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THE BIG E FEATURES A DELICIOUS LINE-UP OF NEW AND RETURNING FOODS FOR 2018

Huge entertainment, vintage cars, countless demonstrations and hot dogs stuffed with pickles are just *fractions* of what you'll get this year at The Big E! Take a big bite out of a variety of sweet and salty pleasures or sit and chow down in one of our restaurants. Or go big and try something new to this year's Fair. Picky eaters and foodies alike will get their fill of incredible Fair food; The Big E has the best selection of Fair cuisine on the East Coast.

NEW CONCESSIONS

Stella's Milk and Cookies, inside Gate 9A, offers gourmet chocolate chip cookies served warm!

Fluffy's, also at Gate 9A, serves hand-cut donuts and is the home of the Donut Sundae.

On New England Avenue, try gourmet ice cream cones, cups and sundaes at the all new **Barbie's Ice Cream** concession, home of the Flavor Blend.

At the corner of Springfield Road and New England Ave., you will find a variety of novelty flavored sodas such as Shirley Temples, Roy Rogers, Cotton Candy and more at **Sweet and Salty**, as well as a variety of flavored popcorn, such as the Chicago popcorn mix.

Cranston Enterprises, in the Better Living Center, provides forty different flavors of licorice, including a three-foot long sweet and sour licorice rope filled with soft sherbet!

2018 NEW FOODS

No matter the craving, these Big E foods are sure to please your palate.

Barbecue lovers must take a dive into the **Pulled Pork Poutine** or the **Ground Sirloin** and **Corn Poutine** at the Poutine Gourmet near Gate 7. Or, if you're feeling Polish, stop by Bernat's Deli on East Rd for some **Kielbasa Chili** and the **Polish Sampler Platter**.

If you're coming to The Big E, you've got to be on the lookout for the latest fried foods! This year, try a **Deep Fried Pop Tart** as a yummy breakfast treat at The Coffee Break! Or indulge in the **Deep Fried Corn on the Cob**, which is an ear of corn dipped in buttermilk, lightly dusted with creole seasoning and fish fry batter, and deep fried golden brown, at The Deep South Company.

On the corner of West Road and the Avenue of States you'll find the Giant Corn Dog, home to the new

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Dilly Dilly Dog. Another deep-fried delight, this snack features a pickle cored out, with a hot dog in the center, then dipped in homemade corn dog batter for a delicious golden finish.

Craving something sweet? Find Amy's Sweet Treats on Commonwealth Avenue for a **Nacho Sundae**, which includes cinnamon and sugar chips topped with ice cream and your choice of toppings. Or indulge in the new **Cinn-a-Roll Gourmet Mini Donuts** at The Donut Family, located on Commonwealth Avenue. These mini donuts are covered with cinnamon cream cheese, drizzled with sugar glaze and topped with homemade whipped cream. Looking for something a little lighter but equally delicious? Enjoy **The Ripino** for only 160 calories! This Italian sorbet is served in a natural fruit casing, available in peach, orange and lemon at Moolicious on Springfield Rd.

Captain Nemo's, on Commonwealth Ave, not only comes with a new look this year, but four new delicious dishes to try! Have the **Quesadilla Burger**, **Large Tater Tot Keg Kabobs** (the size of golf balls!), **Pot Roast Patty Melt** or the **New England Nachos**, made with fries.

The Bud & Burger Pub offers a smorgasbord of toppings for their new **Gourmet Sliders**. Try PB & J with Cheese, Jalapeno Popper with Cream Cheese, Texas BBQ with Pulled Pork, Rugged Man Chili with Five Bean Beef Chili and much more, atop a gourmet slider, made with herb spices, sirloin, chuck roast and short ribs.

Head over to Chompers, located outside Door 8 of the Better Living Center, and sink your teeth into a **Taco Chomper**, highlighted on an episode of *Carnival Eats* on the Cooking Channel. These crunchy balls of seasoned beef and cheddar cheese—with a crispy tortilla coating—are served with salsa and sour cream.

The Wurst Haus, on Commonwealth Ave., offers delectable beer-braised pulled pork, sandwiched between a warm apple fritter -- the all new **Messy Magnus**. Still hungry for more? Follow it up with **German Chocolate Heaven**, a serving of warm cake doughnut holes topped with fudge, coconut and chopped walnuts.

The Craft Cocktail Bar, home of the Deep Fried Martini, offers a new kind of drink! The **Frozé Martini**, featuring V-One Vodka and Rose wine, can be purchased at two locations: inside and outside Door 1 of the Young Building.

Don't know where to start? Visit TheBigE.com and check out the hours of operation and locations of your favorite restaurants and concession stands. Plan a schedule to make the most of your special day and grab some goodies on the way!

ON THE MOVE

Granville Country Store has relocated to Inside Gate 4. Don't worry—they're still serving the same delicious mac 'n cheese and grilled cheese sandwiches, now in a brand new trailer.

The Guinness Irish Pub inside Young Building at the International Plaza will feature beers from around the world.

