

# EastGen

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2023

*Participant Package*

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Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 4-H Barn, Bible Hill Exhibition Grounds, Truro, NS. Show Day: Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Entry Deadline:** The EastGen Showcase is a two-and-a-half-day competition for competitors between the ages of 13 and 21 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The program consists of an educational component with challenging, hands-on learning sessions. Show day will consist of showmanship and calf conformation classes. **Deadline for entry is Saturday, June 10, 2023. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**Online Registration:** EastGen Atlantic Showcase will be online registration. Registration will close on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Following online registration, you will be notified of your acceptance and provided with additional paperwork to complete and return to Rhonda MacDougall. **If you do not receive this paperwork by June 16, 2023, please email Rhonda.Macdougall@novascotia.ca immediately.** In order to register online, you must have your calf registration information as well as a credit card for payment to the event. All participants will be required to register for the show online with payment required through Visa or MasterCard. To register please use the following link: <https://www.assistexpo.ca/eastgen-atlantic>

Due to facility restrictions, registrations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event we have more registrations than space, and the desire to have fair representation from all Atlantic Provinces for beef and dairy, preference will be given to members who have attended Showcase for **four or LESS** years in provinces that have exceeded provincial allocation. Those not accepted will have their registrations refunded.

**Registration:** All 4-H participants are required to be on site by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> for registration. Calves must arrive on site between 10:30 -12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> for mandatory health check/calf registration. If you will not be able to arrive by this time, please call Dale MacPhee at 506-875-1573 prior to the event to make other arrangements. **Lunch will not be provided and is the responsibility of the participant for Wednesday.**

**Information required for registration:** Name, Address, Telephone Numbers, Email, Age, Shirt Size Required, Dairy/Beef Club Leader Name, Dairy/Beef Club Leader Email, Calf Registration Number. Code of Conduct and Medical Information forms will be emailed to you by June 16<sup>th</sup>, with your acceptance notification by Rhonda MacDougall, Agriculture Representative, NS Dept. of Agriculture. Please complete and return these forms as indicated on the Medical and Code of Conduct forms by June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Registration Fee:** The registration fee for the 2023 EastGen Showcase is \$155.00. **Payment will be processed at the time of online registration. The 2023 registration fee is non-refundable.** (Exceptions will be considered for medical reasons. Doctor's note required). Please contact Dale MacPhee at 506-875-1573 with regards to any inquiries about the withdrawal of an application for the EastGen Showcase Event.

**Overall Champions:** Overall Dairy/Beef Champions will be determined using a points system:

Showmanship	250 Points
Calf	75 Points
Stall	100 Points
Clipping-effort	150 Points
Clipping-results show day	25 Points
4-H general quiz	100 Points
Presentation quizzes	200 Points
Judging skills-placings	50 Points
Judging skills-reasons	50 Points
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1000 Points</b>

The educational component throughout the EastGen Showcase event is mandatory for all participants. In order for participants to attend the show, they must have completed the educational sessions and any associated quizzes/activities. Overall Dairy/Beef Champions are based on total points earned in quizzes, clipping, judging, showmanship, calf conformation and team stall presentation.

**Dairy/Beef Show:** The show will combine breeds into one open calf show. There will not be separate, breed-specific classes. The Showcase Committee reserves the right to combine classes or divide classes into heats as deemed necessary.

**4-H Dress Code for Show:** Dairy exhibitors are required to wear white pants and hard soled boots and beef exhibitors are required to wear black/dark pants with hard soled boots. T-shirts for show day will be provided by EastGen.

**Showmanship Category:** 4-H competitors must be between the ages of 13 and 21 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023: Competitors must be a member of a 4-H Calf Club and must exhibit their 2023 4-H Calf Project unless a special exception has been granted prior to attending the 2023 EastGen Showcase Event. Based on numbers following registration, classes may be modified.

**Conformation Category:** Dairy calves will be divided into the five following categories: Junior Heifer Calf, Intermediate Heifer Calf, Senior Heifer Calf, Summer Yearling and Junior Yearling. Competitors must bring their 2023 4-H Calf Project.

**Beef calves** will be divided into classes pending the breeds and numbers of calves available. Based on numbers following registration, classes may be modified. No market steers will be permitted. There will only be heifer classes.

**Alternative calf:** All dairy/beef competitors must exhibit their 2023 4-H Calf Project. In the event of sickness/death/contagious disease the competitor will be eligible to bring an alternate calf. Evidence of sickness/disease resulting in the removal of your 4-H project animal must be presented to the show staff prior to the show date.

