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Taste of the Fair Winner AnnouncedFood vendors showcase their best for a chance at bragging rights

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Twelve Indiana State Fair food vendors entered the 2017 Taste of the Fair contest in hopes of winning the titles of "Grand Champion". Many concessionaires worked all year to create their unique food offerings. The 2017 Grand Champion Taste of the Fair titled has been awarded to Deep Fried BBQ Bacon, created by reigning champs Goodwin Family Products. Goodwin won Taste of the Fair in n 2015 with a specialty fruit shake-up, and again in 2016 with "Pig-on-a-Stick."

"Congratulations to Goodwin Family Products for their third-consecutive win", says Indiana State Fair Executive Director Cindy Hoye. "Food is often the number one reason folks attend the fair, so it's great that we offer them items that they truly love."

Fairgoers cast their votes for the best Taste of the Fair entry via the Indiana State Fair App presented by WGU Indiana, and at the fair's Information Booths presented by Prairie Farms. This year's entries included:

- 1. Peanut Butter Pineapple Pork Burger Indiana Pork Producers
- 2. The Mouse Trap Dairy Bar
- 3. Corn Dog Split Gobble Gobble
- 4. Dirty Tots Red Frazier Bison
- 5. Mini Funnel Cake Strawberry Shortcake Urick's Concessions LLC
- 6. Traditional Egg Cream Soda Hook's Historical Drugstore
- 7. Cattleman's Choice Sandwich Indiana beef Cattle Association
- 8. Root Beer Float Shake Dairy Bar
- 9. Deep Fried PB&J AP Concessions
- 10. Buffalo Chicken Gyro AP Concessions
- 11. Deep Fried BBQ Bacon Goodwin Family Products
- 12. Dirty Hippy Tots Red Frazier Bison

As part of its "Wonderful World of Food" theme, the Indiana State Fair is highlighting a unique food daily, in addition to celebrating an Indiana farmer who makes, grows or sells the product. Whether it is popcorn, apples, corndogs or turkey legs, each has a homegrown Hoosier connection and a story to tell.

About the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center

The Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center is a modern public event facility that annually hosts more than 400 meetings, shows, sports and agricultural events, including the Indiana State Fair. The year-round management of the Fairgrounds is overseen by the Indiana State Fair Commission which is a

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quasi-governmental agency that was established in 1992, with the mission to preserve and enhance the Indiana State Fairgrounds and the annual Indiana State Fair for the benefit of all citizens of Indiana. Additional information is available at <u>www.indianastatefair.com</u>

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