



# News Release

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### **Lamb Show winners selected at 2026 Florida Strawberry Festival**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 8, 2026) – The winners of the Florida Strawberry Festival’s lamb shows, sponsored by Traeger Grills, were held during the 2026 Florida Strawberry Festival 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.

#### **Showmanship Competition**

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.

#### **Beginner Showmanship**

1st – Meredith Stewart  
2nd – Calder Cantrell  
3rd – Ada McNair

#### **Junior Showmanship**

1st – Elena Gutierrez  
2nd – Corbin Pelletier  
3rd – Colton Gentry

#### **Intermediate Showmanship**

1st – Aubree Palmer  
2nd – Annie Baker  
3rd – Adelyn Jensen

#### **Senior Showmanship**

1st – Alexandra Goulding  
2nd – Gavin Gonzales  
3rd – Lilliana Salerno

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## Sheep Show

### White Face Division

#### Late Spring Ewes

- 1st – Adelyn Jensen
- 2nd – Brightyn Willis
- 3rd – Eli Moretuzzo

#### Early Spring Ewes

- 1st – Anayeliz Rodriguez
- 2nd – Braxton Willis
- 3rd – Lillianna Salerno

#### Two-Year-Old Ewes

- 1st – Gracie Lopez
- 2nd – Karisa Sheldon
- 3rd – Lillie Whitfield

#### Aged Ewes

- 1st – Mary Dorres
- 2nd – Bailey Clark
- 3rd – Brooke Hiers

Grand Champion WF Ewe – Anayeliz Rodriguez

Reserve Champion WF Ewe – Brightyn Willis

#### Two-Year-Old White Face Ram

- 1st – Lilliana Salerno

Grand Champion WF Ram – Lilliana Salerno

### Black Face Division

#### Late Spring Ewes

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Aubree Palmer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Makinley Jensen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Annie Baker

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Early Spring Ewes

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Gracie Lopez
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Calder Cantrell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Brightyn Willis

Two- Year- Old Ewes

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Karissa Sheldon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sophia Brownell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ashlyn Clark

Aged Ewes

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Autumn Brazil
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Paitlyn Davis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Miley Flannagan

Grand Champion BF Ewe – Gracie Lopez

Reserve Champion BF Ewe – Aubree Palmer

Late Spring Rams

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Evangeline Kelly

Grand Champion BF Ram – Evangeline Kelly

Crossbred Division

Late Spring Ewes

- 1st – Emily Berst

Early Spring Ewes

- 1st – Adelyn Jensen
- 2nd – Emma Miller

Two-Year-Old Ewes

- 1st – Ashlyn Clark

Aged Ewes

- 1st – Logan Hinkle
- 2nd – Joseph Prince
- 3rd – Reid Patino

Grand Champion CB Ewe – Emily Berst

Reserve Champion CB Ewe – Adelyn Jensen  
Rare Breed Division

Late Spring Ewes  
1<sup>st</sup>- Emily Berst

Early Spring Ewes  
1<sup>st</sup>- Autumn Brazil

Two-Year-Old Ewes  
1<sup>st</sup>- Reece Patino

Grand Champion RB Ewe – Emily Berst

Reserve Champion RB Ewe – Autumn Brazil

Two- Year -Old Rams  
1<sup>st</sup> – Sophia Brownell

Aged Rams  
1<sup>st</sup>- Logan Hinkle  
2<sup>nd</sup>- Armwood FFA #6

Grand Champion RB Ram – Sophia Brownell

Reserve Champion RB Ram- Logan Hinkle

Market Lamb Competition

Light Weight  
1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> – Anayeliz Rodriguez  
3rd – Georgia Dionne

Middle Weight  
1st – Calder Cantrell  
2nd – Brightyn Willis  
3rd – Makinley Jensen

Heavy Weight  
1st – Braxton Willis  
2nd – Anayeliz Rodriguez  
3rd – Adelyn Jensen

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Grand Champion Market Lamb – Anayeliz Rodriguez

Reserve Champion Market Lamb – Calder Cantrell

### Jumping Contest

#### Long Legged Division

1st – Miley Flannagan

2nd – Arianna Polizzi

3rd – Lilliana Salerno / Zoey Karr (tie)

#### Short Legged Division

1st – Meredith Stewart / Blake Flores (tie)

2nd – Emma Haudrich

3rd – Abigail Stewart

### Costume Contest

#### Most Original

1st – Paitlyn Davis – “The Baa-chlorette”

2nd – Holly Berst – “The Tower of Terror”

3rd – Reid Patino – “Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom”

#### Most Funny

1st – Abigail Stewart – “Bookworm”

2nd – Savannah Masek – “Little Bo Peep and Sheep”

3rd – Rosiyven Overton – “Ag Teacher and Student”

#### Most Creative

1st – Karissa Sheldon, Gianna Shepard, Sophia Brownell and Kaci Sheldon – “Finding Nemo”

2nd – Isabella Mones – “Bee and the Flower Garden”

3rd – Amelia Spatola – “Counting Sheep”

#### Most Colorful

1st – Axel Ford – “Up House”

2nd – Eli Moretuzzo – “Spiderman and Ghost SBaader”

#### Most Elegant

1st – Rebecca Dean – “Red Riding Hood and Grandma Wolf”

2nd – Ada McNair – “B-ewe-ty Salon”

3rd – Calder Cantrell – “Gus and Cinderella”

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Best Character

1st – Colton Gentry – “Marty McFly and Doc ‘Back to the Future’”

Best Overall Costume

Adelyn Jensen, Makinley Jensen, Braxton Willis, Brightyn Willis and Gracie Lopez – “The Baa-coneers on Their Pirate Sheep”

Overall Grand Champion Lamb

Anayeliz Rodriguez

**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 took place February 26 through March 8 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, X and YouTube (#berryfest26).

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