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Annual Eastern States Exposition is Underway ***NH Day is Sept. 19th; Visit the NH Building Throughout the Fair***

The 2014 Eastern States Exposition (the Big E!) opened in West Springfield, Massachusetts on Sept. 12 and continues through Sept. 28. 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. Visitors 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 help folks plan 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 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, mosaic art, beadwork, Russian doll making and more. Musical entertainment is planned for each Friday-Sunday in the New Hampshire Building, showcasing local musicians. This year's line up includes New Hampshire favorites Jim Barnes, Lucie Therrien, Jeff Warner, Slattery & Stewart, Joan Watson Jones, On Air Barbershop Singers, the Tropical Sensations and the Happy Hour women's barbershop singers. New Hampshire Day at the Big E is Sept. 19th. Additional activities and events have been set for this special day, featuring New Hampshire performers The Keene Cheshiremen Chorus, the Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio, Timbre Drums Ensemble, Pressure's On band, Gary Sredzienski with Rick Watson and the Nate Paul Band. Demonstrations by the NH School of Falconry, the New England K9 Search & Rescue, ATV Safety and Mosaic Art by Lizz Van Saun round out the program. 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 2014 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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