



# News Release

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### **Lamb show winners chosen at Florida Strawberry Festival**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 6, 2018) – The winners in the Florida Strawberry Festival’s lamb shows were chosen this week at the Patterson Companies Livestock Arena in the Grimes Family Agricultural Center.

Four competitions are held for lambs and their exhibitors in the show sponsored by Traeger Grills: showmanship, a jumping contest, a lamb show and a costume contest.

In the showmanship competition, where exhibitors are judged on their ability to present their animals, exhibitors are separated into junior, intermediate and senior categories.

In the beginner showmanship division, Jayde McConnell placed first; Brock Sampson placed second, and Mackenzie Paul placed third.

In the junior showmanship division, Emma Leiss placed first; Taylor Stewart placed second, and Julia Jones placed third.

In the intermediate division, Jay Stewart placed first; Carlie Braglin placed second, and Eric Zimmerman placed third.

In the senior division, Sarahann Sweeney placed first; Ally Black placed second, and Michaela Rogers placed third.

In the sheep show, the animals are judged on their breeding characteristics and the likelihood that they will produce a quality lamb.

Emma Leiss won supreme grand champion with her white face ram.

Jazmin Rodriguez won grand champion black face ewe, and Mackenzie Paul won reserve champion black face ewe. Delaney Tucker won grand champion black face ram, and Kaylee Carr won reserve grand champion black face ram.

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Jayde McConnell won grand champion white face ewe, and Jay Stewart won reserve grand champion white face ewe. Emma Leiss won grand champion white face ram, and Jay Stewart won reserve grand champion white face ram.

Jay Stewart won grand champion crossbred ewe, and Taylor Stewart won reserve grand champion crossbred ewe. Sarah Rogers won grand champion crossbred ram.

Savannah Jenkins won grand champion rare breed ewe, and Everett DelValle won reserve grand champion rare breed ewe. Bella Ballard won grand champion rare breed ram, and Case Watson won reserve grand champion rare breed ram.

In the costume contest, Brenna Sturgis won best overall with her “Heard It Through the Grapevine” costume; Chance and Krissie Farris won the funniest category with their “a house divided” costume; Brenna Sturgis won the most original category with her “Heard It Through the Grapevine” costume; Taylor Stewart won the most elegant category with her “baker’s signature strawberry shortcake” costume; Everett DelValle won the most creative category with his “Willy Wonka and Oompa Loompas” costume; T.J. Haner won the most colorful category with his “under the sea” costume.

In the jumping contest, four exhibitors tied for first place in the long legged division: Bryann Murray, T.J. Haner, Krissie Farris and Sarah Rogers. In the short legged division, Khali Booth won first place; Jahbari Newton won second place, and Maria Colon won second place.

### **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](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest18).

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