follows: Blue ribbon = 1st place; Red ribbon = 2nd place; White ribbon = 3rd place; Yellow ribbon = 4th place; Green ribbon = 5th place. A champion showman trophy will also be awarded.
7. All exhibitors are automatically entered for an Individual Herdsman Award. Judging shall be based upon keeping the animals and general area neat and clean and upon the cooperation and willing attitude of exhibitors.
 - The Herdsman's contest will be based off the following: Educational display, appearance of animal(s), appearance of exhibit area, appearance and conduct of exhibitors, exhibitors' cooperation (punctuality, teamwork, cooperation with officials)
 - All animals should have stall cards with date of birth, name of animal, owner, owner's town and breed of animal on the card. Extra consideration will be given for educational exhibits & exhibitor's positive interaction with the public.
8. Exhibitor's uniform: White dress shirt or tee shirt with white, khaki, or black skirt or trousers as appropriate. A solid, durable shoe must be worn at all times. NO sandals, clogs, bare feet or bathing attire will be allowed. No farm or club names are allowed on any clothing while showing.
9. Judges decisions are final.
10. IMPORTANT: Exhibitors must supply their own pen/cage, bedding, hay, grain, watering, feeding, and cleaning equipment. Each individual must clean completely their area and truck all bedding, manure, and other debris away.
11. The Sheffield Fair and Sheffield Association officers, directors, organizers and staff assume no responsibility for any loss or damage to exhibits or animals or injury to persons. Exhibitors must give personal attention to their property and animals and at the close of the fair take charge of the same. Exhibitors are responsible for their animals, including any damage occurring to the animal or by the animal while on the grounds.
12. Animal Health Requirements:
 - a. All animals entered at the fair must be in good health and in proper physical condition and may be examined at the exhibition. Evidence of poor condition or infections or contagious disease will result in ejection. The animal inspector's decision is final.
 - a. All animals 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 from such disease. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Health Certificates must be dated January 1, 2024 or later. Those without proper paperwork will be refused entrance to the grounds – no exceptions.
 - b. Judges will collect and hold Health Certificates from each exhibitor. Animals not in compliance with the state regulations for shows and fairs will not be allowed. Rejected animals should be removed from the grounds as soon as possible.
 - c. While not required, it is highly recommended that all animals be vaccinated for rabies.
 - d. The Sheffield Fair also requires compliance with and enforces all Commonwealth of Massachusetts laws and regulations governing animal health issues and fairs. PLEASE SEE INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SPECIES ON NEXT PAGE.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

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:

2024 Fair - Animal Health Rules

NO animal will be admitted to the fairgrounds unless it meets the requirements below. NO animal is to be unloaded or enter a barn or tie-out stall until the animal and its paperwork have been inspected and approved for entry.

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. All livestock must have proper ID. For animals identified by microchip, readers must be available to the Inspectors. THE INSPECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.
3. SEE INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SPECIES LISTED BELOW.

B. 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, 2024 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.

C. Cattle, Goats and Camelids (Llamas, Alpacas, etc.)

1. All animals entering a Massachusetts fairground from out-of-state or from within Massachusetts 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. Cattle and Camelids must be identified by ear tag, tattoo, registration or microchip. Note that all animals, goats, kids, calves and crias presented, regardless of age, must be individually listed and identified on the health certificate – this includes any new animals born during the fair season. 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 stationery 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, 2024 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 a 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 and Massachusetts Emergency Order I-AHO-06. Information regarding approved tags, tattoos, and electronic implants is available from the USDAAPHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508-363-2290.
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: the six New England states and New York are declared low incident states.
5. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all cattle be currently vaccinated for rabies.

D. 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 stationery 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, 2024 or later. These documents will be accepted for the entire fair season in Massachusetts.
2. Swine must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, mange and

- open or draining wounds.
3. All swine must be identified by an official ear tag or registration.
 4. No person shall import into Massachusetts from outside the state any swine which have been pseudorabies vaccinated (M.G.L. c. 129 §14E). No person shall import into Massachusetts swine from Stage I or Stage II 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.

E. 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 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 stationery 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, 2024 or later. These documents will be acceptable for the entire fair season in Massachusetts.
2. Sheep must be free from visual evidence of foot rot, sore mouth, pink eye, ringworm, and open and draining wounds.
3. 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 (FSEP), sheep of any age or sex brought to a 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 and Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06.
4. Information regarding approved tags, tattoos, and electronic implants is available from the USDA-APHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508-363-2290.
5. No sheep will be permitted entry from flocks in which Soremouth has existed or in which Soremouth Vaccine has been administered in the previous sixty days.
6. While not required, it is strongly recommended that sheep be currently vaccinated against rabies.

F. Equine

1. All equines 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 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 stationery 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, 2024 or later. These documents will be acceptable for the entire fair season in Massachusetts.
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. A detailed description of the horse must appear on the test form, and must match the description that appears on the health certificate.
4. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all equines be vaccinated for rabies, tetanus and EEE within one year of the fair.

G. Rabbits & Cavies

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

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Send entry form to: sheffieldfair01257@hotmail.com or Kathy Orlando, Sheffield Fair, P.O. Box 935, Sheffield MA 01257. For questions: contact Kathy at (413) 822-0617 or sheffieldfair01257@hotmail.com

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CLASS (please check)	BREED	NAME OF ANIMAL	BIRTH DATE	REGISTRATION OR ID NUMBER	MEETS HEALTH REQUIREMENTS?
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