



2026 EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS



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Sunday, July 26, 2026

Barnstable County Fair

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS & RULES FOR ENTERING THE FAIR

1. Departments marked 4-H or Youth are for boys and girls 8 through 18 years of age as of January 1, 2026. Anyone 19 years or older is considered an adult.
2. All exhibitors must abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics.
3. Each exhibit must have an entry card made out at the Fairgrounds or obtained in advance at the following locations: Cape Cod Extension Service, Deeds & Probate Building, Barnstable, or at the Fairgrounds Administration Office, Route 151, East Falmouth. ALL entry cards must contain **FULL** names, addresses, city, state, zip of person entering item and **MUST** be legible to read. Personal address labels are acceptable.
4. Exhibitors age 12 and older receive one voucher good for half off a full price gate ticket and exhibitors age 6-11 receive a children's pass good for any time during the fair. Exhibitors receive only one voucher or pass to the Fair.
5. An exhibitor shall make only 1 entry in a given category lot. The Fair has the right to reclassify an exhibit if placed in the wrong class.
6. No exhibits shall be removed before the close of the Fair.
7. All classes are for Amateurs only, except where stated.
 - a. **AMATEUR** - One who receives no compensation in the field they exhibit.
 - b. **PROFESSIONAL** - A person is considered a Professional at the Barnstable County Fair if he or she derives compensation on a regular basis in the field they exhibit.
8. A person shall not offer to exhibit any item not produced and/or prepared by that person in the last 12 months and who is not the owner at the specific time.
9. Soiled fabric pieces will not be accepted.
10. Entries using flowers on the Massachusetts Conservation List will be disqualified.
11. The Committee, Judge or Fair Management reserves the right to reject any or all exhibits they feel are not appropriate.
12. Placing will be awarded on the basis of quality of exhibit and the decision of the judge(s) will be final. Additional judging criteria are noted where appropriate.
13. Exhibitors may not be present during judging.
14. Judges may not be contenders in any amateur class listed in their area of expertise.
15. All reasonable precautions will be taken by the Society for the safe keeping of animals and articles entrusted to its care. However, all exhibits are received upon express condition that the Society shall not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to animals or articles on exhibit for any reason. Exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants agree to be solely responsible for any loss, injury to, damage done, occasioned by or arising from any exhibit, equipment, animal or person and to defend and indemnify the Society and the management thereof against all claims and liability in regard thereto. In view of this understanding, exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants may deem it advisable to obtain appropriate liability insurance.
16. Any person to whom a premium shall have been awarded or paid in consequence of any deception or misrepresentation used by him/her shall not only forfeit such premiums, but afterwards be prohibited from competing for the Society's premiums.
17. **PREMIUM CHECKS MUST BE CASHED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF RECEIPT - NO EXCEPTIONS.**
18. **AFTER 60 DAYS, PREMIUM CHECKS WILL NOT BE HONORED.** NOTE: Requests for premium pay due will not be accepted after October 15, 2026.
19. Additional rules, premiums and awards are listed in each Department and Class.

NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event, which culminates with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested (by the approved laboratory to which it is sent) is the one taken from the animal in question. Its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON THIS FORM!

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair, or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR ENTRY STATEMENT

I have read and understand, consent to, and agree to abide by the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the premium list of this event.

-----Date:-----
Signature of Exhibitor (or owner, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person)

-----Date:-----
Signature of Guardian or Parent of the above Signatory



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Avian Influenza (HPAI) Notices:

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Avian species

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Bovine species

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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).

Bovine species- Special Notice 2026

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The states currently affected by HPAI in cattle can be found on the USDA website:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai/detections/hpai-confirmed-cases-livestock>

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www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/dairy-federal-order.pdf

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.

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.

Poultry Specific Information

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

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.

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.

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, it is 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
MA Dr. Lorraine O'Connor
ME Dr. Taryn Pearson

NH Dr. Mark Prescott
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 1 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.
 - 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 2 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.
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- 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** ○ Fair and Show OCVIs may be issued and used between January 1 and October 31, 2026 ○ An importation permit for exhibition animals is required for cattle, camelids, goats, sheep, and swine
 - Testing and vaccinations are required for some species
 - Contact CT Dept. of Agriculture for permits and requirements at 860-713-2504 or AGR.SVCS@ct.gov
- **MA** ○ Fair and Show OCVIs may be issued and used between January 1 through October 31, 2026 ○ Contact MDAR at 857-348-3922 or 617-626-1795 with questions
- **ME** ○ Fair and Show OCVIs may be issued and used between January 1 and October 31, 2026 ○ An importation permit for exhibition animals is required for some species
 - https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_health/livestock_importation.shtml
 - Contact ME State Veterinarian's Office at 207-287-3701 with questions
- **RI** ○ Fair and Show OCVIs may be used between January 1 and October 31, 2026
 - Contact the RI State Veterinarian's Office at 401-537-4281 with questions
- **NH** ○ 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
 - Contact NH State Veterinarian's Office (603) 271-2404 for permits
- **VT** ○ 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
 - 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.

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LIVESTOCK SHOWS

2026 PATRIOTIC LIVESTOCK DISPLAY AWARD

This competition is open to all Livestock exhibitors. The Barnstable County Fair will award three cash prizes: \$50, \$25, \$20 to those exhibitors in **each** show (**dairy, beef, sheep, goat**) who create an outstanding patriotic livestock display in the following areas:

- 20% Educational merit including information about the animal, breed, care, or the exhibitor's project
- 20% Patriotic arrangement and attractiveness of exhibit
- 20% Cleanliness of stalls, aisle and equipment
- 20% Overall cleanliness and appearance of animals
- 20% Exhibitor behavior with fellow exhibitors and the general public



NOTE: Any exhibitor who has been spoken to regarding any issue will not be eligible to participate in the Patriotic Livestock Display Award.

2026 LIVESTOCK SHOW CALENDAR			
Monday JULY 20	Tuesday JULY 21	Wednesday JULY 22	Thursday JULY 23
Barnyard Display 4 p.m. Poultry Display 4 p.m. Rabbit Display 4 p.m. Alpaca Days 4 p.m. Youth Cattle Fitting & Showmanship 4 p.m.	Barnyard Display 4 p.m. Poultry Display 4 p.m. Alpaca Days 4 p.m. 4-H Rabbit Show 4:30 p.m.	Barnyard Display 4 p.m. Poultry Display 4 p.m. Rabbit Display 4 p.m. Open Cattle Show 4 p.m.	Barnyard Display 4 p.m. Poultry Display 4 p.m. Rabbit Display 4 p.m. Dog Showcase 6 p.m. Spinning Bee 6 p.m.
Friday JULY 24	Saturday JULY 25	Sunday JULY 26	
Barnyard Display All Day Poultry Display All Day Rabbit Display All Day Youth Sheep Show 12p.m. Sheep Obstacle 6 p.m.	Barnyard Display All Day Poultry Display All Day Rabbit Display All Day Open Sheep Show 12 p.m.	Barnyard Display All Day Poultry Display All Day Rabbit Display All Day ADGA Goat Show 12 p.m. Fleece to Shawl Competition 12 p.m. Horse Show 12 p.m.	

RULES AND INFORMATION FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Note: The Barnstable County Fair is a seven-day event. Please consult the Exhibitor Handbook for show dates, check-in times, and schedules.

Entries

Animals must be entered under the owner's name, not a farm name. Entries cannot be made under both an owner and a farm name.

Exhibitor Conduct

Any exhibitor found defacing or damaging another exhibitor's animal or property will be required to leave the Fair and will forfeit all premium money, as determined by the Livestock Committee.

Health Regulations

The 2026 Massachusetts Fair Animal Health Rules apply to all livestock. All animals must have tags or tattoos, and registration papers must be available at check-in and throughout the Fair. A health check-in with the Fair veterinarian is mandatory. Veterinary health certificates for all animals must be presented to the Show Superintendent upon arrival, before unloading. Animals must undergo a hands-on inspection by the Fair veterinarian. Animals not submitted for examination will not be allowed on the grounds.

Physical Condition of Animals

All animals must arrive in good condition—clean, properly fed, and free from visible signs of infectious, contagious, or parasitic disease. The Show Superintendent, Committee, or Judge may reject any animal they consider unfit. Their decision is final.

