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Dairy Show winners recognized at the 2026 Florida Strawberry Festival

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 11, 2026) — Youth exhibitors from across Florida showcased their dairy cattle knowledge and showmanship skills during the Dairy Show competitions at the 2026 Florida Strawberry Festival, held in the Patterson Companies Livestock Arena inside the Charlie Grimes Family Agricultural Center.

The event featured several competitions including dairy showmanship, breed classes, dairy judging contests and the annual Costume Ball. Participants represented local 4-H clubs, YLPA and FFA chapters, demonstrating their dedication to agriculture, livestock care and leadership through friendly competition.

Showmanship Winners

Showmanship – Novice

- 1st – Isabella Hill
- 2nd – Emma Haudrich
- 3rd – Karina Pittman
- 4th – Heaven Corbi
- 5th – Kaidon Hall

Junior Showmanship

- 1st – Reece Patino
- 2nd – Calder Cantrell
- 3rd – Harley Allen
- 4th – Madeline Godwin
- 5th – Reid Patino

Intermediate Showmanship

- 1st – Raylee Allen
- 2nd – Austin Boyd

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3rd – Grace Salter
4th – Reagan Casler
5th – Lydia Thomas

Senior Showmanship

1st – Kenslee Heinke
2nd – Emma Haudrich
3rd – Brooke Hiers

Premier Showmanship Award

Kenslee Heinke

Junior Champions

Ayrshire – Austin Boyd (Class 1)
Brown Swiss – Grace Salter (Class 2)
Guernsey – Kenslee Heinke (Class 4)
Holstein – Grace Salter (Class 2)
Jersey – Calder Cantrell (Class 1)

Reserve Junior Champions

Ayrshire – Payton Carlisle (Class 7)
Brown Swiss – Isabella Hill (Class 2)
Guernsey – Colby Holcomb (Class 7)
Holstein – Harley Allen (Class 4)
Jersey – Raylee Allen (Class 2)

Senior Champions

Ayrshire – Colby Schibler (Class 12)
Brown Swiss – Brooke Hiers (Class 11)
Guernsey – Colby Holcomb (Class 12)
Holstein – Kayla Montgomery (Class 10)
Jersey – Colby Holcomb (Class 12)

Reserve Senior Champions

Ayrshire – Brianna Shepard (Class 10)
Brown Swiss – Colby Schibler (Class 12)
Guernsey – Selah Allen (Class 11)
Holstein – Morgan Smith (Class 12)
Jersey – Karina Pittman (Class 12)

Grand Champions

Ayrshire – Colby Schibler (Class 12)
Brown Swiss – Brooke Hiers (Class 11)

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Guernsey – Colby Holcomb (Class 12)
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Special Awards

Richard Kahelin All-Breeds Champion Award – Colby Holcomb (Jersey Class 12)
Premier Exhibitor – Colby Holcomb
Junior All-Breeds Bred-By Exhibitor Award – Harley Allen
Senior All-Breeds Bred-By Exhibitor Award – Brianna Shepard

Herdsman Awards

Junior Herdsman
1st – Harley Allen
2nd – Calder Cantrell
3rd – Lydia Thomas

Senior Herdsman
1st – Colby Schibler
2nd – Julia Jones
3rd – Michaela Hunt-Cruz

Additional Awards

Charlie Hunter Memorial Sportsmanship Award
Junior Winner – Raylee Allen
Senior Winner – Jacob Carey

Strawberry Festival 2026 Junior Dairy Grant
Winner – Raylee Allen

Strawberry Festival 2026 Senior Dairy Grant
Winner – Kenslee Heinke

Pee Wee Showmanship

1st – Kyleigh Henderson
2nd – Lucas Gifford

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3rd – Adelyn Villegas
4th – Sophia Bond
5th – Catherine Plate
6th – Jameson Wood

Adult Showmanship

1st – Taylor Boyd
2nd – Sarah Rogers
3rd – Kyleigh Glenn

Costume Ball Winners

Prettiest Category

1st – Calder Cantrell – Ariel & Flounder (The Little Mermaid)
2nd – Madeline Godwin – Chicken and Waffles
3rd – Trinity Garrett – Cindy Lou and Max
4th – Johannah Casler – Dunkin’ Donuts Worker & Box of Donuts
5th – Ashlyn Lofley – Toby Keith and the American Flag

Most Colorful Category

1st – Colby Holcomb – Mr. & Mrs. Red, White and Moo
2nd – Bradley Vrastil – “Up” Russel & Kevin
3rd – Karina Pittman – Moooooovin’ & Groooooovin’
4th – Brooke Hiers – Peter Pan & Tinker Bell
5th – Reagan Casler – Lollipop Queens

Funniest Category

1st – Raylee Allen – Rodeo Clown & Bucking Bull
2nd – Harley Allen – Thing 1 & Thing 2
3rd – Carter Kalavets – The Hangover
4th – Kayla Montgomery – Charlotte’s Web (Charlotte & Wilbur)
5th – Adriona Goodman – 6 and 7

Most Original Category

1st – Reid Patino – Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom
2nd – Isabella Hill – Raggedy Ann & Andy
3rd – Reece Patino – Jack and the Beanstalk
4th – Heaven Corbi – Winnie the Pooh & Eeyore
5th – Selah Allen – Darth Vader & Death Star

Overall Costume Ball Winner

Charis Allen – Puppet Master & Puppet

2026 Strawberry Festival Dairy Judging Contest Winners

4-H Junior Individual

- 1st – Raylee Allen
- 2nd – Reece Patino
- 3rd – Maisy Waters

4-H Senior Individual

- 1st – Grace Salter
- 2nd – Kenslee Heinke
- 3rd – Amiyah Smith

FFA Middle School Individual

- 1st – Wyatt Amundsen
- 2nd – Morgan Dampier
- 3rd – Tucker Thomas

FFA High School Individual

- 1st – Ashlyn Lofley
- 2nd – Emma Haudrich
- 3rd – Kyle Wadsworth

4-H Junior Team

- 1st – Legen-Dairy Four
- 2nd – Dairy Dominators
- 3rd – Team Cowgirls

4-H Senior Team

- 1st – Bohecasa
- 2nd – PS-91 4-H
- 3rd – Rattle Them Cattle

FFA Middle School Team

- 1st – Rabbit Trio
- 2nd – Team A Turkey Creek FFA
- 3rd – Team B Turkey Creek FFA

FFA High School Team

- 1st – Riverview FFA #1
- 2nd – Grilled Cheese
- 3rd – Armwood/Gaither FFA

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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, nearly 600,000 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, TikTok and X (#berryfest26).

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