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Lamb Show winners selected at 2025 Florida Strawberry Festival

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 19, 2025) – The winners of the Florida Strawberry Festival’s lamb shows were held Monday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 4 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, Meredith Stewart placed second and Calder Cantrell placed third.

In the junior showmanship division, Reid Patino placed first and Reece Patino placed second.

In the intermediate division, Gracie Lopez placed first, Jayde McConnell placed second and Adelyn Jensen placed third.

In the senior division, Riley Silkworth placed first, Liliana Salerno placed second and Zoey Karr 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, Emily Berst’s lamb won first place and Reece Patino’s lamb won second.

In the long-legged division, in a three-way tie, Sophia Brownell’s lamb, Brooklyn Joiner’s lamb and Elizabeth Joiner’s lamb won first 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.

Mya Salter's lamb won grand champion black face ewe and Riley Silkworth's lamb won reserve champion black face ewe. Hannah Rice's lamb won grand champion black face ram and Owen James' won reserve champion black face ram.

Emma Leiss' lamb won grand champion white face ewe and reserve grand champion white face ewe.

Liliana Salerno's lamb won grand champion white face ram and Camila Gutierrez's won reserve champion white face ram.

Emma Leiss' lamb won grand champion crossbred ewe and Taylor Stewart lamb won reserve grand champion crossbred ewe.

Riley Silkworth's lamb won grand champion rare breed ewe, Gracie Lopez's lamb won reserve grand champion rare breed ewe, Armwood FFA's lamb won grand champion rare breed ram and Logan Hinkle lamb won reserve grand champion rare breed ram.

Calder Cantrell's lamb won the grand champion market lamb and Teryn Boutte's lamb won the reserve champion market lamb.

Emma Leiss won overall grand champion.

In the costume contest, Paitlyn Davis won the "funniest" category with her "The Speeding Lamb-orghini!" costume, Korbin Goff won the "most original" category with his "The Fisherman and the Seamonster" costume, Brightyn Willis, Gracie Lopez, Addison Jensen and Carson Jimenez won the "most elegant" category with their "B'ewe'ty and the Beast" costume, Ashlyn Clark, Bailey Clark, Sydney Clark and Lila Schmidt won the "most creative" category with their "Smores" costume, Brooke Hiers won the "most colorful" category with her "Come on Barbie, Let's Go Party" costume and Taylor Stewart Bakers won "best overall" with her "Signature Strawberry Cake".

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 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 (#berryfest26).

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