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Festival selects winners of Lamb Show

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 13, 2021) – 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, Adelyn Jensen placed first, Reid Patino placed second and Josie Clark placed third.

In the junior showmanship division, Shelby Southerland placed first, Ty Polk placed second and Mackenzie Paul placed third.

In the intermediate division, Emma Leiss placed first, Levi Sampson placed second and Makinley Jensen placed third.

In the senior division, Ruca Rhoton placed first, Bailey Polk placed second and Jessica Ferreira 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, Colby Holcomb’s lamb, Keely Wells’ lamb, Chloe Howard’s lamb and Christopher Dudzinski’s lamb tied for first place.

In the long-legged division, Sarah Rogers’ lamb and Brendan Flores’ lamb tied for first 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 and reserve champion black face ewe. Chloe Dudzinski's lamb won 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 William Jones' lamb won reserve grand champion white face ram.

Ashlyn Hudson's lamb won grand champion crossbred ewe and Skyler Hancock's lamb won reserve grand champion crossbred ewe. Nancy Yang's lamb won grand champion crossbred ram and Samuel Potter's lamb won reserve grand champion crossbred ram.

Keely Wells' lamb won grand champion rare breed ewe, Christopher Dudzinski's lamb won reserve grand champion rare breed ewe, Rebecca Holcomb's lamb won grand champion rare breed ram and Colby Holcomb's lamb won reserve grand champion rare breed ram.

Emma Leiss won supreme grand champion with her spring ewe.

In the costume contest, Julia Jones won the "funniest" category with her "Cottonelle" costume, Cade Brock won the "most original" category with his "Fisherman" costume, Rebecca Holcomb won the "most elegant" category with her "Queen Penny" costume, Chloe Howard won the "most creative" category with her "All Aboard the Berry Express" costume, Brendan Flores won the "most colorful" category with his "Pirate and his parrot" costume and Shelby Southerland won "best overall" with her "Pirate Princess" 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 2021 Florida Strawberry Festival will be held March 4 through March 14 in Plant City, Fla. and we'll be "All Aboard!" For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest21).

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