Bedding and Supplies

Limited straw, shavings, or sawdust will be provided. Exhibitors must bring their own hay, feed, water tubs, and buckets. Extra hay may be stored in a designated area on the grounds.

Handling and Fitting

Exhibitors must work on their own animals. Parents, advisors, coaches, or friends may not assist with fitting or show preparation before or during show day. Violations will result in disqualification.

Dress Code

All exhibitors must wear clean, professional show attire: white shirts, farm shirts, or 4-H T-shirts, with white or tan pants and closed-toe shoes. Shorts, sandals, bathing suits, and bare feet are not permitted.

Barn and Display Area

Exhibitors must keep their area clean and organized. Farm signs, banners, and decorations are encouraged but must not obstruct other exhibitors or create safety hazards.

Parking and Access

Vehicles must park in designated areas only. Only vehicles carrying animals or supplies may access the Fairgrounds, and only with a Gate 4 pass. Without a Gate 4 pass, vehicles will not be admitted. No parking is allowed inside the Fairgrounds. Deliveries must be completed before 10:00 a.m. during Fair week.

Exhibitor Services

"Exhibitor Only" showers are available with a key from the Livestock Superintendent. Be respectful, limit shower time, and clean up afterward. Exhibitors who do not follow these rules will lose shower privileges.

Camping

Camper space requires advance registration and payment of \$10.00 dollars per night per camper. Submit the Camper Registration Form with your entry. Camping is located in Lot 1 across from Gate 4. Quiet hours are from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. More than one noise warning will result in removal from the grounds. No camping reservation will be held without full payment.

Liability and Insurance

The Fair takes reasonable precautions for the safety of all animals and exhibits, but participation is at the exhibitor's own risk. The Barnstable County Fair assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to any animal, equipment, or personal property. Exhibitors agree to accept full responsibility for any loss, injury, or damage caused by their animals or equipment, and to indemnify and hold harmless the Barnstable County Fair and its management from any resulting claims. Exhibitors are encouraged to obtain liability insurance for their animals and equipment.

SPINNING AND WEAVING – DEPARTMENT 1

Fleece and Yarn

A. Fleece to Shawl Competition: Pending participation. Scheduled for Sunday, July 26, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. There will be adult and junior divisions.

B. Spinning Bee: Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Contestants must start with an empty spool and check in by 5:30 p.m. There will be adult and junior divisions, including a drop spindle competition and a short fun event.

- **Eligibility:** All fleeces must come from sheep owned by the exhibitor and shorn during the current spring.
- **Entries:** An entry card must be completed for each entry.
- **Classes:** The committee reserves the right to combine, remove, or create classes as needed. The judge's decision is final.
- **Fleeces:** Fleeces should be rolled with the skin side out and placed in clear plastic bags. Each bag must be securely tagged with the exhibitor's name, address, telephone number, and the breed of sheep.
- **Judging:** Fleeces will be evaluated on cleanliness, uniformity of grade, color, crimp, staple length, fiber strength, and handle (feel). White fleeces must be free of colored fibers. Second cuts made by the shearer, which result in shorter fibers, are considered less desirable. The judge will assign each fleece to the appropriate class. All yarns must be handspun from 100 percent wool unless otherwise noted, and only one yarn entry is allowed per class.
- **Age:** Junior exhibitors are those 18 years of age or younger.

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
Classes	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Spinning Bee	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$4	\$3
Fleece to Shawl Competition	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25			

CLASS F: ADULT DIVISION

CLASS J: JUNIOR DIVISION

Lot	Description	Lot	Description
1	White/Fine	1	White/Fine
2	White/Medium	2	White/Medium
3	White/Coarse	3	White/Coarse
4	Colored/Light Shaded	4	Colored/Light Shaded
5	Colored/Dark Shaded	5	Colored/Dark Shaded
6	Alpaca Fleece - White	6	Alpaca Fleece - White
7	Alpaca Fleece – Colored – light	7	Alpaca Fleece – Colored – light
8	Alpaca Fleece – Colored – medium	8	Alpaca Fleece – Colored – medium
9	Alpaca Fleece – Colored – dark	9	Alpaca Fleece – Colored – dark
10	Llama Fleece - White	10	Llama Fleece - White
11	Llama Fleece – Colored – light	11	Llama Fleece – Colored – light
12	Llama Fleece – Colored – medium	12	Llama Fleece – Colored – medium
13	Llama Fleece – Colored – dark	13	Llama Fleece – Colored – dark
14	One 2 oz skein: 2 ply-100% wool	14	One 2 oz skein: 2 ply-100% wool
15	One 2 oz skein: 3 ply or Navajo ply-100% wool	15	One 2 oz skein: 3 ply or Navajo ply-100% wool
16	One 2 oz skein: 2 ply, any natural fiber	16	One 2 oz skein: 2 ply, any natural fiber
17	One 2 oz skein: 2 ply - Novelty	17	One 2 oz skein: 2 ply - Novelty
18	One 2 oz skein: 2 ply Drop Spindle Spun	18	One 2 oz skein: 2 ply Drop Spindle Spun
19	Spinning Bee - Most Yardage	19	Spinning Bee - Most Yardage
20	Spinning Bee - Most Consistent	20	Spinning Bee - Most Consistent
21	Spinning Bee - Drop Spindle	21	Spinning Bee - Drop Spindle
22	Spinning Bee - Surprise Competition	22	Spinning Bee - Surprise Competition
23	Fleece to Shawl	23	Fleece to Shawl

SPINNING AND WEAVING – DEPARTMENT 1
Fleece and Yarn

All general rules and regulations apply, with the following additions or exceptions:

1. Entry deadlines are Wednesday, July 15, 2026, from 3:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m., and Thursday, July 16, 2026, from 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.
2. An entry card must be completed for each entry.
3. All articles must have been made by the exhibitor within the past 12 months.
4. Adult and Junior classes are available.
5. Multiple entries within one category are permitted.
6. Items not properly felted may be disqualified at the discretion of the Livestock Committee or Judges.

Premium checks must be cashed within 60 days of receipt; no exceptions.
Requests for premium payments will not be accepted after October 1, 2026.

Lot Numbers and Descriptions

CLASS A: HANDSPUN/KNIT: Must be natural fiber and specify hand knit or machine knit

Junior Adult

A01	A11	Afghan/Blanket
A02	A12	Hat/Mittens/Socks
A03	A13	Shawl/Scarf
A04	A14	Sweater/Jacket/Vest
A05	A15	Other
A06	A16	Handspun/Knit/Fulled

CLASS B: HANDSPUN/CROCHET: Must be made from natural fibers

Lot Numbers and Descriptions

Junior Adult

B01	B11	Afghan/Blanket
B02	B12	Hat/Mittens/Socks
B03	B13	Shawl/Scarf
B04	B14	Sweater/Jacket/Vest
B05	B15	Other

CLASS C: FELTED ITEMS: Wet felted or combination wet/needle

Lot Numbers and Descriptions

Junior Adult

C01	C11	Hat/Mittens/Slippers
C02	C12	Jacket/Vest
C03	C13	Shawl/Scarf
C04	C14	Other
C05	C15	Purse/Bag

CLASS D: NEEDLE FELTED ITEMS

Lot Numbers and Descriptions

Junior Adult

D01	D11	Needle Felted Animals
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D02	D12	Apparel
D03	D13	Other
D04	D14	Needle Felted Pictures
D05	D15	Needle Felted Dolls

CLASS E: WOVEN ITEMS: Must be made of at least 50% natural fiber

Lot Numbers and Descriptions

Junior Adult

E01	E11	Household Items
E02	E12	Jacket/Vest
E03	E13	Shawl/Scarf
E04	E14	Other Apparel
E05	E15	Placemats



SHEEP SHOW – OPEN – DEPARTMENT 2

Open Show

Day of Show: Saturday, July 25, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Superintendent: John Buffington – 774-254-3471

Important: The show will be limited to 300 head. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The Fair reserves the right to return entries once the limit is reached.

All exhibitors must follow the Rules and Information for Livestock Exhibitors, the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, and all applicable animal health regulations.

