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## **Mississippi Egg Marketing Board and the Mississippi Poultry Association Announce Winner's in the 2021 Inaugural Mississippi State Fair Omelet Cookoff**

**JACKSON, Miss.** – The Mississippi Egg Marketing Board and the Mississippi Poultry Association are pleased to announce the winners of the “2021 Mississippi State Fair Omelet Cookoff”. Several Mississippi 4-H youth competed in the event as part of Mississippi 4-H Day during the 2021 State Fair.

Tying for 1<sup>st</sup> Place were Abbye Buchanan, representing Rankin County with her “Old McDonald Special” omelet and Alan Mason of Marshall County with his “Gude'tama” omelet. Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> was Dorianne Jernigan, from Winston County with “Dorianne’s Southwest” omelet and Kye Matthew Webb of Pontotoc County placed 3<sup>rd</sup> with a “Southwestern” omelet.

The contestants placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> were awarded cash prizes by the Mississippi Poultry Association in amounts of \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 respectively, and all contestants received an omelet toolkit, that included an apron, omelet pan, whisk and spatula.

Fourteen contestants from around the state competed in the omelet cookoff, presenting their entry to a panel of judges within 60 minutes. Also competing were Brody Walsh of Amite County; Brieleigh Willers and Lily Claire Willers, both from Winston County; Dalton Buchanan and Kayleigh Vanek of Rankin County; Lilyann White, Caroline Pannell, and Vivian Baird of Sunflower County; and Ethan McCreary and Grace Grooms of Lee County. Contestants were provided necessary tools to prepare their omelets but brought “unusual” or “unique” ingredients from home.

Mississippi Egg Marketing Board President Ryn Laster and one of the judges said, “It’s heartwarming to see so many young people interested in cooking with and using eggs”. Also serving as judges for the cookoff, WLBT’s Barbie Bassett and Mrs. Leslie Gipson. Serving as the Mistress of Ceremonies was the delightful Deborah Hunter, author of “My Delicious Mississippi Life”, a collection of stories and recipes.

Visit [www.MSEggMarketing.com](http://www.MSEggMarketing.com) for great tasting egg dishes brought to you by the Incredible Egg. For more information about the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board, contact Jennifer Thompson at [msegg@mdac.ms.gov](mailto:msegg@mdac.ms.gov).

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**Photo attached.**



**The Mississippi Egg Marketing Board and the Mississippi Poultry Association are pleased to announce the winners of the “2021 Mississippi State Fair Omelet Cookoff”. Pictured (L-R): Mistress of Ceremonies Deborah Hunter; MS Egg Marketing Board President Ryn Laster; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner Kye Matthew Webb of Pontotoc County; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner Dorianne Jernigan of Winston County; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners Alan Mason of Marshall County and Abbye Buchanan of Rankin County; Barbie Bassett; and Mrs. Leslie Gipson.**