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Lamb show winners chosen at Florida Strawberry Festival

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 4, 2020) – The winners in the Florida Strawberry Festival’s lamb shows were this week at the Patterson Companies Livestock Arena in the Grimes Family Agricultural Center.

Four competitions are held for lamb and their exhibitors: showmanship, a jumping contest, a sheep show and 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, Harleigh Clark and Jayce McConnell placed third.

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

In the intermediate division, Emma Leiss placed first, Carter Herndon-Stalvey placed second and Kayla Peacock placed third.

In the senior division, Chloe Howard placed first, Brenna Sturgis placed second and Kaysie Kropik placed third.

In the jumping contest, a hurdle is placed in the arena that the participating sheep jump over. Each sheep jumps the hurdle at each height, and the hurdle is continuously raised until only one sheep remains as the winner.

In the short-legged division, Brandan Flores’ lamb, Conner Kennedy’s lamb and Ty Polk’s lamb tied for placed first place.

In the long-legged division, Colby Holcomb’s lamb and Chloe Howard’s lamb tied for first place, and Aria Sink’s lamb and Delaney Moran’s lamb tied for second place.

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

Mackenzie Paul's lamb won grand champion black face ewe, Arri Dodge's lamb won reserve champion black face ewe, Austin Smith's lamb won grand champion black face ram and Joseph Sarrica's lamb won reserve grand champion black face ram.

Emma Leiss' lamb won grand champion white face ewe and won reserve grand champion white face ewe. Emma Leiss' lamb won grand champion white face ram and Hailey Harris' lamb won reserve grand champion white face ram.

Mackenzie Paul's lamb won grand champion crossbred ewe, Hailey Harris' lamb won reserve grand champion crossbred ewe and Aria Sink's lamb won grand champion crossbred ram.

Joey Sarrica's lamb won grand champion rare breed ewe, Ryder Ennis' lamb won reserve grand champion rare breed ewe, Colby Bolcomb's lamb won grand champion rare breed ram and Kaysie Kropik's lamb won reserve grand champion rare breed ram.

Emma Leiss won overall grand champion with her white face ewe.

In the costume contest, Colby Holcomb won the "funniest" category with his "Rodeo Clowns" costume, Nick Claussen won the "most original" category with his "The Chain Gang" costume, Bailey Polk won the "most elegant" category with her "Pinata Fiesta" costume, Shelby Southerland won the "most creative" category with her "Queen Bee and Her Hive" costume, Cooper Davis won the "most colorful" category with his "Albert & Alberta" costume and Chloe Howard won "best overall" with her "Chloe's Circus" costume.

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 world-famous strawberry shortcake. The 2020 Florida Strawberry Festival will be held Feb. 27 through March 8 in Plant City, Fla. and will be "Our Perfect Vision!" For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest20).

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