FAIRTIME FAVORITES

Who can come through The Big E without treating themselves to a massive **Big E Cream Puff** or **The Big Éclair**, smothered with a layer of smooth chocolate? Both signature desserts are made fresh every day of

the Fair. You can find them at The Big E Cream Puff Bakery in the New England Center, and are also sold at the Food Court. Make sure there's room in your stomach for a bacon cheeseburger between two halves of a glazed donut. The Fair's signature **Craz-E Burger**, which made its debut in 2009, continues to be a major hit!

A SAMPLING OF RETURNING FAVORITES

Flatliner Burger – West Springfield Lion's Club

Waffle Chicken Bites – The Deep South Company

Deep Fried Oreos - Marion's Fried Dough

Gourmet Tater Tots – Tots-A-Lot

Cinnamon Caramel Apple Gourmet Mini Donuts – The Donut Family

Pumpkin Pie Funnel Cake – Pop 'N Fresh

Deep Fried Holy Cannoli – The Coffee Break

Blueberry Pierogi Sundae – Moolicious

SPENCER TRAPPIST MONASTERY TASTING ROOM

Inside Door 1 of the Young Building

Each day during The Big E, the monks from St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Mass., offer a guided beer tasting as a monk shares the story of the brewery and brewing process, and their agrarian life. Voted the "Best New Brewery" (2014) by the Huffington Post and Fox News, the Spencer Brewery also produces craft brews including an Imperial Stout, IPA and Feierabendbier (Pilsner).

LOCAL FARE IN THE FOOD COURT

Food vendors travel from all over to serve Big E fairgoers, but some of the very best are right next door. In the Food Court, get in line for a burger or hot dog, topped with fried onions, from West Side's own burger joint, **The White Hut**. Just across the river in Agawam, **E.B.'s** brings their famous chicken wings, chicken fingers and deep fried Shepherd's Pie to fairgoers. **Frigo's** giant 1 lb. meatball can be found in the Food Court as well. West Springfield's **Hofbrau Joe's German Steak Haus** offers fresh and fried seafood at **Hofbrau Joe's Clam Box** and German specialties abound at the **Hofbrauhaus Oktoberfest Biergarten**. Check out these local vendors and more in the Food Court!

VEGGIES AND MORE

Fairgoers can choose from a variety of salads from **Salad Boys**, fruits, sandwiches, lean meats and more. Try one of **Billie's** Baked Potatoes loaded with vegetables, savor one of **Millie's** potato pierogis or even relish a gyro! Wash it all down with a healthy fruit smoothie. If you are looking for a snack for your mid-afternoon munchies, grab an apple from the 4-H Apple Booth in Farm-A-Rama or a bag of heart-healthy nuts from the **Nut Lady** in Storowton.

GLUTEN-FREE AND VEGAN

There are always options when it comes to food at The Big E. **Gluten Free** and **Vegan** options are available at various vendors throughout the grounds, including: **The Nut Lady**; **Tots-A-Lot**; **West Springfield Lions Club**; **Big Kahuna**; **Subway**; **The Garden Restaurant**; **Pig Park BBQ**; **The Ultimate BBQ**; **Dr. Vegetable**; **Bavarian Beer Nuts**; **Dippin Dots**; and **Moolicious**.

RELAX AT A RESTAURANT

Storowton Tavern – If you need to take a break from the Fair action, relax and enjoy a delicious meal and glass of wine, or head straight to the buffet.

New England Craft Beer Pub – Located across from the Rhode Island Building, this dining facility features craft beers from each New England state with suggested menu pairings like Reubens, lobster mac 'n cheese, hearty beef stew, popovers or a Fair favorite, Beer-A-Misu!

Sam Adams Brew Garden – If a drink is what you're yearning for, get a beer sampler here, while you dine on healthy salads, pub food, and other offerings, sponsored by the *Boston Beer Company*, in Storrowton Village.

Big E Bistro – Take your pick of French meat pies at The Burgundy Brook Café, a delicious treat at Falafel Fresh, or irresistible Italian pastries at the Pasticceria Italia – in the Young Building.

West Side Grille - This restaurant has everyone's favorite American cuisines! Cool off in air-conditioned comfort as you enjoy a feast of burgers, fries, pizza, salads, soups, sandwiches & more.

EASTERN STATES FARMERS MARKET AND WINE BARN

Fairgoers can sample and purchase award-winning wines from The Big E Northeast Gold Wine Competition in the Wine Barn. Step next door to the new Farmers Market, home to the Cheese Cave, which features award-winning cheeses from The Big E Gold Medal Cheese Competition. Relax and enjoy your wine and cheese in the cozy courtyard.

BIG EATS COMPETITION

The third annual Big Eats Competition is almost here! Contest categories include Best Tasting Fair Food, Most Creative Food and Best New Food. A panel of local judges will select winners for each category and all finalists will be entered into the final category: Fairgoer Favorite. For this, fairgoers will be able to join in on the action by trying, then voting for their favorite on The Big E Facebook page. The voting takes place Sept. 14-29 and the most-voted entry will be declared the winner and presented with an award on Sept. 30.

For a complete list of Big E foods, visit TheBigE.com.

The Big E takes place Sept. 14 – 30 in West Springfield, Mass, and will be jam-packed with food, entertainment, and so much more! Visit TheBigE.com to sign up for emails and connect on social media to be the first to get exclusive information. Join us with #BigEMoments.