



# News Release

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### **First-Ever Suncoast Credit Union Youth Ag Bowl Debuts at Festival**

**PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 2, 2026)** – The Florida Strawberry Festival hosted the first-ever Suncoast Credit Union Youth Ag Bowl, bringing together students in grades 6–12 for an exciting academic competition at the Stingray Entertainment Pavilion.

Registration began at 11:30 a.m., with participants signing up in person at the pavilion or by scanning a QR code displayed on the marquee near the entrance. Five teams of three students competed, each creating their own unique team name. Contestants were required to have a parent or guardian present to participate.

The fast-paced competition consisted of 20 questions and five bonus questions. Teams earned points for correct answers, with deductions for incorrect responses. Each team was equipped with a buzzer, and the first to buzz in had the opportunity to answer. After the initial 20 questions, five higher-value bonus questions were asked. Final scores were calculated after all 25 questions, with a tiebreaker round used if necessary to determine first place.

Taking home first place was Team “The GOATS,” made up of Jovee, Axel, and Andi. Second place was awarded to Team “Super Squad,” consisting of Sydney, Haylea, and Ro’siyion. Third place went to Team “Pablo,” featuring Kylee, Kailan, and Jessica.

The inaugural Youth Ag Bowl showcased teamwork, quick thinking, and agricultural knowledge, adding an educational and competitive element to this year’s Festival.

### **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 is where we’re “Still Growing!” and takes place February 26 - March 8 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok, X and YouTube (#berryfest26).

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