Entries: An entry fee of \$3 per animal is required. A new entry form must be used—please read carefully. Entry forms must be received at the Fair office no later than July 10, 2026. No day-of-show entries will be accepted.

Name on Entry: Animals must be entered under the owner's name, not the farm name. Entries may not appear under both an owner and a farm name.

Entry Limits: Entries will be accepted as space permits. Late entries will be returned. Exhibitors may enter no more than two breeds and are limited to two entries per class. Only two premiums per class and one premium per group class will be paid per exhibitor.

Registration: All purebred entries must be registered in the exhibitor's name. Registration papers must be presented upon arrival. All animals must be tagged or tattooed and have official Scrapie identification; animals without Scrapie tags will not be permitted to remain on the grounds.

Breed and Class Requirements: To qualify as a separate class, a breed must have at least three exhibitors and twelve sheep. Breeds not meeting this requirement will be placed in the AOB (All Other Breeds) Meat or Wool categories. The Livestock Committee reserves the right to cancel, combine, or subdivide classes and to reassign animals as needed. Junior exhibitors are exempt from the minimum exhibitor and entry requirement.

Arrivals and Departures:

Arrival: All sheep must be penned by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026. Exhibitors wishing to arrive earlier must contact the Livestock Superintendent.

Departure: Sheep may not leave before 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2026. Exhibitors must check out with the Sheep Superintendent before leaving.

Dress Code: All exhibitors must wear clean, professional show attire such as a farm shirt and jeans, or a white T-shirt or 4-H shirt with suitable pants and footwear. Cut-offs, shorts, or inappropriate attire are not allowed.

Judging: Show times and breed order will be posted by the Sheep Superintendent.

Rules of Conduct: Any exhibitor who damages or defaces another exhibitor's animal or property will be required to leave the Fair and will forfeit any premium money as determined by the Livestock Committee.

Premiums: Premium checks must be cashed within 60 days of receipt; no exceptions. Requests for premium payment after October 1, 2026, will not be accepted.

Notes:

- a. Market lambs will be divided into Light, Medium, and Heavy classes.
- b. Group class entries will be verified in the ring at the time of judging. All group animals must have been shown previously in individual classes.

SHEEP CLASS LETTERS

A - L	Market Light	AB	AOB Meat
A - M	Market Medium	BL	Border Leicester
A - H	Market Heavy	D	Dorset
A - W	AOB Wool	H	Hampshire
C	Natural Color	L	Lincoln
CW	Cotswold	SH	Shropshire
K	Katahdin	T	Tunis
S	Southdown	CH	Cheviot
R	Romney	OC	Obstacle Course

SHEEP LOTS

Lot#	Description	Lot#	Description
1	Yearling Ram	10	Flock: 1 Ram, 2 Yearling Ewe, 2 Ewe Lambs
2	Senior Ram Lamb	11	Young Breeder's Flock: 1 Ram, 2 Yearling Ewe, 2 Ewe Lambs, all bred and owned by 1 exhibitor
3	Junior Ram Lamb	12	Get of Sire: 4 animals of both sexes, any age, all sired by the same ram and registered to 1 owner
4	Pair Ram Lamb	13	Pen of Three Lambs: Bred and owned by 1 exhibitor
5	Yearling Ewe	14	Market Lamb
6	Pair Yearling Ewe	15	Pair of Market Lambs
7	Senior Ewe Lamb	16	Obstacle Course
8	Junior Ewe Lamb		
9	Pair Ewe Lamb		

NOTE: The *Premier Exhibitor Award* is given in memory of Robert Williams, Sr., whose many years of devotion and dedication to raising sheep at the Fair contributed greatly to the Barnstable County Fair.

Rosettes will be awarded to the Champion Ram and Champion Ewe of each breed.

PREMIUMS

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Regular Classes	\$24	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12
Group Classes	\$24	\$22	\$22	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12

SHEEP SHOW – YOUTH – DEPARTMENT 5

Youth Show

Show Date: Friday, July 24, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Superintendent: John Buffington – 774-254-3471

Important: The show will be limited to 300 head. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The Fair reserves the right to return entries once the limit is reached.

All exhibitors must follow the Rules and Information for Livestock Exhibitors, the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, and all applicable animal health regulations.

Entries: An entry fee of \$3 per animal is required. A new entry form must be used—please read carefully. Entries must be received at the Fair office no later than July 10, 2026. No day-of-show entries will be accepted.

Name on Entry: Animals must be entered under the owner's name, not the farm name. Entries may not appear under both an owner and a farm name.

Entry Limits: Entries will be accepted as space permits. Late entries will be returned. Exhibitors may enter no more than two breeds and a total of twelve animals, with a maximum of two entries per class. Only two premiums per class and one premium per group class will be paid per exhibitor.

Registration: All purebred entries must be registered in the exhibitor's name. Registration papers must be presented upon arrival. All animals must be tagged or tattooed and have official Scrapie identification; animals without Scrapie tags will not be permitted to remain on the grounds.

Breed and Class Requirements: To qualify as a separate class, a breed must have at least three exhibitors and twelve sheep. Breeds not meeting this requirement will be placed in the AOB (All Other Breeds) Meat or Wool categories. The Livestock Committee reserves the right to cancel, combine, or subdivide classes and to reassign animals as needed. Junior exhibitors are exempt from the minimum exhibitor and entry requirement.

Arrivals and Departures:

Arrival: All sheep must be penned by 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026. No animals will be admitted on show day.

Departure: Sheep may not leave before 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2026. Exhibitors must check out with the Sheep Superintendent before leaving the grounds.

Fitting and Showmanship: Classes will be divided based on the exhibitor's experience:

- First Year – any age
- Novice – 6 years old as of January 1, 2026
- Junior – 11 years old as of January 1, 2026
- Senior – 14 to 20 years of age

Dress Code: All exhibitors must wear clean, professional show attire such as a farm shirt and jeans, or a white T-shirt or 4-H shirt with suitable pants and footwear. Cut-offs, shorts, or inappropriate attire are not allowed.

Judging: Show times and breed order will be posted by the Sheep Superintendent.

Rules of Conduct: Any exhibitor who damages or defaces another exhibitor's animal or property will be required to leave the Fair and will forfeit any premium money as determined by the Livestock Committee.

Premiums: Premium checks must be cashed within 60 days of receipt; no exceptions. Requests for premium payment after October 1, 2026, will not be accepted.

Notes:

- a. Market lambs will be divided into Light, Medium, and Heavy classes.
- b. Lamb classes will be divided into two divisions:
 - Senior – lambs born between September 1, 2025, and January 31, 2026
 - Junior – lambs born February 1, 2026, or later
- c. Group class entries will be verified in the ring at the time of judging. All group animals must have been shown previously in individual classes.

SHEEP CLASS LETTERS

Class	Description	Class	Description
AL	Market Light	H	Hampshire
AM	Market Medium	OC	Obstacle Course
AH	Market Heavy	S	Southdown
AB	AOB Meat	SH	Shropshire
AW	AOB Wool	ST	Shetland
C	Natural Color	SU	Suffolk
CH	Cheviot	T	Tunis
D	Dorset	X	Fitting and Showmanship

SHEEP LOTS

Lot#	Description	Lot#	Description
1	Yearling Ram	11	Young Breeder's Flock: 1 Ram, 2 Yearling Ewe, 2 Ewe Lambs, all bred and owned by 1 exhibitor
2	Senior Ram Lamb	12	Get of Sire: 4 animals of both sexes, any age, all sired by the same ram and registered to 1 owner
3	Junior Ram Lamb	13	Pen of Three Lambs: Bred and owned by 1 exhibitor
4	Pair Ram Lamb	14	Market Lamb
5	Yearling Ewe	15	Pair Market Lamb
6	Pair Yearling Ewe	16	First Year Fitting and Showmanship
7	Senior Ewe Lamb	17	Novice Fitting and Showmanship
8	Junior Ewe Lamb	18	Junior Fitting and Showmanship
9	Pair Ewe Lamb	19	Senior Fitting and Showmanship
10	Flock: 1 Ram, 2 Yearling Ewe, 2 Ewe Lambs	20	Obstacle Course

NOTE:

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- Rosettes will be awarded to the Champion Ram and Champion Ewe of each breed.

