FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
2027 LAMB BREED SHOW

Located in the *Patterson Companies Livestock Arena*

Sponsored by

Lamb Jumping Contest: Monday , March 8, 2027 3:00 p.m.

Lamb Costume Contest: Monday , March 8, 2027 7:00 p.m.

Lamb Showmanship : Tuesday March 9, 2027, 3:00 p.m.
Lamb Show: Tuesday March 9, 2027, 5:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Mahaley Moretuzzo (813)-759-3056
Co Chair: Karen Green (813) 716-4601
Applications will be accepted starting: November 14, 2026
IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO HOUSE MORE THAN 1 ANIMAL PER PEN
Applications Due: December 14, 2026 by midnight
Ownership of Animal Deadline: December 14, 2026

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE ONLINE SHOWORKS REGISTRATION

Arrival of animals: Monday, March 8, 2027, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Release of animals: Wednesday, March 10, 2027, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY

1. Hillsborough County FFA members or Youth Agricultural Organization members 5 years or older as of March 8, 2027.
2. Exhibitor must show as a member of the same organization he or she entered under.
3. No claims for injury to any person or damages to or loss of any property on account of fire, theft or any other cause shall be made against the Florida Strawberry Festival Inc. agents or officers, by or on behalf of the exhibitor.
4. All entrants must have physical capabilities to ensure their safety and the safety of animals.
5. Entrants 5 and 6 years old, as of March 2, 2027 entered in the breed show may not show a lamb in excess of 100. Entrants under the Buddy Sponsored Program can be accompanied and assisted by pre-approved school aged peer under the Buddy Sponsored Project.
6. Entrants must have a Ethics Number to show at the festival. **Please click if you need to register for the course at the festival grounds, Dec. 5th, 2026**

ENTRIES

1. All entries must be COMPLETED ONLINE by midnight, **December 14th, 2026.**
2. Safety rules MUST be signed & submitted with application or APPLICATION WILL BE REFUSED.
3. All lambs must have a numbered ear tag or tattoo, and this number must be recorded on entry.
4. Exhibitors can enter a maximum of 5 lambs. *It may be necessary to house more than 1 animal per pen*. After entries are received, the number of animals per exhibitor may need to be reduced. Pens will be assigned. NO pen saving prior to entry. Clubs/Chapters will be assigned pens together.
5. All animals must be in ownership/possession in care of exhibitor by **December 14th, 2026.**
6. If you would like a confirmation receipt of entry; please email KellieAnne at Kellie@flstrawberryfestival.com

HEALTH REGULATIONS

1. All Breed Sheep including Market Animals must be accompanied by an Official Health Certificate, permanent identification and free of evidence of disease. It is suggested that you consult your local veterinarian for any vaccinations that should be administered. Also, the animal must have official USDA approved Scrapie ear tag and premise number.

2. All commercial vehicles transporting Breed Sheep to the Fair must be cleaned and disinfected prior to loading under the supervision of an accredited veterinarian. Statement to that effect MUST accompany the shipment.

3. In the event of government or Florida Strawberry Festival imposed quarantine of animals(s) entered for exhibit or sale at the Florida Strawberry Festival, the Florida Strawberry Festival accepts no responsibility for financial, or other, loss by the exhibitor incurred as a result of the inability to exhibit and/or market the animal(s). Government refers to any City, County, State, or Federal Agency with the legal power to impose such quarantine. The preceding statement pertains to the entire time period (prior to, during, or after the exhibit days) of the show and/ or sale. Financial, or other, loss refers to financial loss due to the inability to exhibit the animal.

GENERAL RULES

1. There will be NO SALE. After the show, exhibitors will be responsible for the removal of their animal from the fairgrounds.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for the cleanliness of their pens. Extra bedding sand is available or you may use straw or shavings. Exhibitors with unkept pens may forfeit the right to show the following year.
3. All Lambs must arrive at the Fair in show condition. They must be slick shorn (1/4" or less) or in show shape.
4. There will be no painting of sheep allowed.
5. Filling of sheep with any substance is prohibited. All ewes must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification except for the grooming and treatment of the wool and the trimming of hooves.
6. Exhibitors will be responsible for the safety of their lambs upon entering Fairgrounds. All lambs should be restricted on halters and under the control of their exhibitors before and after the show.
7. Animals that cannot be controlled or handled properly by the exhibitor will not be accepted and will be disqualified. **RAMS ARE UNPREDICTABLE. EXHIBITORS UNDER THE AGE OF 8 WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW A RAM UNLESS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE. RAMS THAT CAN'T BE CONTROLLED WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
8. The exhibitor **must** show an animal from his/her Festival entry in showmanship.
9. If for any reason the animal or animals entered can not be shown, no sub will be accepted.
10. **Anyone participating in this contest by way of entry, hereby agrees and consents to the use of any picture of contestant in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, Internet, etc., that the Florida Strawberry Festival® may desire.**
11. A chapter lamb must be shown by a active chapter member from that school.

