



# News Release

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### **Festival's Mosaic Youth Steer Show winner declared**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 10, 2023) – The grand champion and the reserve grand champion at the Florida Strawberry Festival's Mosaic Youth Steer Show were chosen Wednesday night at the Patterson Co. Livestock Arena in the Grimes Family Agricultural Center.

Bella Ballard, a member of the Youth Leaders in Production Agriculture Chapter, exhibited the overall grand champion steer, and Gillian Mattheson, a member of the Newsome FFA Chapter, exhibited the overall reserve grand champion steer.

One hundred exhibitors showed steers in the annual competition that took place at 6 p.m.

In the show, each steer is placed in one of ten classes based on the animal's weight. Classes one through three comprise the lightweight division, classes four through six comprise the middleweight division, and classes seven through ten comprise the heavyweight division. The champion in each of the three divisions then competes for overall grand champion.

In the lightweight division, Madison Hurley won grand champion, and Milee Hasting won reserve grand champion. In the middleweight division, R.J. Christopher won grand champion, and Alli Taylor won reserve grand champion. In the heavyweight division, Bella Ballard won grand champion, and Gillian Mattheson won reserve grand champion.

The class placings for the youth steer show are as follows:

#### **Class 1**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Parker Scott  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Gabija Davila  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Nicholas Kouimanis  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Chloe Crim  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Hannah Cook  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Jaxon Griffin  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Mia Peters  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Alex Nuckles

#### **Class 2**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Madison Hurley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Julie Jones  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jaylie Wyatt  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Harlee Miller  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Nathaniel Lezama  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Marlena Deboben  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Alivia Knight  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Kaylee Hudson

#### **Class 3**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Milee Hasting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Payton Thomas  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Nathan Sewell  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Lexi Ford  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Kyndall Bass  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Kendall Hall  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Kipras Davila  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Evan Scott

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9<sup>th</sup> Place: Cameryn Smith  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Kendall Donaldson

9<sup>th</sup> Place: Dylan Almeda  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Ella Connell

9<sup>th</sup> Place: Mackenzie Puerto  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Morgan Walters

#### **Class 4**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Julia Jones  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Levi Sampson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Brooklyn Zajac  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Tucker Thomas  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Trevor Hinton  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Caris Schneider  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Delany Baird  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Carly Varnum  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Nicole Lietz  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Caroline Crim

#### **Class 5**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: R.J. Christopher  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Mason Howard  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Addison Griffin  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Adrienne Campbell  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Madelynn Council  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Joleigh Hinton  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Jessie Parker  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Autumn Rutherford  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Judson Smith  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: John Paris

#### **Class 6**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Alli Taylor  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Carter Manis  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kayla Hanson  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Gabby Howell  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Kenley Connell  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Brooklyn Ball  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Connor Kennedy  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Knox McDonald  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Austin English

#### **Class 7**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: : Gillian Matheson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kiah Swilley  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Tytan Gill  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Annistyn Griffin  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Ava Futch  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Lyla Bent  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Connor Scott  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Emma Leiss  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Hallie Peacock  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Cooper Donaldson  
11<sup>th</sup> Place: Addison Johnson

#### **Class 8**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Dakota Lapointe  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Logan Shoop  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Emilee Taylor  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Jayden Mathena  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Wyatt Drawdy  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Brody Bryant  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Kennedy Schrier  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Olivia Ennis  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Nevaeh Trujillo  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: James Haynes

#### **Class 9**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jayden McDaris  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Mackenzie Kolpin  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Abigail Michnowicz  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Kassie Williams  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Brielee Bendenbaugh  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Parker Smith  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Alleigh Goff  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Marley Goodwine  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Samuel Shiver

#### **Class 10**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Bella Ballard  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Morgan Walls  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kayla Peacock  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Ava Hasting  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Shelby Lawrence  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Spencer Baylor  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Kaylee Marsh  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Riley Silkworth  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Hardy Polk  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Riley Guy  
11<sup>th</sup> Place: Olivia Vaughan

The Mosaic Youth Steer Sale will take place Saturday, March 11 at 7 p.m.

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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, more than 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 - March 10 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Twitter (#berryfest24).

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