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## FACT SHEET

- Largest food festival in the Midwest
- Includes Polish, Slovakian and Mexican food
- Almost 200,000 people visit each year
- Pierguettes include Miss: Potato, Cheese, Mushroom, Berry, Beef, Apricot and Sauerkraut
- The International Polka Parade is led by Mr. Pierogi
- Main Parade Participants:
  - Lawn mower drill team
  - World's original lazy boy float
  - Buschias
  - Pierogi Queen and court
- The parade salutes the community's Eastern European heritage
- Contests include the Pierogi Toss, Pierogi Eating Contest, Polkahantus Polka Contest and cook-offs
- International dancers entertain crowds
- There is an arts and crafts fair
- New York Time's Best of the Region for five consecutive years
- Best Event of the Year by the Lake County Convention and Visitor's Bureau
- Saveur Magazine's top 25 best food festivals in North America
- Oprah Winfrey's "7 Best Things to Do During Summer"
- Has been featured nationally/internationally on television:
  - CBS
  - CNN
  - The Food Network
  - The Travel Channel
  - WTTN's "Wild Chicago!"
  - Chinese National Television
  - Television stations from Poland, Germany and Australia