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Winner declared in festival's Youth Strawberry Stemming Contest

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 3, 2018) – The Florida Strawberry Festival announced today the winner of its Youth Strawberry Stemming Contest that took place this afternoon on the festival grounds.

In the stemming contest, competitors are separated into four categories: kindergarten, first and second graders, third and fourth graders and fifth and sixth graders. The competitor who removes the stems from 20 strawberries most quickly is declared the winner.

Allison Gage won the fifth and sixth grade category; Andrew Gage won the third and fourth grade category; Abigail Gage and Charlotte Bates tied in the first and second grade category, and Azlan Menall won the kindergarten category.

The Youth Strawberry Stemming Contest, sponsored by Mavric's Chocolate Barn, is one of eight food contests held at the festival annually. The Super Dog Mega Corndog Eating Contest, Strawberry Shortcake Eating Contest, Adult Strawberry Stemming Contest, Strawberry Spaghetti Eating Contest, Strawberry Mashed Potato Pie Eating Contest, Fanta Strawberry Soda Throwdown and Amish Donut Eating Contest all take place during the 11-day event in the Stingray Chevrolet Entertainment Tent.

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 500,000 visitors enjoy the festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2018 Florida Strawberry Festival where we're "Building New Memories!" will take place March 1-11 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest18).

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