



# News Release

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### **Youth Strawberry Stemming Contest winners declared at Festival**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 1, 2026) – The Florida Strawberry Festival announced the winner of its Youth Strawberry Stemming Contest that took place Saturday on the Festival grounds.

In the stemming contest, competitors are separated into four categories: kindergarten, first and second graders, third and fourth graders and fifth and sixth graders. The competitor who removes the stems from 20 strawberries most quickly is declared the winner.

Snow, won the fifth and sixth grade category; Ethan, won the third and fourth grade category, Hazel won the first and second grade category, and Myrella won the kindergarten category.

The Youth Strawberry Stemming Contest, sponsored by Mavric’s Chocolate Barn, is one of nine food contests held at the festival annually. The Super Dog Mega Corn Dog Eating Contest, Strawberry Shortcake Eating Contest, Adult Strawberry Stemming Contest, Deep-Fried Strawberry Shortcake on a Stick Relay, Strawberry Spaghetti Eating Contest, Schenck’s Strawberry ICEE Throwdown, Mashed Potato Pie Eating Contest, 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 world-famous strawberry shortcake. The 2026 Florida Strawberry Festival is held February 26 through March 8 in Plant City, Florida. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, X, YouTube (#berryfest26).

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