

REGISTRATION IS BETWEEN APRIL 10TH, 2026 AND MAY 11TH AT 11:59PM

Sauk County Fair Master Showman Contest Rules

Sunday of the fair week at 10:00 am Progress Hall

- 1. Departments: The following departments will participate in the Master Showman Contest: Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep and Goats.**
- 2. Participants: The top two winners of Senior Showmanship in each of these species will participate in the Master Showmanship Contest.**
 - If a winner from one of the above stated classes chooses not to participate in the Master Showman Contest, the option to participate will default to the third place winner in that class.**
 - If a member is eligible to participate in the Master Showman Contest in more than one species, he/she must choose the species in which he/she will participate by Friday afternoon at 4:00 pm. The participant must inform BOTH species Superintendents and the Master Showman Contest Organizer of his/her decision. The third place winner in their non-chosen species will have the option to participate.**
- 3. Master showmanship participants will meet Saturday morning at 9:00 am in Progress Hall for a short meeting about expectations/rules.**
- 4. Each participant will show an animal from the project in which they won Senior Showmanship first, then an animal from each of the other four species through the rotation. The Superintendent of each species will be in charge of selecting two animals to be used for the Master Showman contest, with the approval of the owner of the animals selected.**
- 5. There will be five judges, one representing each species. The superintendent of each participating species will assist the Master Showman Organizer with selection of needed judges.**
- 6. Each judge will use a 1-10 scale to evaluate each participant in categories such as showing the animal, species knowledge and appearance/attitude.**
- 7. Five minutes will be allowed for the participants to show each species. The timekeeper will notify the Participants and the judges when one minute is left for each round. Please note - all species will be shown simultaneously in the same show ring. The rotation of species shown will be discussed at the pre-contest meeting.**
- 8. If items such as a brush, show stick, comb, etc. are necessary to show your species, please bring them with You to the Master Showman contest. These items will be passed to the next participant who will show that Species.**
- 9. A final rotation will involve public speaking. Each participant will be asked to answer four questions. Each participant will speak to the same questions.**
- 10. Results will be determined by totaling all rotations scores.**
- 11. Non-cash awards will be given for Grand Champion Senior Showman and Reserve Champion Senior Showman.**
- 12. In the case of a tie, the participant with the top public speaking score will be deemed the Champion. If in the event a tie is still not broken, a random question will be drawn from a hat in which the participant will answer. Audience applause will be asked for in order to determine the winner of**

13. The decision of the judges and the Master Showman Contest Organizer are final.