PREMIUMS

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
Regular Classes	\$24	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12
Group Classes	\$19	\$17	\$15	\$13	\$11	\$9	\$7
Fitting / Showmanship	\$18	\$16	\$14				



***** FITTING / SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE JUDGED USING THE DANISH SYSTEM**

Under the Danish system, exhibitors are judged against a standard of excellence rather than against one another. Multiple participants may receive the same ribbon color based on the quality of their fitting and showmanship performance.



OBSTACLE COURSE

**Friday, July 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Superintendent – John Buffington**

There will be a minimum of 10 obstacles to negotiate. This will be a timed event.

NO dragging of animals will be permitted.

Adult and Junior (youth) divisions will be offered.

OBSTACLE COURSE LOTS

Class Letter	Lot#	Class	Description
OC	1	Novice	Ages 5 - 9
OC	2	Junior	Ages 10 - 14
OC	3	Senior	Ages 15 - 22
OC	4	Adult	Ages 23 and over



PREMIUMS

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Obstacle Course	\$29	\$24	\$22	\$20	\$18	\$14	\$14	\$14

CATTLE SHOW - OPEN - DEPARTMENT 3

Show Time: Wednesday, July 22 , 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
Superintendent – Tim Arruda

- **All exhibitors must abide by the *Rules and Information for Livestock Exhibitors and the IAFRE Code of Show Ring Ethics as previously detailed as well as all laws and regulations governing animal health issues.***
- **Entries:** An entry fee of \$3.00 per animal must accompany the entry form. All cattle must be owned or leased by the exhibitor as of June 1, 2026 and entries will be accepted as space permits. Entry deadline is July 10, 2026 - **No exceptions!** An exhibitor shall make only one entry per class in all groups and pair classes. Individual classes may have up to two placings per class per exhibitor.
- **Entries:** When entering animals into any Livestock Show at the Barnstable County Fair, the OWNER's name MUST be used and not the farm name. Under NO circumstances will entries be allowed in both the owner's name and a farm name.
- **Arrivals and Departures:** Exhibitors **MUST** use Gate 4 ONLY for access to the cattle barn at all times. **All animals must be penned by 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 19th, 2026.** All animals may leave **after 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 22, and must be off the grounds by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday July 23, 2026.** Unless authorized by fair staff (members headed to Worcester county usually stay until Friday morning)
- **Safety:** All animals will be secured two ways. The combination of a barn or rope halter and a neck rope is recommended. A barn halter, with two separate tie ropes is also acceptable. A barn crew member will be on duty in the barn at all times for the safety of the animals and the general public.
- **Rules of Conduct:** Any exhibitor who is caught or found out to have defaced or damaged any other exhibitor's animal or property, will be asked to leave the Fair and will forfeit any premium money per order of the Livestock committee.
- **Fitting and Showmanship:** Fitting and Showmanship classes will be evaluated separately, and will be divided according to the age of the exhibitor as of January 1st 2026. Classes will be divided at the discretion of the Committee.
- **Peewee and Over-the-Hill Showmanship Classes:** For the very young and the "young at heart"... Peewee Showmanship class allows younger cow people to get their first taste of show ring fun. Over-the-hill Showmanship class is for parents, coaches and friends. **Boots required!**
- **No bulls over 6 months of age.**

Premiums for Fitting, Showmanship and Classes - does not include Peewee and Over-the-Hill Showmanship Classes						
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$23	\$21	\$15

NOTE: Ribbons are given to Peewee and Over-the-Hill Showmanship Classes - no premiums

SPECIAL AWARDS

(Rosettes ONLY no Premiums)

All Breeds - Best of Breed
Best In Show
Reserve Best in Show
Champion & Reserve Champion Steer
Champion Fitter
Champion Showman

- **Premiums:** Premium checks are to be cashed within 60 days of receipt. No exceptions. Premium check request deadline is October 1, 2026.

CATTLE SHOW - YOUTH - DEPARTMENT 11

Show Time: Monday, July 20, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent – Tim Arruda

- **All exhibitors must abide by the *Rules and Information for Livestock Exhibitors and the IAFRE Code of Show Ring Ethics as previously detailed as well as all laws and regulations governing animal health issues.***
- **Entries:** An entry fee of \$3.00 per animal must accompany the entry form unless the animal is also entered in OPEN Cattle Show. All cattle must be owned or leased by the exhibitor as of June 1, 2026 and entries will be accepted as space permits. Entry deadline is July 10, 2026 - No exceptions! An exhibitor shall make only one entry per class in all group and pair classes. Individual classes may have up to two placings per class per exhibitor.
- **Entries:** When entering animals into any Livestock Show at the Barnstable County Fair, the OWNER's name MUST be used and not the farm name. Under NO circumstances will entries be allowed in both the owner's name and a farm name.
- **Premiums:** Premium checks are to be cashed within 60 days of receipt. No exceptions.
- Premium check request deadline is October 1, 2026.
- **Arrivals and Departures:** Exhibitors **MUST** use Gate 4 ONLY for access to the cattle barn at all times. **All animals must arrive by 9:00 PM Sunday, July 19th.** All animals may leave **after 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 22, and must be off the grounds by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday July 23, 2026.**
- **Safety:** All animals will be secured two ways. The combination of a barn or rope halter and a neck rope is recommended. A barn halter, with two separate tie ropes is also acceptable. A barn crew member will be on duty in the barn at all times for the safety of the animals and the general public.
- **Rules of Conduct:** Any exhibitor who is caught or found out to have defaced or damaged any other exhibitor's animal or property, will be asked to leave the Fair and will forfeit any premium money per order of the Livestock committee.
- **Fitting and Showmanship:** Fitting and Showmanship classes will be evaluated separately, and will be divided according to the age of the exhibitor as of January 1. Classes will be divided at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- **Peewee Showmanship Classes:** For the very young, Peewee allows younger cow people to get their first taste of show ring fun. **Boots required!**

Premiums for Fitting, Showmanship and Classes - does not include Peewee Classes						
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$23	\$21	\$15

NOTE: Ribbons are given to Peewee Classes - no premiums

SPECIAL AWARDS

(Rosettes ONLY No Premiums)

Supreme Junior / Senior Champion - All Breeds

Grand Champion - All Breeds

Champion Fitter / Champion Showmanship (Best Udder - All Breeds)

All Breeds - Best of Breed -

Rosettes only - No Premiums

Dry Cow - All Breeds - (Prior to July 1, 2026 - must have freshened at least once)

OPEN CATTLE SHOW
Department 3
Wednesday July 22nd, 4:00 PM

Beef Breed	Class Letter	Breed	Class Letter
Angus	A	Hereford	HF
Belted Galloway	BG	Other Beef Purebreds	OBP
Commercial or Crossbred	CB	Simmental	S
Highland	HI		

Breed	Class Letter	Breed	Class Letter
Ayrshire	AY	Holstein	H
Brown Swiss	BS	Jersey	J
Commercial	G	Milking Shorthorn	MS
Guernsey	GR	Other Dairy Purebreds	ODP

Breed Class Number	Lot #	Description/ Animal Birthday
Junior Heifer Calf	Lot 610	1/1/26-6/1/26
Senior Heifer Calf	Lot 620	9/1/25-12/31/25
Summer Yearling	Lot 625	5/1/25-8/31/25
Junior Yearling	Lot 630	1/1/25-4/30/25
Senior Yearling	Lot 640	9/1/24-12/31/24
Two Year Old Heifer	Lot 645	9/1/23-8/30/24
Cow Calf Pair	Lot 650	Calf born before 6/1/26
Aged Dry Cow	Lot 655	Born before 9/1/23
Bull Calf	Lot 700	2/1/26-7/1/26
Market Steer	Lot 300	Must be weighed in at check-in
Herd Class	Lot 660	Best 3 head, same breed, owned or leased by one exhibitor or club. Animals MUST have shown in other classes.

