



# News Release

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### **Dairy Show winners awarded at 2024 Festival**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 13, 2024) – The winners in the Florida Strawberry Festival’s dairy shows were chosen last 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.

Brianna Shepard exhibited the Ayrshire grand champion and Guernsey grand champion; Sarah Rogers exhibited the Brown Swiss grand champion; Anna Koch exhibited the Holstein grand champion and Kyleigh Glenn exhibited the Jersey grand champion.

Makayla Watson exhibited the Ayrshire reserve grand champion; Sarah Rogers exhibited the Brown Swiss reserve grand champion; Aleah Thomas exhibited the Holstein reserve grand champion; Rebecca Holcomb exhibited the Jersey reserve grand champion and Guernsey reserve grand champion.

Sarah Rogers exhibited the Brown Swiss senior champion; Kyleigh Glenn exhibited the Jersey senior champion; Brianna Shepard exhibited the Ayrshire senior champion and Guernsey senior champion and Anna Koch exhibited the Holstein senior champion.

Makayla Watson exhibited the Ayrshire reserve senior champion; Sarah Rogers exhibited the Brown Swiss reserve senior champion; Rebecca Holcomb exhibited the Jersey reserve senior champion and Aleah Thomas exhibited the Holstein reserve senior champion.

Brianna Shepard exhibited the Ayrshire junior champion; Colby Schibler exhibited the Brown Swiss junior champion; Rebecca Holcomb exhibited the Guernsey junior champion; Jackson Raburn exhibited the Holstein junior champion; Selah Allen exhibited the Jersey junior champion.

Makayla Watson exhibited the Ayrshire reserve junior champion; Sarah Rogers exhibited the Brown Swiss reserve junior champion; Rebecca Holcomb exhibited the Guernsey reserve junior

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champion; Charis Allen exhibited the Jersey reserve junior champion and Adeline Allen exhibited the Holstein reserve junior champion.

Brianna Shepard won the Premier Exhibitor Award and Junior All Breeds Bred-By Exhibitor Award; Kyleigh Glenn won the Senior All Breeds Bred-By Exhibitor Award and Richard Kahelin All-Breeds Champion Award.

Adriona Goodman won first place junior herdsman and Jaylene Carey won first place senior herdsman.

Jacob Carey won the Junior Sportsman Award and Andrew Hammer won the Senior Sportsman Award.

Adriona Goodman won the Florida Strawberry Festival Junior Dairy Grant, Jaylene Carey won the Florida Strawberry Festival Senior Dairy Grant and Abigail Michnowicz 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, Avery Dunn won first place in the pee-wee division; Julia Jones won first place in the adult division.

In the costume ball, Jackson Raburn won the funniest category with his “Taylor Swift and Travis ‘Cow-ce’” costume; Rebecca Holcomb won the prettiest category with her “Bride and Maid of Honor” costume; Adeline Allen won the most original category with her “Bat-Moo and Poison Ivy” costume; Ashley Lehnert won the most colorful category with her “The Oneceler and the Lorax” costume; Selah Allen was declared the overall winner with her “Bun in the Oven” costume.

In the dairy judging contest, Colby Holcomb won first place in the 4-H Junior Individual category; Abby Michnowicz won first place in the 4-H Senior Individual category and Klytie Turner won first place in the FFA High School Individual category. Kaylee Cloete, Morgan Cook, Colby Holcomb and Jacob Carey won first place in the 4-H Junior Team division and Abby Michnowicz, Sean Falvey, Anais Degnan and Aubrey Cook won first place in the 4-H Senior Team division. Wirlein Ortiz, Ashley Lehnert and Klytie Turner won the FFA High School Team division.

### **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 2025 Florida Strawberry Festival will take place February 27 through March 9 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram, and X (#berryfest25).

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