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Festival announces grand champion swine at 2026 event

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 4, 2026) – The grand champion at the Florida Strawberry Festival’s Mosaic Youth Swine Show was chosen last Friday.

Kennedy Battaglia, a member of Hillsborough YLPA, exhibited the grand champion swine. Reserve grand champion was awarded to Addie Grace Battaglia, a member of Hillsborough YLPA.

Seventy-five 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 eleven 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:

Class 1

1st Place: Morgan Smith
2nd Place: Rocco Cesario
3rd Place: Emerson Goeltz
4th Place: Lillian Waters
5th Place: Ro’siyion Overton
6th Place: Jacob Purcell

Class 2

1st Place: Ashlyn Demanovich
2nd Place: Bailey McCay
3rd Place: Madison Lincoln
4th Place: Landon Futch
5th Place: Cooper Newman
6th Place: Chesney Stackhouse

Class 3

1st Place: Emma Fagnan
2nd Place: Adelynn Tkach
3rd Place: Brooke Purcell
4th Place: Travis Gonser
5th Place: Aubree Lanman
6th Place: Grant Schrier
7th Place: Kayden Wright
8th Place: Jackson Schrier

Class 4

1st Place: Ellie Miller
2nd Place: Brylynn Newsome
3rd Place: Ivy Ogden
4th Place: Regina Gutierrez
5th Place: Lacey Merrell
6th Place: Tucker A. Thomas
7th Place: Kourtney Boyette

Class 5

1st Place: Timothy Pippin
2nd Place: Bella Ballard
3rd Place: Dessiray Mosley
4th Place: Ellie Smith
5th Place: Destinee Mosley
6th Place: Saige Lee

Class 6

1st Place: James Shepherd
2nd Place: Hadleigh Zahradka
3rd Place: Hayden Pinkston
4th Place: Zachary Jones
5th Place: Briley Wyatt
6th Place: Charlee McDonald
7th Place: Rylan Ham

Class 7

1st Place: Addie Grace Battaglia

Class 8

1st Place: Dianna Gutierrez

Class 9

1st Place: Kennedy Battaglia

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2nd Place: Brantley Newsome
3rd Place: Harper Cauley
4th Place: William Wilkerson
5th Place: Ava Crater
6th Place: Charlee Davis
7th Place: Bret Ross
8th Place: Mitchell Amole

2nd Place: Amiyah Smith
3rd Place: Sabia Deppen
4th Place: Savannah Brocksmith
5th Place: Chanley Young
6th Place: Caroline Newman

2nd Place: Karisa Sheldon
3rd Place: Kaygenn Wood
4th Place: Tiftyn Gill
5th Place: Brady Bedenbaugh
6th Place: Luke Wise

Class 10

1st Place: Alyssa Chancey
2nd Place: Shyla Stanaland
3rd Place: Kali Eranen
4th Place: Harrison Cornelius
5th Place: Declan Layton
6th Place: Addisyn Wise
7th Place: Alden Sharper

Class 11

1st Place: Jovee Tkach
2nd Place: Baylee Ballard
3rd Place: Braxtyn Crumley
4th Place: Madalynn Conley
5th Place: Emma Harris
6th Place: Bryce Runkles
7th Place: Kendall Bowers
8th Place: Khloe Carter

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, Alyssa Chancey placed first, Ashlyn Demanovich placed second and Emma Fagnan placed third. In the intermediate division, Ellie Smith placed first, Kaygenn Wood placed second and Shyla Stanaland placed third. In the junior division, Brantley Newsome placed first, Addie Grace Battaglia placed second and Ivy Ogden 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 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 - March 8 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, X and YouTube (#berryfest26).

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