OPEN FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP
DEPARTMENT 3 - CLASS Y
Show Date: WEDNESDAY JULY 22ND 2026

Class - Beef Fitting	Age as of 1-1-26	Lot #
Freshman Beef Fitting	Ages 7-9 years	110
Junior Beef Fitting	Ages 10-12 years	120
Intermediate Beef Fitting	Ages 13-15 years	130
Senior Beef Fitting	Ages 16-21 years	140
Open Beef Fitting	Over 21 years	500

Class - Beef Showmanship	Age as of 1-1-26	Lot #
Freshman Beef Showmanship	Ages 7-9 years	150
Junior Beef Showmanship	Ages 10-12 years	160
Intermediate Beef Showmanship	Ages 13-15 years	170
Senior Beef Showmanship	Ages 16-21 years	180
Open Beef Showmanship	Over 21 years	510

Class - Dairy Fitting	Age as of 1-1-26	Lot #
Freshman Dairy Fitting	Ages 7-9 years	210
Junior Dairy Fitting	Ages 10-12 years	220
Intermediate Dairy Fitting	Ages 13-15 years	230
Senior Dairy Fitting	Ages 16-21 years	240
Open Dairy Fitting	Over 21 years	501

Class - Dairy Showmanship	Age as of 1-1-26	Lot #
Freshman Dairy Showmanship	Ages 7-9 years	250
Junior Dairy Showmanship	Ages 10-12 years	260
Intermediate Dairy Showmanship	Ages 13-15 years	270
Senior Dairy Showmanship	Ages 16-21 years	280
Open Dairy Showmanship	Over 21 years	511



YOUTH CATTLE SHOW
Department 11
Monday July 20th, 4:00 PM

Beef Breed	Class Letter	Breed	Class Letter
Angus	A	Hereford, Polled	HP
Belted Galloway	BG	Other Beef Purebreds	OBP
Commercial or Crossbred	CB	Simmental	S
Highland	HI		

Breed	Class Letter	Breed	Class Letter
Ayrshire	AY	Holstein	H
Brown Swiss	BS	Jersey	J
Commercial	G	Milking Shorthorn	MS
Guernsey	GR	Other Dairy Purebreds	ODP

Breed Class Number	Lot #	Description/ Animal Birthday
Junior Heifer Calf	Lot 610	1/1/26-6/1/26
Senior Heifer Calf	Lot 620	9/1/25-12/31/25
Summer Yearling	Lot 625	5/1/25-8/31/25
Junior Yearling	Lot 630	1/1/25-4/30/25
Senior Yearling	Lot 640	9/1/24-12/31/24
Two Year Old Heifer	Lot 645	9/1/23-8/30/24
Cow Calf Pair	Lot 650	Calf born before 6/1/26
Aged Dry Cow	Lot 655	Born before 9/1/23
Bull Calf	Lot 700	2/1/26-7/1/26
Market Steer	Lot 300	Must be weighed in at check-in
Herd Class	Lot 660	Best 3 head, same breed, owned or leased by one exhibitor or club. Animals MUST have shown in other classes.



YOUTH FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP – DEPT. 11

Class X

Monday July 20th, 4:00 PM

Class - Beef Fitting	Age as of 1-1-26	Lot #
Freshman Fitting	Ages 7-9 years	110
Junior Beef Fitting	Ages 10-12 years	120
Intermediate Beef Fitting	Ages 13-15 years	130
Senior Beef Fitting	Ages 16-21 years	140

Class - Beef Showmanship	Age as of 1-1-26	Lot #
Freshman Beef Showmanship	Ages 7-9 years	150
Junior Beef Showmanship	Ages 10-12 years	160
Intermediate Beef Showmanship	Ages 13-15 years	170
Senior Beef Showmanship	Ages 16-21 years	180

Class - Dairy Fitting	Age as of 1-1-26	Lot #
Freshman Dairy Fitting	Ages 7-9 years	210
Junior Dairy Fitting	Ages 10-12 years	220
Intermediate Dairy Fitting	Ages 13-15 years	230
Senior Dairy Fitting	Ages 16-21 years	240

Class - Dairy Showmanship	Age as of 1-1-26	Lot #
Freshman Dairy Showmanship	Ages 7-9 years	250
Junior Dairy Showmanship	Ages 10-12 years	260
Intermediate Dairy Showmanship	Ages 13-15 years	270
Senior Dairy Showmanship	Ages 16-21 years	280

EGG SHOW DISPLAY - DEPARTMENT 4

Eggs may be brought to the Fairgrounds Livestock Area until 3:00 p.m. Monday, July 20, 2026

Superintendent – Ian Rubinstein

EGG PRODUCTION CLASS:

1. One half-dozen eggs constitutes one (1) entry. Please designate size and color on the entry card.
2. Each half-dozen will be judged on uniformity of size, shape, color, texture, and in the case of ties, internal quality. Suggested weights are 27-30 oz. for extra large; 25 oz. for large; and 22 oz. for medium, but uniformity of actual size or quality will rate higher.
3. An exhibitor will be paid only 2 placings per class.
4. Judging is at the discretion of the Poultry Judge.
5. The committee reserves the right to cancel, combine, or subdivide any classes.
6. Rules of Conduct: Any exhibitor who is caught or found out to have defaced or damaged any other exhibitor's animal or property, will be asked to leave the Fair and will forfeit any premium money per order of the Livestock committee.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Best 1/2 Dozen Eggs - Adult and Youth Division

Best Unusual 1/2 Dozen Eggs - Adult and Youth Division

Best Overall Display - Any Class

CLASS A: SMALL FLOCKS: 50 OR LESS - Adult Division - Ages 19 and over

Lot #	Brown Eggs	1st	2nd	3rd
1	Extra Large	\$5	\$4	\$3
2	Large	\$5	\$4	\$3
3	Medium	\$5	\$4	\$3
Lot #	White Eggs	1st	2nd	3rd
4	Extra Large	\$5	\$4	\$3
5	Large	\$5	\$4	\$3
6	Medium	\$5	\$4	\$3
Lot #	Green / Blue Eggs	1st	2nd	3rd
7	Extra Large	\$5	\$4	\$3
8	Large	\$5	\$4	\$3
9	Medium	\$5	\$4	\$3

CLASS B: SMALL FLOCKS: 50 OR LESS – Youth Division – Ages 18 and under

Lot #	Brown Eggs	1st	2nd	3rd
1	Extra Large	\$5	\$4	3
2	Large	\$5	\$4	3
3	Medium	\$5	\$4	3
Lot #	White Eggs	1st	2nd	3rd
4	Extra Large	\$5	\$4	3
5	Large	\$5	\$4	3
6	Medium	\$5	\$4	3
Lot #	Green / Blue Eggs	1st	2nd	3rd
7	Extra Large	\$5	\$4	3
8	Large	\$5	\$4	3
9	Medium	\$5	\$4	3

CLASS C: UNUSUAL CATEGORY (Duck, Geese, Turkey etc. Only 1/2 dozen required)

Lot #		1st	2nd	3rd
7	Duck, Geese, Turkey	\$5	\$4	\$3
8	Other	\$5	\$4	\$3

ADGA - COMBINED and JUNIOR DOE SHOWS - DEPARTMENT 6

Sunday, July 26, 2026 12:00 p.m.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

1120 Nathan Ellis Highway, Route 151, East Falmouth, MA 02536

Chair: Anne Petersen

(508) 252-5247

rosasharnfarm@gmail.com

Show Secretary: Ariel Engelman

(401) 316-9982

ariel.engelman@gmail.com

Judge: Jeremy Lesniak

Our mission is to provide a venue for Dairy Goat owners/breeders to exhibit their animals and to promote Dairy Goats as viable small livestock for the rural and suburban homestead.

In addition to showcasing the dairy breeds and breeders of southern New England as they compete for the best conformation of their animals, this dairy goat show may feature a showcase of displays or posters that educate the public and promote the dairy goat and her products. These displays may be 4-H posters, parts of Visual Presentations, or created by exhibitors to promote the goat. The side of the red barn next to the dairy goat barn will be the stage for such displays, which will be judged and ribbons will be awarded. Exhibitors are to provide their own mounting hardware.

ORDER OF BREEDS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The deadline for entries is July 10, 2026 – \$4.00 per animal. Only same class substitutions allowed. NO REFUNDS. Please make checks payable to: **BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR.**

ENTRIES AND PAYMENT MUST BE MAILED TO THE BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR Attn: ADGA SHOW.

ENTRIES MUST ALSO BE EMAILED TO THE SHOW SECRETARY.

