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Dairy Show winners awarded at 2023 Festival

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 14, 2023) – The winners in the Florida Strawberry Festival’s dairy shows were chosen this week in the Patterson Companies Livestock Arena in the Grimes Family Agricultural Center.

Grove Equipment Service sponsors three competitions for dairy cattle and their exhibitors: showmanship, the dairy cattle show and costume ball.

Colby Schibler exhibited the Ayrshire grand champion; Ely Evans exhibited the Brown Swiss grand champion; Nicolas Hammer exhibited the Holstein grand champion; Kenslee Heinke exhibited the Guernsey grand champion; Kyleigh Glenn exhibited the Jersey grand champion.

Kelsi Gray exhibited the Ayrshire reserve grand champion; Thomas Campoamor exhibited the Brown Swiss reserve grand champion; Kenslee Heinke exhibited the Guernsey reserve grand champion; Anna Koch exhibited the Holstein reserve grand champion; Kyleigh Glenn exhibited the Jersey reserve grand champion.

Austin Boyd exhibited the Ayrshire junior champion; Kenslee Heinke exhibited the Brown Swiss junior champion and the Guernsey junior champion; Austin Boyd exhibited the Holstein junior champion; Elizabeth Sutton exhibited the Jersey junior champion.

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Ely Evans exhibited the Brown Swiss senior champion; Kyleigh Glenn exhibited the Jersey senior champion; Colby Schibler exhibited the Ayrshire senior champion and Nicholas Hammer exhibited the Holstein senior champion.

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Colby Schibler won the Richard Kahelin All-Breeds Champion Award; Kenslee Heinke won the Premier Exhibitor Award; Kyleigh Glenn won the Senior All Breeds Bred-By Exhibitor Award; Austin Boyd won the Junior All Breeds Bred-By Exhibitor Award.

Adriona Goodman won first place junior herdsman and Michaela Hunt-Cruz won first place senior herdsman.

Jacob Carey won the Junior Sportsman Award and Colby Schibler won the Senior Sportsman Award.

Kaylee Cloete won the Florida Strawberry Festival Junior Dairy Grant, Charis Allen won the Florida Strawberry Festival Senior Dairy Grant and Elizabeth Sutton won the Florida Strawberry Festival Dairy Scholarship Award.

In the showmanship contest, where exhibitors are judged on their ability to present their animals to the judge, Georgia Patton won first place in the pee-wee division; Jessica Heinke won first place in the adult division.

In the costume ball, Ashley Lehnert won the funniest category with her “Ronald McDonald with the Hamburgler” costume; Brooke Hiers won the prettiest category with her “Cowgirl and Cow Horse costume; Selah Allen won the most original category with her “The Great ‘Moo’dini and her assistant ‘Cow’ina” costume; Angela Palacios won the most colorful category with her “Alien Moovasion” costume; Robert Campoamor, Thomas Campoamor and Nico Sommers were declared the overall winner with their “Ghostbusters” costume.

In the dairy judging contest, Morgan Cook won first place in the 4-H Junior Individual category; Robert Campoamor won first place in the 4-H Senior Individual category; Lena Bent won first place in the FFA Middle School Individual category and Neveah Trujillo won first place in the FFA High School Individual category. Kenslee Heinke, Austin Boyd, Kaylee Cloete and Charis Allen won first place in the 4-H Junior Team division and from Chatauqua 4-H Robert Campoamor, Thomas Campoamor, Annaliese Llaverias and Libby Sutton won first place in the 4-H Senior Team division. Lena Bent, Ryan Rice, Cody Rice and Colby Holcomb from “Team A” Turkey Creek Middle FFA won the FFA Middle School Team division and Makayla Watson, Anna Koch and Steven Ragan won the FFA High School Team division.

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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 600,000 visitors enjoy the festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2024 Florida Strawberry Festival will take place February 29 through March 10 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest24).

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