CONDUCT

Unbecoming conduct on the part of an exhibitor, or anyone associated with the exhibitor, will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor, removal of animal(s), and loss of premium(s), awards, and show privileges, at the discretion of the Lamb Breed Committee.

JUDGING

1. Lambs will be judged on the Modified Danish System.
2. Animals will be placed in classes according to their age and their breed. The committee reserves the right to combine and or cancel classes which have no entries.
3. **Breeding Sheep Divisions**
   - **A. Black Face Breeds: Hampshire, Suffolk, Oxford, Natural color and any sheep with 75% or more of these crosses.**
   - **B. White Face Breeds: South Down, Dorset, Columbia, Cheviot and any other sheep with 75% or more of these crosses.**
   - **C. Speckled Face or Cross Breeds: Any crosses with less than 75% Black Face, White Face or Exotics.**
   - **D. Rare Breed: Purebreed Florida Native, Katahdin, Tunis, Babydoll Southdowns (as described by Breed Standards, as being 16-24" tall at the withers.)**

4. Classes
   A. Aged Ewes - Born before January 1, 2024
   B. 2 Year Old Ewes Born January 1 - December 31, 2025
   C. Early Spring Ewe Lambs - Born January 1 - February 28, 2026
   D. Late Spring Ewe Lambs - Born March 1 - August 31, 2026

   E. Fall Ewe Lambs - Born September 1 - December 12, 2026
   BRED EWES OR EWES WITH LAMBS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SHOW.
   F. Rams - Born before January 1, 2026
   G. Spring Ram Lambs - Born January 1 - August 31, 2026
   H. Fall Ram Lambs - Born September 1 - December 12, 2026

A GRAND CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION EWE AND RAM WILL BE SELECTED FROM EACH DIVISION.

5. There will be no protest allowed. The opinion of the Judge and the Lamb Committee shall be final.

6. Unworthy Exhibit: It is the intent of the Youth Sheep Committee that NO premium or distinction of any kind be given to any animal that is not deserving. In cases where only one animal is exhibited in a class, the Judge shall make his/her award in accordance with the merits of the animal being exhibited which may be blue, red, or white ribbon winner. The Judge must not award a premium to any unworthy animal. Only first place blue ribbon winning animals are eligible to compete for championship honors.

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Showmanship classes:
   A. Beginner (ages 5-7)
   B. Buddy Sponsored Project

   C. Junior (ages 8-10)
   D. Intermediate (ages 11-13)
   E. Senior (ages 14 and over)
      - Ages will be determined as of March 8, 2027

AMATEUR PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

(Ages 2-5)
Sign up before the start of Showmanship.

JUMPING CONTEST

1. Only those lambs entered in the show may be eligible to enter.
2. Lambs will be given two chances to successfully jump each position. Upon two unsuccessful tries, the lamb will be eliminated from the competition. Those lambs that successfully made the jump will continue to the next position, until there is a winner.
3. Exhibitors must jump lamb entered under their name.

BUDDY SPONSORED PROJECT

A Buddy Sponsored Project is defined as a partnership between an exhibitor with a permanent physical or intellectual disability (documented by an Individual Education Plan) and a approved school-age peer who owns a shee The peer buddy must be designated on the application for show at the time of entry. The peer buddy can accompany and assist the student with special needs during all aspects of the show (i.e. animal care, grooming, show...). The approved peer buddy and student with special needs may use the same sheep for Showmanship.

