



# News Release

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### **2024 Adult Stemming Contest winner announced**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 8, 2024) – The fastest strawberry stemmer on the festival grounds was found yesterday at the annual Adult Strawberry Stemming Contest.

Chris Caruso of Florida 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 nine food contests of its kind held at the festival annually. The Super Dog Mega Corn Dog Eating Contest, Strawberry Shortcake Eating Contest, Deep- Fried Strawberry Shortcake on a Stick Relay, Youth Strawberry Stemming Contest, Strawberry Spaghetti Eating Contest, Strawberry Mashed Potato Pie Eating Contest, Strawberry ICEE Throwdown and Amish Donut Eating Contest all take place during the 11-day event in the Stingray Chevrolet Entertainment Pavilion.

### **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 600,000 visitors enjoy the festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2024 Florida Strawberry Festival will take place February 29 - March 10 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and X, formerly known as Twitter. (#berryfest24).

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