

# Supreme Showman Contest

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**Contest Day:** Thursday, July 10, 2025; Show Arena, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

**3:00PM Show Order:** Poultry & Rabbit, Goat, Dairy Calf Feeder Steer, Dairy

**6:30PM Show Order:** Horse & Pony (Horse Arena), Swine, Beef, Sheep

## **Species Representative Selection Process:**

1. Each species representative will be the winner of the Senior Showmanship Class in 2025, unless that species has a Master Showman Class.
  - a. If there is a Master Class, the Master Showman, in 2025, will be the representative in the Supreme Showman Contest.
  - b. An alternate or reserve champion will be selected in each species in the event the person winning senior or master elects not to participate.
2. If the Master Showman of a species declines to participate, the opportunity will first pass to the alternate in ranked order. This ranking must be determined by the judge during the showmanship contest for that species.
3. If no Master Showman remains, the opportunity will be passed to the Champion Senior Showman provided this individual did not compete in the Master contest.
4. The final opportunity will pass to the Reserve Champion Senior Showman.
5. If a representative cannot be selected from the above criteria, the opportunity will then be open to any 10 year 4-H member that has participated in Senior Showmanship and selected by a draw if more than one is interested.
6. If there is still no one to represent the species the opportunity will then be closed for that species. That species will continue to have livestock representation in the contest but no substitute showman will be accepted.
7. If a member is eligible to participate in the Supreme Showman Contest in more than one species, he/she must choose in which species he/she will participate within 1 hour of winning the second contest for subsequent planning purposes.
  - a. The 4-H'er **must** inform the 4-H Youth Educator or the Supreme Showman Chairman who will then inform BOTH species Superintendents of the decision, at that time, so the alternate has sufficient time to prepare.
8. Contestants can pick up the educational binder and draw showmanship contestant numbers between 5:00-6:00PM on Wednesday of the fair in the 4-H office. Contestants will be provided with the animal fact cards associated with the number they drew. Contestants are encouraged to review the cards and connect with animal owners to learn as much as possible about the animals they will be exhibiting. Animals owned by contestants will not be permitted to be used in the competition.
9. After winning Supreme Showmanship, members can continue to compete in any/all species showmanship contests but may not participate in the Supreme Showmanship. If selected as the Master Showman winner for any species, the next highest placing will represent that species in the Supreme Showmanship contest.

## **Species Committee Responsibilities:**

1. Each species committee will provide a check or gift card for the appropriate amount for their judge to the 4-H Educator at the May Superintendent's Meeting.
2. Each species committee will assign a member as the designee to support to the Supreme Showman Contest. This person is responsible for:
  - a. Identifying a judge to judge the portion of the contest that involves their species. Ideally, the judge will be from outside of Kosciusko County or have limited involvement with Kosciusko County 4-H currently and have been out of 4-H for **10 years**.
  - b. Ensuring a species contestant representative and an alternate is selected as described in the Participation Selection Process.
  - c. Choosing the appropriate animals for participation in the contest ensuring safety as the utmost importance.
  - d. Supplying a fact card, completed by the owner of the animal being exhibited, for use in the contest to the Supreme Committee Chairman by Tuesday morning at 9:00AM. These cards will be numbered and provided to contestants after drawing the contestant number in the 4-H office upon being selected for participation in the contest. All animals used in the contest must have been properly entered and exhibited in the current year's Kosciusko County Fair.
  - e. Delivering the selected animals to the show arena for use by the contestants and returning them to the barn. Animals used in this contest may not be owned by the showman, his/her immediate family, or have been housed on the same premises as other animals exhibited by the showman.
3. Assigning a committee member to serve as the ring man along with the previous year's Supreme Showmanship

Winner.

### **Day of the Contest Overview:**

#### **Prior to the contest:**

1. All contestants will meet in the show arena at 1:30PM on the day of the show. Contestants will complete an all-species quiz. No cellular devices can be used and each contestant will be assigned a location in the show arena.
2. Contestants will complete a questionnaire at this time to be shared with the spectators during the show.
3. Contestants will be provided with a shirt, which will be worn during the show. Contestants will wear their exhibitor number during the show. The Supreme Committee will provide an alternate number if necessary.

#### **Show Order:**

1. Afternoon Session: 3:00PM; Poultry & Rabbit, Goat, Dairy Feeder Steer, and Dairy
2. Dinner Break: Approximately 5:30pm
3. Evening Session: 6:30PM; Horse & Pony, Swine, Beef and Sheep

#### **Rules & Scoring:**

1. Each contestant will show all species. This includes that specie that you are representing. It will remain anonymous as to which specie you represent until the end of the contest.
2. The animal that the contestants drew will be waiting for them near the show arena, with the species committee designee, enter the show arena and exhibit that animal.
  - a. All species judges have approximately 25 minutes to judge the class. Rabbits and Poultry will take approximately 45-50 minutes. Fitting of the animal will not be judged against the contestant.
  - b. The Specie Committee designee and the previous year's Supreme Showman winner are expected to be the ring man while contestants are exhibiting. Those are the only people allowed in the show area during the show.
3. The Supreme Showman will be selected on the basis of total points scored. Each contestant will be placed by the species judge. Example: 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 9 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 8 points, 4<sup>th</sup> place 7 points, 5<sup>th</sup> place 6 points, 6<sup>th</sup> place 5 points, 7<sup>th</sup> place 4 points, 8<sup>th</sup> place 3 points and 9<sup>th</sup> place 2 points. Highest points earned will be the winner.
4. The winner will receive a banner, belt buckle, chair, plaque and their name on a traveling trophy. Reserve Champion will receive a banner.
5. In case of a tie, the score from the all-species quiz taken prior to the contest will be the first tie breaker. The second tie breaker would be the contestant that received the most 1<sup>st</sup> places during the contest.
6. Contestants will be able to obtain the scoring Friday Morning at the 4-H office upon return of the educational binder.