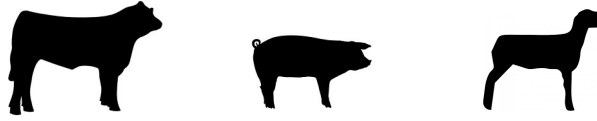


Monroe County

Master *Showmanship* Contest



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The 2026 Monroe County Fair Master Showmanship Contest will be held **Tuesday, July 21, at 10:30 a.m.** The contest will begin in the cattle arena, then move to the swine arena and finish in the sheep arena at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. One judge will evaluate each ring of participants. Participants will be scored in each ring based on overall showmanship abilities.

RULES

1. The exhibitor must be a Monroe County 4-H member between the ages of 14-18 (at least 14 by Sept. 1, 2025 and cannot have reached their 19th birthday before Sept. 1, 2025.) and meet all 4-H show requirements.
2. The exhibitor must be enrolled in a 4-H livestock project.
3. Participants must supply their own animals for the competition. Each exhibitor must *own or borrow* each: a steer or heifer, a market or breeding lamb and a market hog or breeding gilt that is already being exhibited at the county fair. Animals will not be provided for you.
4. The winner will be announced at the Monroe County Livestock Auction on July 23.
5. The winner will advance to the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest on Friday, August 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The winner must be available to attend this contest and *own or borrow* the said animals listed above that are already being exhibited at the state fair.
6. The winner will receive a custom belt buckle sponsored by O/B Angus, a banner sponsored by Monroe County Farm Bureau in addition to a t-shirt that is required to be worn during the State Fair contest. Winners of each specie will also receive a banner from the Monroe County Farm Bureau.
7. Participants are eligible to win the Master Showmanship Contest only once in their 4-H career.
8. Participants must fill out an entry form and turn in by Monroe County Livestock Entry Night on June 24, 2026.
9. This contest will adhere to all guidelines set forth by the Monroe County Fair and must meet the Illinois Exhibition Animal Health Requirements.



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Entry Form

Entry Form deadline: June 23, 2026

Return to:
University of Illinois Extension –Monroe County Office
901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo
OR Livestock Entry Night-Monroe County Fairgrounds

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Exhibitor Age as of Sept. 1, 2025: _____ Birthdate: _____

4-H Club: _____

Phone Number: _____

4-H Livestock Project (s): _____

I will adhere by the Monroe County 4-H Master Showmanship Rules provided.

Signature Date

Parent Signature Date

