

# **News Release**

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## Festival announces grand champion swine at 2025 event

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 5, 2025) - The grand champion at the Florida Strawberry Festival's Mosaic Youth Swine Show was chosen last Friday.

Charlotte Comer, a member of Plant City 4-H, exhibited the grand champion swine. Reserve grand champion was awarded to Lainey Dyches, a member of Steinbrenner FFA.

Sixty-seven exhibitors showed swine in the annual competition that began at 7:00 p.m. in the Patterson Companies Livestock Arena at the Charlie Grimes Family Agricultural Center. In the show, each pig is placed in one of ten classes based on the animal's weight. The winner of each class then competes for the title of grand champion.

The class placings for the Mosaic Youth Swine Show are as follows:

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1<sup>st</sup> Place: Cooper Davis

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jordan Farnsworth 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Hayden Van Eepoel

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Patti Young 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Taylor Weaver

#### Class 4

1st Place: Ashlyn Demanovich 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Emerson Goeltz 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Andi Sloane Bland 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Rocco Cesario 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Jackson Raburn 6<sup>th</sup> Place: Harper Cauley 7<sup>th</sup> Place: Lilah Wyatt

## Class 7

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Lainey Dyches

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Savannah Brocksmith

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Chanley Young

### Class 2

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Makayla Mahoney 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Alyssa Chancey 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Brock Sampson

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Saige Lee

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Payton Flanagan 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Charlee Davis 6<sup>th</sup> Place: Autumn Brazil

#### Class 5

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Brylynn Newsome 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sabia Deppen 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Andi Ferland 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Marlee Howard 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Brayden Cole 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Reid Connell 6<sup>th</sup> Place: Aubrey Sweeney 7<sup>th</sup> Place: Colton Hinson

#### Class 8

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Addison Herlong 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Evelyn Vasher 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Maxwell Harris

### Class 3

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sophia Briel

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Addie Grace Battaglia

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Hadley Cook 5<sup>th</sup> Place: William Wilkerson 6<sup>th</sup> Place: Westyn Wilkerson

#### Class 6

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Braxton Battaglia 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Morgan Smith 4<sup>th</sup> Place: William Redner 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Cameron Linder 6<sup>th</sup> Place: Rylee Eranan 7<sup>th</sup> Place: Grant Schrier

#### Class 9

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Charlotte Comer 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Morgan Ross 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Tiftyn Gill

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Jadyn Lyons 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Brodie Layton 6<sup>th</sup> Place: Kylee Sutton 7<sup>th</sup> Place: Jaden Ausburn 8<sup>th</sup> Place: Kendall Bowers 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Bryce Runkles 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Addisyn Wise 6<sup>th</sup> Place: Jake Ogden 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Brantley Newsome 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Connor Woodward 6<sup>th</sup> Place: Hadleigh Zahradka 7<sup>th</sup> Place: Jackson Schrier

#### Class 10

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Colton Bridges 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Emma Fry 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Colton Lyons 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Brooke Purcell 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Chesney Stackhouse 6<sup>th</sup> Place: Abigail Dusnik 7<sup>th</sup> Place: Dessiray Mosley

8<sup>th</sup> Place: Elly Dusnik

After the youth swine show, the showmanship competition began where, instead of the animal being judged, the showmen are judged on how well they present their animals to the judge.

In the senior division, Cooper Davis placed first, Ashlyn Demanovich placed second and Alyssa Chancey placed third. In the intermediate division, Evelyn Vasher placed first, Morgan Ross placed second and Payton Flanagan placed third. In the junior division, Aubrey Sweeney placed first, Addie Grace Battaglia placed second and Hadley Cook placed third.

# **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 - March 9 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, X and YouTube (#berryfest25).

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