\* Please bring alternative calf information.

Beef competitors must exhibit their 2023 4-H Calf Project. Beef calves must be weaned. No nurse cows allowed. In this event, an alternate animal may be registered.

**All calves must be free of ringworm, lice and warts to be eligible for competition.**

**Maximum number of competitions:** Previous winners of the Overall Dairy/Beef Championship will not qualify to win the Overall Championship category in 2023.

**Calf ID and Show Ethics:** Each participating 4-H project calf is asked to be presented with a photocopy of the registration paper. It is mandatory that each dairy/beef calf be tagged with NLID/CCIA tags. Calves arriving at the fairgrounds without tags will not be allowed to participate in the show and will be asked to leave the grounds immediately. It is important that the Canadian cattle shows are seen to endorse good animal husbandry practices and promote the Canadian industry in the spirit of fair play. **Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or show will result in disqualification from the entire event.**

**Mandatory Health/Wellness Check of Calves:** A mandatory health check will take place outside prior to barn entry. Calves will be inspected in the sequence of their arrival. Calves that have not passed their mandatory health and wellness check are not permitted in the 4-H Barn. EastGen approved veterinarian/representatives have the sole discretion to determine if an animal is eligible to participate in the EastGen Showcase event. All calves must be free of illness and Zoonotic diseases such as ringworm, lice, and warts to be eligible for competition.

\* Please see the attached reference sheet.

**Meals:** EastGen will provide supper on Wednesday as well as all nutritional breaks and meals on Thursday and Friday for participants.

**Transportation Arrangements at Event Completion:** Be sure to arrange to have transportation for all calves available at the completion of the event (by 2:00 pm on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>).

**For more information, please contact: Dale MacPhee, EastGen (506) 875-1573 [dale.macphee@eastgen.ca](mailto:dale.macphee@eastgen.ca)**

# Guidelines for Leaders, Participants and Veterinarians

## Judging the acceptability of calves for EastGen Youth Events

Information compiled by the Calf Health Team including: Dr's Tim Henshaw (Eastgen), Christie Morrow (Heartland Veterinary Services), Rex Crawford (Dufferin Veterinary Services) and Ann Godkin (OMAFRA Veterinary Science and Policy).

**Participants should bring only healthy calves to a show, clinic or achievement day. The guidelines provide a standard interpretation of what will be considered acceptable and what will not be.**

**Skin lesions are visible indicators of infection. The presence of skin lesions in show calves will impact on acceptance to shows. Contact a veterinarian to identify and treat skin problems and infections well in advance of show or achievement day.**

### 1. No calves with visible warts will be accepted at the show.

Why aren't calves with any warts allowed in shows?

Visible warts are aesthetically displeasing. The virus that causes warts is contagious to other cattle.

#### Rationale:

- Warts can easily be removed by a veterinarian and removal sites heal quickly
- Participants and calf owners are responsible for inspecting calves frequently to identify warts on calves as soon as possible.
- Participants and calf owners are responsible for seeking veterinary advice or assistance to remove warts at least 3 weeks prior to show dates
- Therefore, calves with any visible warts will not be allowed on the show grounds.

### 2. No calves with active ringworm will be accepted at the show. Some calves may be accepted in spite of having had ringworm.

Why aren't calves with ringworm allowed in shows?

Visible ringworm is aesthetically displeasing. Active ringworm is contagious to other cattle and to people.

Why are some calves accepted and others not allowed in shows?

#### Rationale:

- Ringworm, even with effective treatment, takes a long time to completely heal. Healed ringworm may leave visible lesions or changes to the hair coat or underlying skin for months even though active infection has ended.
- Information regarding treatments given or tests done on calves (scrapings, cultures, etc.) will not impact on the decision regarding acceptable vs. unacceptable. Visible lesions on calves are aesthetically unappealing and regardless of other information may prevent the calf from being admitted to shows.

#### Calves will be accepted if all of the following are true:

- The lesion is small or moderate in size (< 2.5 cm in diameter).
- The lesion is completely hair covered.
- Discolouration of hair or skin under hair may be present

#### Calves will **NOT** be accepted if any of the following are true:

- Any lesion is greater than 2.5 cm in diameter
- Any part of the lesion is not completely hair covered

# Ringworm: Examples of Acceptable and Unacceptable Skin Lesions on Calves

## **Acceptable because:**

- Healed
- Hair covered



## **NOT Acceptable because:**

- Clearly visible
- No hair cover
- Crusty, scabby cover
- More than one lesion
- One lesion is large (greater than 2.5 cm)

