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Strawberry Spaghetti Eating Contest Winner Declared at Festival's 2026 event

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 3, 2026) – The Florida Strawberry Festival announced today the winner of its annual Strawberry Spaghetti Eating Contest that took place Monday afternoon on the Festival grounds.

Christian De Jesus was declared the winner of the contest where participants compete to determine who can most quickly eat a half-pound plate of spaghetti topped with strawberries. The contestant to finish the plate first will be declared the winner.

The Strawberry Spaghetti Eating Contest is sponsored by Spaghetti Eddie's and is one of nine food contests held at the Festival annually. The Super Dog Mega Corndog Eating Contest, Deep-Fried Strawberry Pie on a Stick, Strawberry Shortcake Eating Contest, Youth Strawberry Stemming Contest, Adult Strawberry Stemming Contest, Strawberry Mashed Potato Pie Eating Contest, Strawberry ICEE Throwdown, and Amish Donut Eating Contest presented by Peachey's 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, more than 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 takes place February 26 - March 8 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, X and YouTube (#berryfest26).

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