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Annual Eastern States Exposition Runs through October 1st *NH Day is Sept.22nd; Visit the NH Building throughout the Fair*

The 2017 Eastern States Exposition (the Big E!) opened in West Springfield, Massachusetts on Sept. 15 and continues through Oct.1. Last year, nearly 1.5 million people visited the Big E to learn about the New England states and experience 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 state information welcome center as they enter the building where they can find answers to specific questions about New Hampshire offerings and get help 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. There will be plenty of the famous New Hampshire Mac & Cheese along with favorites, 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, Russian doll making and more. Musical entertainment is planned for each Friday-Sunday in the New Hampshire Building, showcasing local New Hampshire musicians. This year's line up includes New Hampshire favorites the Jazz Express, David Lockwood, Rob Thomas, Oxford & Clark, Bennett & Perkins, the Happy Hour Quartet and acoustic Radio. New Hampshire Day at the Big E is Sept. 22nd. Additional activities and events have been set for this special day, featuring New Hampshire performers Face Pinter Linda Weiser, magician, BJ Hickman, Tropical Sensations Steel Drum Band, Kathy Lowe Petreflections, Opa's Oompa Band, and Cordwood Bluegrass Band. Also on New Hampshire Day, The Peppersass Engine, Original Mt Washington Cog Railway Engine, on display and a meet and greet with NH Fish & Game Stars of Animal Planet's Northwoods Law: New Hampshire TV Show.

There will be lots to see and do during the 2017 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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