



# News Release

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### **Youth Plant Show Grand champion announced at 2023 event**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 10, 2023) – 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 Joelle Perreault 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. Elin Dixon exhibited the champion woody ornamentals; Abby Steward exhibited the champion foliage plants; Katie Steed exhibited the champion hanging baskets; Chelsea Morris exhibited the champion miscellaneous plants.

In the size categories, Mia Peters exhibited the size No. 1 champion; Olivia Campbell exhibited the size No. 3 champion, and Avery Palmer exhibited the size No. 7 champion plant.

Additional awards include awards of distinction which were given to Carson Buttram, Haley Bell, and Haleigh Horner.

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, more than 600,000 visitors enjoy the Festival’s headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its world-famous strawberry shortcake. The 2024 Florida Strawberry Festival will be held February 29 through March 10 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest24).

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