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Festival's Strawberry Mashed Potato Pie Eating Contest winners announced

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 9, 2025) – The Florida Strawberry Festival announced the winner of its Strawberry Mashed Potato Pie Eating Contest that took place in the Stingray Chevrolet Entertainment Pavilion this past week.

Ben Banoub, won the event where each contestant eats a pie plate of garlic mashed potatoes adorned with fresh strawberries. The contestant who eats everything on the plate the quickest is declared the winner. The Strawberry Mashed Potato Pie Eating Contest is sponsored by Pickle Barrel Sirloin Tips.

The Strawberry Mashed Potato Pie Eating Contest is one of eight food contests held at the Festival annually. The Super Dog Mega Corndog Eating Contest, Strawberry Shortcake Eating Contest, Youth Strawberry Stemming Contest, Adult Strawberry Stemming Contest, Strawberry Pizza Pie Eating Contest, Strawberry Mashed Potato Pie Eating Contest, Deep-Fried Strawberry Pie on a Stick 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 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 will take place February 26 - March 8 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram, X and YouTube (#berryfest26).

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