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Mississippi Egg Marketing Board, Mississippi Poultry Association and Mississippi Beef Council Announce the Winners of the 2023 Dixie National Rodeo Days Crêpe Showdown

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – The Mississippi Egg Marketing Board, Mississippi Poultry Association and the Mississippi Beef Council are pleased to announce the winners of the second annual Dixie National Rodeo Days Crêpe Showdown. Several Mississippi 4-H youth competed in the event as part of Mississippi 4-H Day during the 2023 Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo on Saturday, February 11.

Placing first with a Strawberry Cheesecake delight crêpe from Hinds County was a sibling team, Luke and Clara Sanders. Placing second was James Bragg of Rankin County with a Peaches and Cream crêpe. Placing third with a Banana Carmel Chocolate swirl crêpe, was Passion Terrell from Humphreys County. Receiving the Best of Beef award with a Beef and Mushroom crêpe was Claire Randle of Pontotoc County.

The contestants placing first, second and third were awarded cash prizes by the Mississippi Poultry Association in amounts of \$75, \$50 and \$25 respectively, and a cash prize of \$25 was awarded by the Mississippi Beef Council for the Best of Beef crêpe. All contestants received a home cooking toolkit that included an apron, skillet, whisk and spatula.

Eleven contestants from around the state competed in the crêpe showdown, presenting their entry to a panel of judges within 60 minutes. Also competing were Caroline Pannel of Sunflower County; Andrew Bragg and Hunter Banes, both of Rankin County; and Aaron Porter, Ayden Conner and Kwentrez Johnson, all from Noxubee County. Contestants were provided the necessary tools to prepare their crepe but brought “unusual” or “unique” ingredients from home.

Mississippi Egg Marketing Board President Ryn Laster said, “It’s amazing to see these young people use their talents so creatively when cooking. The judges had a tough decision choosing the winners.” WLBT Anchor Maggie Wade-Dixon, Professional Rodeo Announcer Mack Ginn and Mississippi Poultry Association’s Event Coordinator Lauren Fortenberry served as judges for the cook-off. Serving as the Mistress of Ceremonies was the delightful Deborah Hunter, author of “My Delicious Mississippi Life,” a collection of stories and recipes.

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The Mississippi Egg Marketing Board, Mississippi Poultry Association and Mississippi Beef Council announced the winners of the 2023 Dixie National Rodeo Days Crêpe Showdown. Pictured (L-R): Judge Maggie Wade-Dixon; Judge Mack Ginn; First Place Winners Clara Sanders and Luke Sanders; Mistress of Ceremonies Deborah Hunter; Second Place Winner James Bragg; MS Egg Marketing Board President Ryn Laster; Third Place Winner Passion Terrell; Best of Beef Winner Claire Randle; and Judge Lauren Fortenberry.