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Mississippi Egg Marketing Board and the Mississippi Poultry Association Announce Winners of the 2022 Dixie National Rodeo Days Crêpe Showdown

JACKSON, Miss. – The Mississippi Egg Marketing Board and the Mississippi Poultry Association are pleased to announce the winners of the Inaugural “Dixie National Rodeo Days Crepe Showdown.” Several Mississippi 4-H youth competed in the event as part of Mississippi 4-H Day during the 2022 Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo on Saturday, February 19.

Placing first from Pontotoc County was Belinda James Castleman with her “savory” crêpe. Tying for second place were Laura Lee Brown and Grace Randall, both of Pontotoc County. Placing third, representing Rankin County, was Andrew Bragg, serving up a sweet crêpe.

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 all contestants received a home cooking toolkit that included an apron, skillet, whisk and spatula.

Thirteen contestants from around the state competed in the crepe showdown, presenting their entry to a panel of judges within 60 minutes. Also competing were Nikyra Sudduth, Dorian Plair, Padaris Lawrence, JaNiya Jones and Patrick Lawrence, all representing Oktibbeha County; Vivian Baird, Lily Ann White and Caroline Pannell, representing Sunflower County; and James Edward Bragg from Rankin 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 also serving as one of the judges said, “It’s amazing how these young people have such creativity when cooking. We had a tough decision choosing the winners.” SuperTalk Mississippi’s “Fit to Eat” Host Rebecca Turner and former Mississippi State All-American Quarterback John Bond also 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 and the Mississippi Poultry Association are pleased to announce the winners of the “2022 Dixie National Rodeo Days Crêpe Showdown.” Pictured (L-R): MS Egg Marketing Board President Ryn Laster; Second Place winner Laura Lee Brown of Pontotoc County; Third Place Winner Andrew Bragg of Rankin County; Second Place Winner Grace Randall of Pontotoc County; the Mistress of Ceremonies, Deborah Hunter; First Place Winner Belinda James Castleman of Pontotoc County; Rebecca Turner and daughter Neely.