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Festival declares Amish Donut Eating Contest winners

PLANT CITY, Fla. (February 27, 2026) – The Florida Strawberry Festival crowned the champions of its 10th Annual Amish Donut Eating Contest, presented by Peachey’s, during today’s competition on the Festival grounds.

Four teams, each made up of four participants, raced to eat four donuts without using their hands and leaving no crumbs behind. The first team to finish all four donuts was declared the winner. Team “The Ice Guys” took first place for the second time. The team is comprised of Paul Strong, Matt Samson, Scott Hancock, and Alex Gomez.

The Amish Donut Eating Contest is one of nine food contests held at the Festival annually. The Strawberry Shortcake Eating Contest, Youth Strawberry Stemming Contest, Strawberry Spaghetti Eating Contest, Adult Strawberry Stemming Contest, Deep-Fried Strawberry Shortcake on a Stick Relay, Schenck’s Strawberry ICEE Throwdown, Strawberry Mashed Potato Pie Eating Contest, and the Super Dog Mega Corndog 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 celebration of the strawberry harvest in Eastern Hillsborough County. Each year, over 650,000 visitors enjoy the festival’s headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits, and, of course, its famous strawberry shortcake. The 91st Annual Florida Strawberry Festival takes place February 26 – March 8, 2026, in Plant City, Florida. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok and X.

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