- **All exhibitors must abide by the *Rules and Information for Livestock Exhibitors and the IAFRE Code of Show Ring Ethics* as previously detailed as well as all laws and regulations governing animal health issues.**
- **Access:** to the Fairgrounds will be restricted to only those vehicles carrying animals. All vehicles will be asked to park off the grounds in Lot 1 "Special Event" parking lot. No animals or vehicles owned by exhibitors will be allowed near the show area before 10:00 p.m. on the day preceding the show.
- **Arrival and Departure:** Animals must be in place by **10:00 a.m.** the day of the show must remain until **6:30 p.m.** or the completion of the show, whichever is later.
- **Entries:** When entering animals into any Livestock Show at the Barnstable County Fair, the owner's name must be used and not the farm name. Under no circumstances will entries be allowed in both the owner's name and a farm name. There is no fee for group classes or fitting and showmanship, however all animals used for these classes must be shown in their appropriate age class or champion challenge. Please enter junior animals in the junior show only.
- **Pens:** Depending on the number of entries, there may be a shortage of pen space. Pens are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be considerate of breeders with large herds.

RULES and REGULATIONS

1. Health Regulations: 2026 Massachusetts Fair Animal Health Rules are conditions for entry to the Barnstable County Fair.
2. The ADGA Combined Show and Junior Doe Show ARE separately sanctioned. Junior does will be shown in the combined show ONLY as needed to make each breed official. No premiums will be paid for the junior division of the combined show.
3. **ADGA rules shall govern.**
4. The judge's decision is final. ADGA Grand Champion or Best of Breed winners must compete for Best in Show or forfeit the leg.
5. **Order of breeds shown is scheduled to be: Nigerian Dwarf, Recorded Grade, Alpine, Nubian, All Other Purebred.** Order of breeds is subject to change.
6. Show premiums will be paid corresponding to the Judge's award in the show ring. The judge's decision will be final.
7. All animals must be in place at the Fair by 10:00 a.m. in order to qualify for premium money and must remain until 6:30 p.m. or the completion of the show, whichever is later. Leaving before 6:30 p.m. will result in loss of premium money.

8. Ages for both goats and youth classes are the age as of that date of the show.
9. All registration papers will be checked by the Show Secretary. All health certificates will be checked by the Show Superintendents. ADGA registration papers must be presented on all animals. No copies will be accepted. Stamped duplicates will be accepted in lieu of registration papers in accordance with current ADGA regulations. Proof of ownership will be the name on the registration or recordation papers.
10. Any milking animal showing over distention of the udder is subject to discrimination by the Judge. There is no pre-show milk out.
11. The Fair will provide livestock pens and bedding. Exhibitors must provide their own hay, feed, and water buckets.
12. **Dress Code:** All handlers must wear clean, white shirts or 4-H shirts with white or tan pants or skirts and suitable shoes. No shorts, bathing suits, sandals or bare feet will be allowed.
13. **Rules of Conduct:** Any exhibitor who is found out to have defaced or damaged any other exhibitor's animal or property will be asked to leave the Fair and will forfeit any premium money per order of the Livestock committee.
14. **Premium checks are to be cashed within 60 days of receipt. No exceptions. Premium check request deadline is October 1, 2026.**

PREMIUMS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
BREED CLASSES	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8
GROUP CLASSES	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8	-	-
FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP	\$20	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8

1. Ribbons will be awarded through 6th place in age classes and through 4th place in group classes
2. Age for youth classes based on age as of the day of the show.
3. All animals entered in group classes MUST have been shown in their regular age class or champion challenge.

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS 201	Senior: 14 - 19 years of age with one year experience
CLASS 202	Junior: 10 - 13 years of age with one year experience
CLASS 203	Novice: 9 years of age and over (including adults), showing for the first year
CLASS 204	Peewee: 8 years of age and under. No premiums will be paid for this class.



COMBINED DOE SHOW

SENIOR DIVISION	ND	RG	ALP	NUB	AOP
UNDER 2 YEARS	1	21	41	61	81
2-3 YEARS	2	22	42	62	82
3-5 YEARS	3	23	43	63	83
5-7 YEARS	4	24	44	64	84
7 YEARS AND OVER	5	25	45	65	85
SENIOR CHAMPION	-		-		-
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION	-		-		-
JUNIOR DIVISION	ND	RG	ALP	NUB	AOP
< 24 MONTHS	6	26	46	66	86
JUNIOR CHAMPION	-		-		-
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION	-		-		-
GRAND CHAMPION	-		-		-
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION	-		-		-
CHAMPION CHALLENGE	10	30	45	50	90
BEST OF BREED	-		-		-
BEST UDDER	-		-		-
SENIOR GET OF SIRE	11	31	51	71	91
DAM AND DAUGHTER	12	32	52	72	92
SENIOR BEST THREE FEMALES	13	33	53	73	93
BEST DOE IN SHOW	-				

SENIOR GET OF SIRE: Three senior does sired by the same buck. SIRE MUST BE NAMED, one entry per sire.

DAM AND DAUGHTER: Dam and her senior daughter. DAM MUST BE NAMED, one entry per dam

SENIOR BEST THREE FEMALES: Three senior does of the same breed from the same farm/family. One entry per farm/family.

JUNIOR DOE SHOW

	ND	RG	ALP	NUB	AOP
< 4 MONTHS	106	126	146	166	186
4-8 MONTHS	107	127	147	167	187
8-12 MONTHS	108	128	148	168	188
12-24 MONTHS	109	129	149	169	189
GRAND CHAMPION	-		-		-
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION	-		-		-
JUNIOR GET OF SIRE	111	131	146	171	186
JUNIOR PRODUCE OF DAM	112	132	147	172	187
JUNIOR BEST THREE FEMALES	113	133	148	173	188
BEST DOE IN SHOW	-				

JUNIOR GET OF SIRE: Three junior does sired by the same buck. SIRE MUST BE NAMED, one entry per sire.

PRODUCE OF DAM: Two junior daughters of the same dam. DAM MUST BE NAMED, one entry per dam.

JUNIOR BEST THREE FEMALES: Three junior does of the same breed from the same farm or family. One entry per farm or family.

POULTRY SHOW - DEPARTMENT 7

Monday, July 20, 2026 thru Sunday, July 26, 2026

Superintendent – Ian Rubinstein

Due to the continuing US outbreak of High Path Avian Influenza (HPAI), Animal Health Officials may recommend postponing competitions, exhibitions and shows. If events are held, best practices for biosecurity will be implemented.

NO WATERFOWL 2026

- All exhibitors must abide by the *Rules and Information for Livestock Exhibitors and the IAFRE Code of Show Ring Ethics as previously detailed as well as all laws and regulations governing animal health issues.*
- **Entries:** Entry fee for poultry is \$1.00. Entries must be received by July 10, 2026.
- **Entries:** When entering animals into any Livestock Show at the Barnstable County Fair, the OWNER'S name MUST be used and not the farm name. Under NO circumstances will entries be allowed in both the owner's name and a farm name.
- **Arrivals and Departures:** Exhibitors must arrive with birds between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday July 19, 2026 and must depart between 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 26, 2026.
- **Health:** No poultry will be admitted to a fairground until it has been individually inspected.
 - All poultry must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: infectious bronchitis, coryza, pullorum-salmonella, fowl-pox, external parasites and laryngotracheitis.
 - Each bird must be accompanied by written proof (ID card or test report) and banding that the breeding flock was blood-tested negative for pullorum-typhoid within one year prior to entry date
 - Any animal being treated for any ailment or parasite will not be allowed to be shown.
 - During the show, all animals will be examined daily for symptoms of disease, and any sick bird must be removed from the fairground by the owner.
- **Birds:** No birds vaccinated within 60 days may be shown. No birds under 4 months of age may be shown.
- **Judging:** No "For Sale" or identification tags on the cages before judging. Judging will be in accordance with the *American Standard of Perfection* and the Judge's decision is final.
- **Exhibitor:** It is the responsibility of exhibitors to keep their exhibits clean. The management will not be responsible for **any accidents, mistakes or damages that arise, the exhibit being the sole risk of the exhibitor.**
- **Rules of Conduct:** Any exhibitor who is caught or found out to have defaced or damaged any other exhibitor's animal or property will be asked to leave the Fair and will forfeit any premium money per order of the Livestock committee.