COSTUME CONTEST

Monday, March 8, 2027 at 7:00 p.m.
Exhibitors must dress themselves in a costume and their lamb. Categories will be as follows:

- Most Original
- Best Overall
- Most Funny
- Most Colorful
- Most Creative
- Most Elegant

PREMIUMS

OVERALL CHAMPION Metal Sculpture, jacket, and belt buckle. No monetary award
OVERAL CHAMPION MARKET Jacket, belt buckle

GRAND CHAMPION $100 and Metal Sculpture

RESERVE CHAMPION $50 and Metal Sculpture

SHOWMANSHIP

SENIOR:

First Place	$20 and Belt Buckle
Second Place	$15, Banner
Third Place	$10, Banner
Remaining Placings	$5

INTERMEDITATE:

First Place	$20 and Belt Buckle
Second Place	$15, Banner
Third Place	$10, Banner
Remaining Placings	$5

JUNIOR:

First Place	$20 and Belt Buckle
Second Place	$15, Banner
Third Place	$10, Banner
Remaining Placings	$5

BEGINNER:

First Place	$20 and Belt Buckle
Second Place	$15, Banner
Third Place	$10, Banner
Remaining Placings	$5

CLASS PLACEMENT

Blue Ribbon	$25
Red Ribbon	$20
White Ribbon	$15

JUMPING CONTEST

First Place	$20
Second Place	$15
Third Place	$10

COSTUME CONTEST

Most Original

First Place	$25 and Rosette
Second Place	$15 and Rosette
Third Place	$10 and Rosette

Most Funny

First Place	$25 and Rosette
Second Place	$15 and Rosette
Third Place	$10 and Rosette

Most Creative

First Place --	$25 and Rosette
Second Place -	$15 and Rosette
Third Place --	$10 and Rosette

Most Colorful

First Place	$25 and Rosette
Second Place	$15 and Rosette
Third Place	$10 and Rosette

Most Elegant

First Place --	$25 and Rosette
Second Place -	$15 and Rosette
Third Place --	$10 and Rosette

Market Class

1. Animals that show in the Market Lamb Show must be in ownership, possession, and care of the exhibitor by Dec. 14th, 2026.
2. Wethers shown in the Market Show may not be shown in the Youth Sheep Show.
3. Class Weight: Lambs will be divided into three (3) classes by weight - Light, Medium, and Heavy.
4. Market Lambs may be weighed March 8, 2027.
5. Animals will be judged individually on the modified Danish system and given blue, red, or white ribbon on their own merit.
   Blue - $20.00
   Red - $15.00
   White -$10.00
   Grand Champion - $100 and Award
   Reserve Champion - $50.00 and Award
6. All first place winners will be called back for the Grand Champion selection.

ABSOLUTELY NO COOLERS, FOOD OR DRINKS

IN THE LIVESTOCK PAVILION OR ARENA

SAFETY RULES CONCERNING LIVESTOCK AND PLANT AREAS
(THIS PAGE MUST BE TURNED IN WITH APPLICATION)

The following rules govern all livestock shows including the plant show. It includes all areas in the Festival deemed as agricultural and all locations on the Festival grounds where animals are housed. The rules concern all participants, their families and any visitors to these areas. These rules are based on The Center for Disease Control Guidelines for the safe operation of livestock shows. These rules have been made policy by the Board of Directors of the Florida Strawberry Festival® and as such will be strictly enforced to ensure the Festival's continued ability to provide livestock exhibitions at the Florida Strawberry Festival® in future years.

1. **Know that animals carry germs that can make people sick and have actually done so.**
2. **Any contact with animals should always be followed by washing of your hands.**
3. **There can be absolutely NO FOOD or DRINK in any form in the livestock or youth plant show areas. This includes visitors, family and exhibitors.**
4. **It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to educate visitors and report food and drink violations to appropriate parties.**
5. **No animal can be fed anything but livestock feed in appropriate containers. If an exhibitor is feeding an animal food other than livestock feed, the exhibitor has already violated Rule #3 above.**
6. **No one but the exhibitor or his/her duly appointed designee can have direct contact with the animals.**
7. **All animal areas will be set up so that the general public cannot directly touch the livestock.**
8. **These rules may change from time to time. It is the exhibitor's and guardian's responsibility to verify the rules prior to entering the show.**

Each exhibitor and their legal guardian must sign a copy of these rules agreeing to be bound by them. These rules will be enforced uniformly and without exception. Any exhibitor not following these guidelines will be disqualified from the livestock or plant show and no one will be permitted to exhibit or sell the disqualified individual's plant(s) or animal(s) at the Florida Strawberry Festival®. If a disqualified individual is exhibiting in more than one event referenced above, the individual will be disqualified from all from the point the infraction occurs and will forfeit premiums and awards.

We have read and understand these rules and we agree to the following as stated above.

_____	_____	_____
Exhibitor's Signature	**Please Print Name**	**Date**
_____	_____	_____
Parent/Legal Guardian	**Please Print Name**	**Date**

Applications to exhibit plants or animals in the 2027 Florida Strawberry Festival® will not be accepted if this statement is not signed and attached to the application to exhibit.