



# News Release

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

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 10, 2024) – 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 Kiah Swilley, a member of the Durant FFA Chapter, exhibited the overall reserve grand champion steer.

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

In the show, each steer is placed in one of twelve 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 twelve comprise the heavyweight division. The champion in each of the three divisions then competes for overall grand champion.

In the lightweight division, Kiah Swilley won grand champion, and Carter Manis won reserve grand champion. In the middleweight division, Brielee Bedenbaugh won grand champion, and Connor Scott won reserve grand champion. In the heavyweight division, Bella Ballard won grand champion, and Dakota Lapointe won reserve grand champion.

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

#### **Class 1**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kennedy Schrier  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Adrienne Campbell  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jessie Parker  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Alexandria Oneal  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Levi Sampson  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Jackson Sturgis  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: John Paris  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Emma Leiss

#### **Class 2**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kiah Swilley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Makayla Register  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: RJ Christopher  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Bailey Keys  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Marlana Lott  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Kaylee Hudson  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Montana Campoamor  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Sean Falvey

#### **Class 3**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Carter Manis  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Madison Hurley  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Daniel Mink  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Jayden McDaris  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Carly Varnum  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Haleigh Horner  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Makinley Jensen  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Camryn Lallemand

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9<sup>th</sup> Place: Bailey Svec  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Hudson Brown

**Class 4**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Caroline Crim  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hallie Peacock  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Shalee Conrad  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Kylie Devaun  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Adriana Ursetti  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Sarah Menendez  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Jesus Gutierrez  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Hannah Cook  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Justin Zinke  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Braxton Willis

**Class 7**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Brady Manis  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Karoline Kmetz  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Gabija Davila  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Halie Hinson  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Kyndall Bass  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Matthew Bell  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Camden Staggs  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Trentin Gilmore  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Christopher Dudzinski  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Joel Bender

**Class 10**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Dakota Lapointe  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Tytan Gill  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Gabby Howell  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Kyslynn Mohn  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Abigail Steward  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Julia Jones  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Ava Swindle  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Tyler Peak  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: James Haynes

9<sup>th</sup> Place: Chesnee Wink  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Lyla Bent

**Class 5**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kayla Hanson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jarrett Willis  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Chase Durrance  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: William O'Brien III  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Annistyn Griffin  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Marley Goodwine  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Brody Bryant  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Nicole Lietz  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Bradlee Surber  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Olivia Ennis

**Class 8**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Connor Scott  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Brooklyn Ball  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Alli Taylor  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Caden Shepherd  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Teryn Boutte  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Gavin Miller  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Ella Connell  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Joleigh Hinton  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Brightyn Willis

**Class 11**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Bella Ballard  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Delany Baird  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kaylee Marsh  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Caris Schneider  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Alivia Knight  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Carson Buttram  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Payton Thomas  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Olivia Vaughan  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Jaylie Wyatt  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Wyatt Drawdy

9<sup>th</sup> Place: Mason Singletary  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Shelby Lawrence

**Class 6**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Brielee Bedenbaugh  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Mia Peters  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jenna Marvin  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Emilee Taylor  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Raeleigh Tilson  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Brooke Wright  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Nicholas Kouimanis  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Lilly Devane

**Class 9**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Annslea Woody  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Colt Connell  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kyndell Drawdy  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Waylon Rogers  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Austin English  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Mason Howard  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Kaleb Mathena  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Lily Nance  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Mya Salter  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Justin Boyette

**Class 12**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Milee Hasting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kayla Peacock  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Tucker Thomas  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Alleigh Goff  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Trenton Staats  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Knox McDonald  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Kassie Williams  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Kipras Davila  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Mackenzie Puerto

The Mosaic Youth Steer Sale will take place Saturday, March 9 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 X (#berryfest24).

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