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Dairy Show winners awarded at 2025 Festival

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 18, 2025) – The winners in the Florida Strawberry Festival’s dairy shows were chosen during the 11-day event in the Patterson Companies Livestock Arena at the Charlie 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; Austin Boyd exhibited the Brown Swiss grand champion; Kelsi Gray exhibited the Holstein grand champion and Calder Cantrell exhibited the Jersey grand champion.

Mason Wilhite exhibited the Ayrshire reserve champion; Reece Patino exhibited the Brown Swiss reserve champion; Kyle Wadsworth exhibited the Holstein reserve champion; Raylee Allen exhibited the Jersey reserve champion and Colby Holcomb exhibited the Guernsey reserve champion.

Dylan Wilhite exhibited the Ayrshire junior champion; Brooke Hiers exhibited the Brown Swiss junior champion; Kenslee Heinke exhibited the Guernsey junior champion; Austin Boyd exhibited the Holstein junior champion; Calder Cantrell exhibited the Jersey junior champion.

Brianna Shepard exhibited the Ayrshire reserve junior champion and Guernsey reserve junior champion; Austin Boyd exhibited the Brown Swiss reserve junior champion and Holstein reserve junior champion; Colby Holcomb exhibited the Jersey reserve junior champion.

Kenslee Heinke won the Premier Exhibitor Award and Austin Boyd won the Junior All Breeds Bred-By Exhibitor Award.

Adriona Goodman won first place junior herdsman and Hailey Haya won first place senior herdsman.

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Calder Cantrell won the Charlie Hunter Memorial Junior Sportsmanship Award and Andrew Hammer won the Charlie Hunter Memorial Senior Sportsmanship Award.

Adriona Goodman won the Florida Strawberry Festival Junior Dairy Grant; Jaylene Carey won the Florida Strawberry Festival Dairy Scholarship; Kenslee Heinke won the Richard Kahelin All-Breeds Junior Champion Award and Isabella Ayo won the Florida Strawberry Festival Senior Dairy Grant.

In the showmanship contest, where exhibitors are judged on their ability to present their animals to the judge, Harley Allen won first place in the pee-wee division; Reagan Casler won first in the novice division and first in the junior division; Kenslee Heinke won first in the intermediate division; Andrew Hammer won first in the senior division and Taylor Boyd won first place in the adult division. Kenslee Heinke won the overall Premier Showmanship Award.

In the costume ball, Raylee Allen won the funniest category with her “Cowgirl and Cow” costume; Calder Cantrell won the prettiest category with her “Princess Ana and Her Reindeer Sven from Frozen” costume; Reece Patino won the most original category with her “The Rocker and His Moosic” costume; Brooke Hiers won the most colorful category with her “Barbie and Her Cow Mobile” costume; Dylan Wilhite was declared the overall winner with his “Dumbo & Timothy Q” costume.

In the dairy judging contest, Mallory Cloete won first place in the 4-H Junior Individual category; Kenslee Heinke won first place in the 4-H Senior Individual category; Gabriel Arce won first place in the FFA Middle School Individual category and Claire Woodiwiss won first place in the FFA High School Individual category. Reid Patino, Harley Allen, Raylee Allen and Reece Patino won first place in the 4-H Junior Team division and Jaylene Carey, Colby Holcomb, Kaylee Cloete and Kenslee Heinke won first place in the 4-H Senior Team division. Clayton Baker, Wyatt Amundson, Tanner Admundson and Gabriel Arce won the FFA Middle School Team division. Abigail Garlick, Jadeyn Elledge, Claire Woodiwiss and Nico Sommer 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 650,000 visitors enjoy the festival’s headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2026 Florida Strawberry Festival will take place February 26 through March 8 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram, X and YouTube (#berryfest65).

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