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Due to impending Tropical Storm/ Hurricane Advisories for this upcoming weekend, please see the following information on scheduled activities for the agricultural fairs being held in Massachusetts this weekend.

Worcester County 4-H Fair: Closed on Sunday, August 28th and will close Saturday evening at approximately 7 PM. At the close of Fair - Exhibit hall reopened for exhibitors only. No Exhibits or livestock may be removed from the fairgrounds until after the auction and awards are completed. The oh so popular Chicken BBQ will now be held as part of Camp Marshall's Pumpkinfest on Saturday, October 15th at 12 noon. Tickets will be on sale on Saturday during the Fair. As always, admission and parking is free and Saturday should be a great day to come and see the 4-H Fair! For an updated/ revised schedule, go to www.worcestercounty4-h.org

Middlesex County 4-H Fair: Closed on Sunday, August 28. At this time the schedule of events for Friday and Saturday has not been significantly changed. However, the fair will be closing at 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening. Some of the livestock judging and horse and dog show classes that were previously scheduled for Sunday will be completed as time allows during Friday and Saturday. For a complete program list and an updated horse show class list, please visit our website at www.4hmiddlesexfair.org. Our office can be contacted at 978-256-4623. Please be advised that the schedule of events may be changed as further weather updates are received.

Marshfield Fair: Anticipate to be closed on Sunday. Saturday's activities to commence as scheduled. However, Fair officials will be keeping a close eye on weather conditions. Please check for regular updates on Fair website: www.Mashfieldfair.org.

South Middleboro Grange Fair: At the time of posting this message, Saturday's activities to commence as scheduled.

Ware Grange Fair: At the time of posting this message, Saturday's activities to commence as scheduled.

Eastern States Exposition (ESE): – ESE has made the decision to close its facility at 11 p.m. EDT, Saturday, August 27, 2011. In the best interest of exhibitors and attendees, the Great Barrington Kennel Club Dog Show, scheduled for Sunday, August 28, has been cancelled. No other events are scheduled and Storowton Tavern will not be open. There will be no access to ESE grounds. We have every expectation that we will re-open for business on Monday morning. thebig.com



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