



# News Release

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### Lamb Show winners selected at 2024 Florida Strawberry Festival

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 19, 2024) – The winners of the Florida Strawberry Festival’s lamb shows were held Monday, March 4 and Tuesday, March 5 in the Patterson Companies Livestock Arena at the Grimes Family Agricultural Center on the Festival grounds.

Four competitions are held for lamb exhibitors: showmanship, a jumping contest, a sheep show and costume contest.

In the showmanship competition, where exhibitors are judged on their ability to present their animals, exhibitors are separated into beginner, junior, intermediate, and senior categories.

In the beginner showmanship division, Elena Gutierrez placed first, Ada McNair placed second and Reece Patino placed third.

In the junior showmanship division, Adelyn Jensen placed first, Josie Clark placed second and Regina Gutierrez placed third.

In the intermediate division, Gracie Lopez placed first, Shelby Southerland placed second and McKenzie Paul placed third.

In the senior division, Riley Silkworth placed first, Taylor Stewart placed second and Cooper Davis placed third.

In the jumping contest, a hurdle is placed in the arena that the participating sheep jump over. Each sheep jumps the hurdle at each height, and the hurdle is continuously raised until only one sheep remains as the winner.

In the short-legged division, Sarah Mendendez’s lamb won first place, Autumn Brazil’s lamb won second and Reese Patino’s lamb won third place.

In the long-legged division, Serenity Keating’s lamb won first place, Sophia Brownell’s lamb and Brooke Hiers’s lamb tied for second place

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In the lamb show, the animals are judged on their breeding characteristics and the likelihood that they will produce a quality lamb.

Emma Leiss's lamb won grand champion black face ewe and Meredith Stewart's lamb won reserve champion black face ewe. Hannah Rice's lamb won grand champion black face ram.

Adelyn Jensen lamb won grand champion white face ewe and Gracie Lopez's lamb won reserve grand champion white face ewe. Shelby Southerland's lamb won grand champion white face ram.

Lila Schmidt's lamb won grand champion crossbred ewe and Emma Leiss's lamb won reserve grand champion crossbred ewe.

Riley Silkworth's lamb won grand champion rare breed ewe, Anayeliz Rodriguez's lamb won reserve grand champion rare breed ewe, Hannah Sevret's lamb won grand champion rare breed ram and Josianne Hanson's lamb won reserve grand champion rare breed ram.

Riley Silkworth won overall grand champion.

In the costume contest, Gracie Lopez won the "funniest" category with her "OOPs.. I Did It Again!" costume, Emily Berst won the "most original" category with her "The Little Red Corvette" costume, McKinley Jensen, Brightyn Willis, Adelyn Jensen and Carson won the "most elegant" category with their "Do You Want to Build A Snowman?" costume, Ried Patino won the "most creative" category with his "Blasting Across The Milky Way" costume, Serenity Keating won the "most colorful" category with her "80's" costume and Sophia Brownell won "best overall" with her "Lamb -O- Nade Stand" costume.

### **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 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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