Premium checks are to be cashed within 60 days of receipt. No exceptions.

Premium check request deadline is October 1, 2026.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Best Bantam - Trophy and Rosette
Best Waterfowl - Trophy and Rosette

Best Large Fowl - Trophy and Rosette
Best Production Bird - Trophy and Rosette

NO WATERFOWL 2026

**Note: If only 1 animal in the lot, 2nd or 3rd place premium will be paid upon discretion of the Judge.
The judge's decision is final.**

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Bantams	\$5	\$4	\$3
Ducks and Large Fowl	\$5	\$4	\$3
Geese and Turkey	\$5	\$4	\$3

4-H RABBIT SHOW - DEPARTMENT 8

Show Date: Tuesday July 21st at 4:30 pm

Superintendent – Mike Brackett

- All exhibitors must abide by the *Rules and Information for Livestock Exhibitors and the IAFRE Code of Show Ring Ethics as previously detailed as well as all laws and regulations governing animal health issues.*
- Entries: Entry fee of \$1.00 per animal. The deadline for entries is July 10, 2026 - No Exceptions! Entries and/or changes will not be accepted the day of show. Only one entry in each class allowed per exhibitor. Entry forms must have ear tag numbers.
- Every rabbit must be listed on a current Veterinary Health Certificate
- Entries: When entering animals into any Livestock Show at the Barnstable County Fair, the OWNER'S name MUST be used and not the farm name. Under NO circumstances will entries be allowed in both the owner's name and a farm name.
- Judging: Judging TBD. No entries will be accepted the day of the show.
- Animals: Animals will be transported from the parking lot starting at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the show. Animals are required to stay until 7:00 p.m. on the day of the show.
- Youth: All members of 4-H Clubs and other youths in Massachusetts are eligible to compete in this show and are encouraged to enter our Showmanship competition. There will be a free training offered to teach showmanship.
- Adults: This an Open and Youth show. We will have a fun adult showmanship competition. Sign up at the show!
- Purebred: Only purebred rabbits may be shown, except in pet class.
- Exhibitors: Exhibitors must have owned and cared for the rabbits as of June 1, 2026. Young rabbits may be shown in appropriate classes, if the Doe was owned by the exhibitor as of June 1, 2026.
- Rabbit: Each rabbit will be earmarked with an entry number using a black felt marker on the right ear upon arrival at the rabbit tent. Rabbits should also have a permanent ear tag number.
- Rules of Conduct: Any exhibitor who is caught or found out to have defaced or damaged any other exhibitor's animal or property will be asked to leave the Fair and will forfeit any premium money per order of the Livestock committee.
- Prizes: Prizes will be paid on all breeds of rabbits accepted by the American Rabbit Breeder Association.
- **Premium checks are to be cashed within 60 days of receipt. No exceptions. The deadline is October 1, 2026.**

SPECIAL AWARDS

1 Trophy for Best in Show

1 Trophy for Champion Fitter

1 Trophy for Champion Showman

PREMIUMS FOR RABBIT SHOW

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$8	\$6	\$4

Class	Variety	Lot #	Class	Variety	Lot #	Class	Variety	Lot #
SB	Senior Buck	1	JD	Junior Doe	4	JF	Junior Fitting	7
SD	Senior Doe	2	BP	Best Pet	5	NS	Novice Showmanship	9
JB	Junior Buck	3	NF	Novice Fitting	6	JS	Junior Showmanship	10

HORSE SHOW

Superintendent – Gretchen Harry

Sunday, July 26th, 2026

Warm-Up Begins at 10:30 am.

Show Starts at 12:00 p.m.

Spectators are welcome at 12:00 p.m.

. All disciplines are welcome! Each class is \$10.

The only classes required to be in English tack, are the Hunter Hack Pleasure and Hunter Hack Equitation classes. Ground Poles will be Walk Trot only.

Cross Rail division has an option to either trot or canter the jumps. Courses will be provided the day of show.

Pleasure- judged on manners, soundness, quality, performance, and suitability for rider.

Equitation- judged on performance, rider's position, and control.

Horsemanship- as Equitation, judge may also ask for additional testing.

Hunters- judged on performance, manners, way of going, soundness, and quality.

CCEA GYMKHANA SHOW

Saturday July 25th 2026

Warm-Ups begin at 8:00 a.m.

Show begins at 9:00 a.m.

Spectators are welcome at 12:00 p.m.

All disciplines are welcome!

All riders under 18 must wear a helmet securely fastened whenever mounted.

Please have current Coggins available on request.



2026 BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR ADGA Senior & Junior Open Doe Show Deadline for entry is July 10, 2026

Can you bring extra animals to make sanction? If so, what breeds?

Goat Show Department 6 Entry Form					Show Date: Sunday July 26th at 12 p.m.		
Class #	Breed	Animal Name	Reg #	Animal DOB	RE Tag / Tattoo #	LE Tag / Tattoo #	Entry Fee \$4.00
							Total Fees:
Exhibitor's Name:			Mail entries & fees to:		Barnstable County Fair Attn: Karen Schwalbe		
Mailing Address:					1220 Nathan Ellis Highway		
City, State, Zip:					East Falmouth, MA 02536		
Telephone / Cell phone:							
Email address:			Checks Payable to:		Barnstable County Fair		
Previous Exhibitor? Yes No							
NOTE: Entries: When entering animals into any Livestock Show at the Barnstable County Fair, the OWNER's name MUST be used and not the farm name.							
Under no circumstances will entries be allowed in both the owner's name and a farm name.							
I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at this event, agree and consent to abide by all rules outlined in this							
booklet, rules given by the State of Massachusetts which includes the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, IAFE, National Code of							
Show Ring Ethics.							
Signature						Date:	
Guardian or Parent Signature (required if exhibitor is under 18)						Date:	

2026 BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR
Egg Display Show - Department 4 - Entry Form

ENTRY DEADLINE 3:00 p.m. Monday July 20, 2026

Class #	Lot #	Lot Description	Division
Ex: E	1	Brown Eggs - Extra Large	Adult
Exhibitor's Name:			
Address:			
City/State/Zip:			
Telephone:		Cell Phone:	
Previous Exhibitor?	Yes	No	
Mail entries & fees to:	Barnstable County Fair		
	1220 Nathan S. Ellis Highway		
	East Falmouth, MA 02536		
Checks payable to:	Barnstable County		
	Fair		
NOTE: Entries: When entering animals into any Livestock Show at the Barnstable County Fair, the OWNER's name MUST be used and not the farm name. Under NO circumstances will entries be allowed in both the owners and a farm name.			
I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at this event, agree and consent to abide by all rules outlined in this booklet, rules given by the State of Massachusetts, which includes the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.			
Signature			Date:
Guardian or Parent Signature (required if exhibitor is under 18)			Date:

2026 BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR Cattle Show - Open Department 3 - Entry Form					
		Open Cattle Show is Wednesday July 22 at 4:00 p.m.			
		Deadline for entry is July 10, 2026 - No Exceptions!			
Breed - Class Letter	Class	Class Description	Lot#	Beef or Dairy	Entry Fees
Ex: A	Market Class	Steer Under 6 Months	200		\$3.00
			Total Fees:		
Exhibitor's Name:					
Exhibitor's Email:					
Address:					
City/State/Zip:					
Telephone:		Cell Phone:			
Previous Exhibitor?	Yes	No			
Mail entries & fees to:	Barnstable County Fair				
	1220 Nathan S. Ellis Highway				
	East Falmouth, MA 02536				
Checks payable to:	Barnstable County Fair				
NOTE: Entries: When entering animals into any Livestock Show at the Barnstable County Fair, the OWNER's name MUST be used and not the farm name. Under NO circumstances will entries be allowed in both the owner's and a farm name.					
I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at this event, agree and consent to abide by all rules outlined in this booklet, rules given by the state of Mass., which include the IAFE and IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.					
Signature			Date:		
Guardian or Parent Signature (required if exhibitor is under 18)			Date:		

