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Controlling Idea:

The food porn community on reddit is infamous for sharing irresistible foods and their erotic reactions to them. The creator of the subreddit seemingly gives a disclaimer describing the posts to be “nothing suggestive or inappropriate”. Though the food presented is appropriate, its provocative display arouses comments from users that cause reason for such disclaimer to be made. While some members of this discourse use words like “horny” to demonstrate their immediate reactions to the food, others choose to more explicitly share observations of how a food looks or how “dick shaped” it is, for example. The communication of this subreddit is characterized by these very comments and images that truly define this community and set it apart from the rest. Analysis in the language used in the r/foodporn community makes a clear connection between users' reactions and being sexually aroused. The relation between the two demonstrates that members view and analyze food in a concupiscent way.

Some evidence I found:

1. Under a chocolate tart image
 - [HumanHundred](#)
 - 4 points·[2 hours ago](#)
 - That's the kinda food porn that's so good its close to actually being pornographic
 - level 2
 - [GreenMedallion](#)
 - 1 point·[2 hours ago](#)
 - What a compliment, thanks! Chocolate is meant to be an aphrodisiac so yeah, you're not wrong hahah
2. Under Brisket nachos image
 - [DonkeyatemyDonkey](#)
 - 2 points·[1 hour ago](#)
 - OMG legit licked ny screen! 😊
3. Under image of lasagna
 - level 1

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- [nanobitcoin](#)
 - 1 point·[8 days ago](#)
 - Oh yes. Fuck yes!
4. Under image of Challah french toast
- [Tubby-Thor](#)
 - 38 points·[1 day ago](#)
 - This makes me really horny
 - level 2
 - [RedArrowRUS](#)
 - 26 points·[23 hours ago](#)
 - Raise your hand if you're horny for french toast
 - level 2
 - [Numptymoop](#)
 - 8 points·[23 hours ago](#)
 - Yeah why does food do this for me but not people, wtf.
 - level 1
 - [disneyho](#)
 - 2 points·[1 day ago](#)
 - This is quite literally dick shaped
5. Under image of a lobster dinner
- level 1
 - [RebellischerRaakuun](#)
 - 1 point·[2 days ago](#)
 - You're so blessed to get food like that fucc me 😞
 - [ExoSierra](#)
 - 1 point·[2 days ago](#)
 - that looks orgasmically delicious
6. Under image of a sausage and meatball in sauce
- [desi_hillbilly](#)
 - 5 points·[1 day ago](#)
 - Finally a post worthy of the subreddit's name!