
DIXON COUNTY 4-H ELITE SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

1. The 4-H Elite Showmanship Contest provides an opportunity for the Champion and Reserve Champion of the Senior Division Showmanship from the 4-H Divisions of the large animal species (beef, sheep, swine, goat, and horse) to compete for the best all-around senior showmanship honors at the fair. It is possible that one of the reserve showmen could be named as Champion 4-H Elite Showman.
2. In this contest, each contestant will show a pig, a goat, a sheep, a beef animal, a horse animal while being judged on their showmanship skills with each species of animal. The judge will use a numerical scoring system to evaluate each individual at each species, with the winner determined by the total score over all species.
3. The contest will start at 9 a.m. on Sunday of the fair. Contestants are asked to be ready for the contest with their animal.
4. The champion and reserve champion senior showman (intermediate if no senior contestants) from the 4-H divisions of beef, sheep, goat, swine, and horse are eligible. In the event that a person wins the showmanship contest in more than one species in a given year, they will be entered into the 4-H Elite Showmanship Contest in the first species that they qualified in. In that event, the next highest-ranking individual from the second species will be eligible to enter the 4-H Elite Showmanship Contest.
5. If the individual who has qualified has a conflict or otherwise chooses to not participate in the contest then the next highest ranking individual in that species will be eligible to compete. Contestant must let supt. know at the end of their show.
6. Contestants will bring the animal that they qualified with back in for the 4-H Elite Showmanship Contest for that specie. Other animals will be provided as they rotate from specie to specie.
 - 9:00 am – Show Arena - Begin showmanship contest
 - Show order: 1. Horse 2. Swine 3. Sheep 4. Goats 5. Beef
7. In all five rotations, contestants will be asked questions and awarded points on how they answer, handle and present each respective species.
8. There will also be a written test with 50 questions that will be given prior to the contest and scored also.