



# News Release

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### **Youth Plant Show Grand champion announced at 2022 event**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 5, 2022) – The grand champion plant was chosen this week at the Florida Strawberry Festival’s Youth Plant Show in the Swindle Family Pavilion.

Marshall Lemus won grand champion, and Kaden Palmer won reserve grand champion.

The Youth Plant Show is sponsored by Choo Choo Lawn Equipment 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 selected. Elizabeth Ford exhibited the champion woody ornamentals; Abigail McCranie exhibited the champion foliage plants; Grace Merrell exhibited the champion hanging baskets; Alex Griffin won the champion liners; Mackenzie Puerto exhibited the champion miscellaneous plants.

In the size categories, Zachary Cobb exhibited the size No. 1 champion; Abby Steward exhibited the size No. 3 champion, and Jordan Farnsworth exhibited the size No. 7 champion plant.

Additional awards include awards of distinction which were given to Casey Lane, Avery Palmer, and Nevaeh Dixon.

The Youth Plant Sale will be held Sunday, March 6 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 world-famous strawberry shortcake. The 2022 Florida Strawberry Festival will be held March 3 through March 13 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest22).

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