



# News Release

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### **Fastest strawberry stemmer found at Florida Strawberry Festival**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 5, 2019) – The fastest strawberry stemmer on the festival grounds was found today at the annual event’s Adult Strawberry Stemming Contest.

Courtney Hewes was declared the winner of the contest where participants compete to determine who can most quickly remove the stems from 25 strawberries.

The Adult Strawberry Stemming Contest, sponsored by Chocolate Strawberry Express, is one of eight food contests of its kind held at the festival annually. The Super Dog Mega Corndog Eating Contest, Strawberry Shortcake Eating Contest, Youth 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 2019 Florida Strawberry Festival where “It’s A Hit!” will take place February 28 - March 10 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest19).

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