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Annual Eastern States Exposition Starts Friday, September 18th ***NH Day is Sept. 25th; Visit the NH Building Throughout the Fair***

The 2015 Eastern States Exposition (the Big E!) opens in West Springfield, Massachusetts on Sept. 18 and continues through Oct. 4. Nearly 1.5 million people have visited the Big E each year during the last two seasons to learn about the New England states. Big E visitors will encounter regional agriculture, hands-on living history, music and performances from national and regional entertainers, great food, demonstrations and exhibits, animals, exciting rides and games!

New Hampshire has been a part of the Big E's Avenue of States since 1930. All of the New England States have a pavilion on the Avenue where fair-goers can experience each New England state in an afternoon! Generations of Big E attendees have enjoyed an annual taste of New Hampshire at the Big E New Hampshire Building.

Visitors to this year's New Hampshire Building will find an impressive gathering of businesses, products and entertainers, each sharing their own story, highlighting New Hampshire craftsmanship and the arts. Guests are greeted by a New Hampshire state information center as they enter the building where they can find answers to specific questions about New Hampshire offerings and helpful folks to aid in planning a trip to the Granite State.

Food and agriculture are also showcased at the Building with special exhibits and demonstrations by the New Hampshire maple and Christmas tree associations. Try the custom made macaroni and cheese (made with NH cheddar and your own add-ins such as lobster, or broccoli) that was all the rage when introduced last year. There will be plenty of the famous New Hampshire blueberry pie and ice cream, homemade broccoli & cheddar cheese soup, plus the ever popular butter-dipped New Hampshire corn-on-the-cob. Everything is served fresh at the New Hampshire

Building!

Special demonstrations have been scheduled each day of the fair featuring New Hampshire crafters at work. Fair-goers will be able to see chair caning, wood carving, basket making, Shaker box making, spinning with wool, Russian doll making and more. Musical entertainment is planned for each weekend in the New Hampshire Building, showcasing local Granite State musicians. This year's line up includes New Hampshire favorites the Crunchy Western Boys, Oxford & Clark, the Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio, Spirit Fiddle, Honest Millie, Bennett & Perkins and Rob Thomas. New Hampshire Day at the Big E is Sept. 25th. Additional activities and events have been set for this special day, featuring New Hampshire performers the Lyme Town Band, Pat and the Hats, New England Square Dance Foundation demonstrations, Larry Frates Magic, and the Santa Croce band. NH State Police officers will also be on-site with a police cruiser and motorcycle.

There will be lots to see and do during the 2015 Big E with plenty of good old fun for the whole family. For more information about the New Hampshire Building contact the New Hampshire Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food at 25 Capitol St., Concord, NH, tel. 271-3788, or visit www.agriculture.nh.gov for a more detailed program. For more information about the Big E, log on to www.thebige.com

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