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2018 FAIR AWARD WINNER: THE BIG JERK

Tampa, Fla. (February 11, 2018) – The Florida State Fair announced the winner of the annual Fair Foodie Award. The winner of the award is “The Big Jerk,” a recipe weighing over two pounds made with tortilla chips layered with island rice and beans, a thick layer of shredded jerk chicken, lettuce, Caribbean cheese sauce and topped with fresh pico de gallo.

The recipe was created by Mitzanne Graver-Conway and can be found every day at the Florida State Fair at the Caribbean Noodles food vendor, near the Midway Sky Eye.

The Big Jerk was one of 14 unique recipes that were entered into the Fair Foodie Awards contest and are being served at the Florida State Fair this year. Some of the other contest nominees include Thomas Barletta’s Bacon Cheeseburger Chompers; Kevin McGrath’s Banana Frenkle Funnel Cake; Ryan Hagy’s Catfish Sundae; Zach Swift’s Chicken & Waffle Pizza and much more.

The Fair Foodie Award is a people’s choice award that is voted on by the public through the Florida State Fair official website. The Big Jerk and all of the nominated dishes for the Fair Foodie Award can be purchased every day of the Florida State Fair now through February 19. The fair is located at 4800 US Hwy 301 North, Tampa, FL 33610.

About Florida State Fair:

The Florida State Fair, first held in Tampa in 1904, has become one of the largest events in the state, attracting more than 500,000 people during its 12-day run. Over 90 years since its inception, the Florida State Fair now boasts the largest carnival Midway in the USA, a robust agricultural program, a circus, interactive animal exhibits and new attractions each year. As the first State Fair of the year, the Florida State Fair is the first to debut new and unique fair food such as the Pizza Cone, Redneck Burger, Bacon Ice Cream and so much more! It’s affordable family fun at its best. For more information, about the Florida State Fair visit www.floridastatefair.com or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and/or [Instagram](#).

About the Florida State Fair Authority:

The mission of the Florida State Fair Authority and its Board of Directors is to create positive entertainment experiences through: the annual Florida State Fair; a variety of year-round events; quality competitive programs; a commitment to agriculture, education and community service, and a focus on new opportunities.

The Florida State Fair Authority does not receive state, county or city tax dollars. Operations are funded by revenue generated by the annual Florida State Fair and the rental of Fairgrounds facilities to outside entities throughout the year. For more information about the Florida State Fair Authority, go to www.floridastatefair.com.

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