2026 BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR Youth Cattle Show - Open Department 11 - Entry Form

		Wednesday July 22, 2026 at 4 p.m.			
Deadline for entry is July 10, 2026 - No Exceptions!					
Breed - Class Letter	Class	Class Description	Lot#	Beef or Dairy	Entry Fees
Ex: A	Market Class	Steer Under 6 Months	200		\$3.00
			Total Fees:		
Exhibitor's Name:					
Exhibitor's Email:					
Address:					
City/State/Zip:					
Telephone:	Cell Phone:				
Previous Exhibitor?	Yes	No			
Mail entries & fees to:	Barnstable County Fair				
	1220 Nathan S. Ellis Highway				
	East Falmouth, MA 02536				
Checks payable to:	Barnstable County Fair				
NOTE: Entries: When entering animals into any Livestock Show at the Barnstable County Fair, the OWNER's name MUST be used and not the farm name. Under NO circumstance will entries be allowed in both the owner and farm name.					
I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at this event, agree and consent to abide by all rules outlined in this booklet, rules given by the State of Mass which includes the IAFE and IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics					
Signature			Date:		
Guardian or Parent Signature (required if exhibitor is under 18)			Date:		

2026 BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR Sheep Show--Entry Form					
Please choose one ☐ OPEN SHOW Dept 2 July 25th, @ 12 p.m.					
☐ YOUTH SHOW Dept. 5 July 24th, @ 12 p.m.					
Fill out 1 form for each breed					
Animal Class Letter	Lot #	Breed	Lot Description	Entry Fee: \$3.00 per animal	
X	17	Fitting & Showmanship	Novice Fitting & Showmanship	\$3.00	EXAMPLE
Total Fees:					
Exhibitor's Name:					Deadline is July 10, 2026
Exhibitor's Email:					Mail entries & fees to:
Mailing Address:					Barnstable County Fair
City, State, Zip:					1220 Nathan S. Ellis Hwy
Telephone: Cell Phone:					E Falmouth, MA 02536
Previous Exhibitor? Yes No					Checks payable to: BCF
All Exhibitors must pay for a camping site if staying over.					
NOTE: Entries: When entering animals into any Livestock Show at the Barnstable County Fair, the OWNER'S name MUST be used and not the farm name. Under NO circumstances will entries be allowed in both the owner's name and a farm name.					
I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at this event, agree and consent to abide by all rules outlined in this booklet, rules given by the State of Massachusetts which includes the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, IAFE, National Code of Show Ring Ethics.					
Signature					Date:
Guardian or Parent Signature (required if exhibitor is under 18)					Date:

2026 BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR Rabbit Show - Department 8 - Entry Form					
Deadline for entry is July 10, 2026 - No Exceptions!					
Class	Variety	Lot #	Ear #	Comments	Entry Fee
ie. SB	Senior Buck	1	xxx		\$1.00
Total Fees:					
Exhibitor's Name:				Mail Fees & Entries to:	
Mailing Address:				Barnstable County Fair	
City, State, Zip:				1220 Nathan S. Ellis Highway	
Telephone: Cell Phone:				East Falmouth, MA 02536	
Previous Exhibitor? Yes No				Checks Payable to: Barnstable County Fair	
NOTE: Entries: When entering animals into any Livestock Show at the Barnstable County Fair, the OWNER'S name MUST be used and not the farm name. <u>Under NO circumstances will entries be allowed in both the owner's name and a farm name.</u>					
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Signature				Date:	
Guardian or Parent Signature (required if exhibitor is under 18)				Date:	

2026 BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR Poultry Show - Department 7 - Entry Form								
Deadline for entry is July 10, 2026 - No Exceptions!								
Bantam or Standard	Breed	Variety	Cock	Hen	Cockerel	Pullet	Total Birds	Entry Fee
<i>ie. Bantam</i>	<i>ie. Silkie</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6 X \$1 = \$6.00</i>
Total Fees:								
Exhibitor's Name:				Exhibit or Email				
Address:								
City/State/Zip:								
Telephone:				Cell Phone:				
Previous Exhibitor?		Yes/No						
Mail entries & fees to:		Barnstable County Fair						
		1220 Nathan S. Ellis Highway						
		East Falmouth, MA 02536						
Checks payable to:		Barnstable County Fair						
NOTE: Entries: When entering animals into any Livestock Show at the Barnstable County Fair, the OWNER's name MUST be used and not the farm name. Under NO circumstance will entry be in both owner and farm name. I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at this event, agree and consent to abide by all rules in this booklet and given by the State of MASS IAFE and IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.								
Signature							Date:	
Guardian or Parent Signature (required if exhibitor is under 18)							Date:	

2026 BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR - LIVESTOCK CAMPING RESERVATION FORM**1220 Nathan S. Ellis Highway, East Falmouth, MA 02536 (508) 563-3200****Camper Space Fee is \$10.00 per night in the Livestock Camping Area**

1. Reservations **will not be accepted** without **FULL** payment. **The deadline for camping reservation is July 10, 2026 - No Exceptions!**

2. The Livestock Camping Area is located across from Gate 4 and has limited spaces; therefore, reservations must be made in advance. Full payment is required for each reservation. Make checks payable to: Barnstable County Fair and mail to address listed above.

3. All RV's must be self-contained.

4. The size of a camping site is **15' x 40'**. If your complete unit, including pop outs or awnings does not fit, you must pay for two sites.

5. Your site must be neat and clean at all times.

6. Quiet time is between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.. Any exhibitor not maintaining this quiet time and causing loud noise will result in your removal from the Fairgrounds - **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

7. Management reserves the right to refuse access, and is not responsible for accidents or personal loss, injury or damages to any property. By signing this form, the individual agrees to assume all risks.

Owner:			Farm Name:	
Street Address:			Cell #:	
City, State, Zip:			Telephone #:	
Email Address:				
RV Registration:	State:	Plate Number:		Type:
Length & Width:		Anticipated		Anticipated
How Many Nights		Arrival Date:		Departure Date:
Signature (required)			Date:	

ABOUT THE CAPE COD FAIRGROUNDS

Sure, you know us for hosting the biggest fair in the region each July - The Barnstable County Fair - but we are much more than that! The Cape Cod Fairgrounds is home to almost 100 acres of open grounds, show rings, barns, a stage, and tons of indoor function space. Our versatile offerings mean we can accommodate events of all types and sizes. And we do!!

From dog shows to beer festivals to Boy Scouts retreats and RV Camping Trips, we host many private and public events each year. If you can dream it, we can probably host it. A common misconception is that we are a municipal property. We are not.

The Fairgrounds are run by the Barnstable County Agricultural Society, a privately owned and operated 501c3 not for profit organization. We support the entire Cape Cod community through scholarships, programming and unique community partnerships. Whether you are looking to attend a spectacular event, host one of your own, promote your business, or explore volunteer or employment opportunities, welcome to the Fairgrounds!!!

BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR

Scholarship Award

Since 1974 the Barnstable County Agricultural Society, Inc. has been awarding scholarships to Barnstable County High School Seniors. In the infancy of the program \$3,000 was offered and very few applied. Today there are over 40 applicants yearly and up to \$50,000 is awarded.

To qualify for the scholarships applicants must reside in Barnstable County and plan to further their education in ANY field. Recipients can receive the award for up to 4 years, by maintaining their majors in the required fields and recipients must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Applications are sent to high school guidance counselors each year.

Fair Facts

- The Barnstable County Agricultural Society, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization and receives no state or local funding.
- The Fair was established in 1844.
- The Society gives up to \$50,000 in scholarships.
- The Society spends in excess of \$120,000 a year with local businesses.
- No officer, Director or Board member receives a salary.
- Our grounds and parking department employs local teenagers to work before, during and after the Fair.
- Our seasonal events attract many attendees who frequent local establishments.
- The Police and Security bill for 2025 was \$140,000.00
- The Fire Department bill for 2025 was \$17,000.00
- The Entertainment Budget for 2025 was \$250,000.00

BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR

JULY 20 - 26, 2026

MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE

MAY 16, 2026

CAPE COD ANTIQUE SHOW

JUNE 20, 2026

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

AUGUST 8, 2026

VAN FEST

AUGUST 20 - 23, 2026

CRANBERRY CLUSTER DOG SHOW

SEPTEMBER 10 - 13, 2026

CAPE COD BREW FEST

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

MASS TRACK MEET

OCTOBER 9-12, 2026

CYCLOCROSS RACE

OCTOBER 24 - 25, 2026