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Generalizing the work of Farahat-Higman, we describe the even centers  $\mathcal{Z}(Z_n)$  of integral spin hyperoctahedral group superalgebras, leading to universal algebras: the spin FH-algebras. We establish that the spin FH-algebra associated to the hyperoctahedral group is isomorphic to the spin FH-algebra associated to the spin symmetric group. Using this, we determine the algebra generators of the spin FH-algebras and of the even centers which turn out to involve odd Jucys-Murphy elements and Catalan numbers. (Received August 25, 2008)