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Seventy-five swine sold in Festival's Mosaic Youth Swine Sale

PLANT CITY, Fla. (February 28, 2026) – Exhibitors in the Mosaic Youth Swine Show sold their pigs last night in the Mosaic Youth Swine Sale at the Charlie Grimes Family Agricultural Center.

The grand champion pig, exhibited by Kennedy Battaglia, was purchased by Pipe Pros and Bayco Contracting Florida for \$50 per pound. The reserve champion pig, exhibited by Addie Grace Battaglia, was purchased by Jarrett Scott Ford for \$29 per pound.

In total, 75 exhibitors sold their pigs in the sale where no exhibitor earned less than \$10 per pound.

“We are incredibly thankful to our community for its unwavering support of youth agriculture,” said Florida Strawberry Festival President Kyle Robinson. “We extend a special appreciation to the local business owners who made an exceptional purchase of the Grand Champion pig at \$50 per pound. Their generosity — along with that of all our livestock buyers — helped raise more than \$402,738. This remarkable contribution will provide meaningful support to our FFA, 4-H, and YLPA students as they continue their education and pursue future opportunities in agriculture. Your dedication to cultivating the next generation of agricultural leaders is truly commendable.”

The Florida Strawberry Festival hosts seven youth livestock shows in total: swine, steer, beef cattle, dairy cattle, lambs and chickens. All livestock shows, the swine sale and steer sale take place in the Patterson Companies Livestock Arena.

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, Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok, X and YouTube (#berryfest26).

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