



# News Release

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

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 10, 2019) – The winners in the Florida Strawberry Festival’s lamb shows were chosen last 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, Mackenzie Paul placed first; Brock Sampson placed second, Everett DelValle placed third, and Abigail Stewart placed fourth.

In the junior showmanship division, Jayde McConnell placed first; Jackson Sturgis placed second, and Levi Sampson placed third.

In the intermediate division, Emma Leiss placed first; Jeremiah Stewart placed second, and Taylor Stewart placed third.

In the senior division, Delaney Tucker placed first; Joseph Sarrica placed second, and Austin Smith placed third.

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

Mackenzie Paul won grand champion black face ewe, and Delaney Tucker won reserve champion black face ewe. Joseph Sarrica won grand champion black face ram, and reserve grand champion black face ram.

Emma Leiss won grand champion white face ewe, and Mackenzie Paul won reserve grand champion white face ewe. Emma Leiss won grand champion white face ram, and Jeremiah Stewart won reserve grand champion white face ram.

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Jeremiah Stewart won grand champion crossbred ewe, and Kylie Kropik won reserve grand champion crossbred ewe. Jacob Sarrica won grand champion crossbred ram.

Joseph Sarrica won grand champion rare breed ewe, and Everett DelValle won reserve grand champion rare breed ewe. Everett DelValle won grand champion rare breed ram, and Nick Claussen won reserve grand champion rare breed ram.

In the costume contest, Chloe Howard won best overall with her “Pru’s Market” costume; Carter Herdon- Stalvey won the funniest category with their “Colonel Sanders & Chicken” costume; Michaela Arroyo won the most original category with her “Adventure is Out There” costume; Bailey Polk won the most elegant category with her “Strawberry Queen and Red Coat” costume; Everett DelValle won the most creative category with his “Golfer and Caddy” costume; Gracie Stewart won the most colorful category with his “BFF Unicorn Costume Party” costume.

In the jumping contest, Joseph Sarrica won first place and five exhibitors placed second: Kendall Donaldson, Caris Scheider, Austin Smith, Jacob Sarrica, and Brock Sampson. In the short legged division, Chloe Howard won first place, Nick Claussen won second place, and Bryan Ferrell 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 2019 Florida Strawberry Festival where “It’s A Hit!” will take place February 28 - March 10 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest19).

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