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**CHOCOLATE DEVILED EGGS: OHIO POULTRY ASSOCIATION INTRODUCES UNIQUE FOOD EXPERIENCE
AT 2019 OHIO STATE FAIR**

Ohio Poultry Association adds new menu item, hosts statewide cooking contests

COLUMBUS, Ohio (July 17, 2019) – The 166th Ohio State Fair is quickly approaching beginning on Wednesday, July 24, in Columbus. During this year’s fair, the Ohio Poultry Association (OPA) will offer a quirky and delicious new menu item at its Taste of Ohio Café food booth: chocolate deviled eggs. In addition to trying this sweet treat, fairgoers are encouraged to watch as Ohio cooks compete in three OPA-sponsored culinary competitions on Saturday, July 27.

“Each year, Ohioans come from all over the state to enjoy fun, food and contests offered by the Ohio State Fair,” said Jim Chakeres, OPA executive vice president. “This year, we’re challenging fairgoers to try the Ohio State Fair’s newest and most unique menu item: OPA’s Chocolate Deviled Eggs. Stop by our booth in the Taste of Ohio Café to see what these sweet, bite-sized treats are all about.”

Irresistible Chocolate Deviled Eggs

OPA is putting a unique twist on the classic deviled egg by using chocolate, cream cheese, and sugar to make a sweet and creamy filling. Fairgoers can get two Chocolate Deviled Eggs for \$3 at OPA’s food booth in the Taste of Ohio Café.

Support an Ohio farmer and have a healthy meal from the Taste of Ohio Café

Fairgoers don’t need to stray from healthy eating while visiting the fair. Visitors can stop by either of OPA’s two booths in the Taste of Ohio Café for an affordable, healthy meal produced by Ohio’s egg, chicken and turkey farmers.

Back by popular demand is the Maple Butter Breakfast Sliders and the Turkey Rib Dinner along with the classic Thanksgiving at the Fair and the Chicken and Noodle Bowl, among others. Menu items range from \$1 for a snack or side to \$11.25 for a complete meal and include:

- Sandwiches, including grilled chicken breast and roasted turkey
- Turkey burgers
- Salads, available with eggs, chicken or turkey
- Chicken and noodles served over Bob Evans® Original Mashed Potatoes
- Baked chicken nugget kids’ meals
- Eggs on a Stick

OPA also invites visitors to attend OPA’s culinary contests where they can pick up cooking tips and recipe ideas from professional and amateur chefs as they prepare recipes featuring Ohio-raised eggs, chicken and turkey.

OPA sponsors culinary competitions

On Saturday, July 27, Ohio home chefs will compete in OPA's three culinary contests: Egg-citing and Devilishly Good; Egg-stra, Egg-stra!; and the Turkey and Chicken Grilling Cook-Off Competitions.

The **Egg-citing and Devilishly Good** competition will kick off the event at 10:30 a.m. in Kasich Hall beginning with a "heat" of local food bloggers, followed by a division for amateur and professional chefs at 11:30 a.m. Contestants will have 30 minutes to prepare and serve their recipe, and will be judged on creativity, presentation and taste.

The **Egg-stra, Egg-stra!** competition, sponsored in partnership with the American Dairy Association Mideast and The Kroger Company, will begin at 1:00 p.m. Open only to amateur chefs, participants have the option to create a dish in either the Egg-stra Sweet or Egg-stra Savory class. From cream puffs and macarons to frittatas and quiches, the judges will see it all during this challenge.

Back for its fourth year, the **Turkey Grilling Cook-Off** will run from 3-4:30 p.m., and this year, OPA will add to the fun with a **Chicken Grilling Cook-Off** from 5:30-7 p.m. Amateur and professional contestants will grill a provided selection of Ohio-grown turkey or chicken products and create their own side or garnish/sauce.

Ohio is the second-largest egg farming state in the nation, producing about 9 billion eggs each year, with a value of almost \$480 million. Additionally, Ohio is ranked ninth nationally in turkey production with more than 280 million pounds produced annually and 16th nationally in chicken production with more than 526 million pounds produced annually. Ohio's egg, chicken and turkey farmers make their animals' health and well-being a top priority year-round and are proud to provide Ohioans with high-quality, wholesome food products.

For more information about egg, chicken and turkey farming, visit www.OhioPoultry.org. For delicious recipes and more information on egg safety, visit www.ohioeggs.com.

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