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Grand champion chosen at festival's Youth Plant Show

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 1, 2018) – The grand champion plant was chosen this week at the Florida Strawberry Festival's Youth Plant Show in the Swindle Family Pavilion.

Reagan Brown won grand champion, and Samuel Shiver won reserve grand champion.

The Youth Plant Show is sponsored by Choo Choo Lawn Equipment, Inc. and offers youth in the community an opportunity to raise a plant, enter it into competition and sell it at the Youth Plant Sale.

In addition to the grand champion and reserve grand champion, additional category winners are chosen. Logan Goodyear exhibited the champion woody ornamentals; Haley Bell exhibited the champion foliage plants; Chelsea Woodard exhibited the champion hanging baskets; Aliyah Taylor exhibited the champion miscellaneous plants; Rebecca Council exhibited the champion liners.

In the size categories, Daniel Lozano exhibited the size No. 1 champion; Natalie Harrell exhibited the size No. 3 champion, and Reagan Brown exhibited the size No. 7 champion plant.

Additional awards include awards of distinction which were given to Cole Harrell, Haley Bell and Emily Cowie.

The Youth Plant Sale will be held Sunday, March 4 at 2 p.m. in the Patterson Companies Livestock Arena in the Grimes Family Agricultural Center.

About the Florida Strawberry Festival

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an 11-day community event celebrating the strawberry harvest of Eastern Hillsborough County. Each year, over 500,000 visitors enjoy the festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2018 Florida Strawberry Festival where we're "Building New Memories!" will take place March 1-11 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest18).

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