



2021 Backyard BBQ Competition

November 13, 2021



Where: Appling County Ag Center, 2671 Blackshear Highway, Baxley, GA 31513
When: November 13, 2021
Set Up: BBQ Cookoff teams should be set up by 5PM Friday, November 12, 2021
Deadline: Cookoff Applications should be submitted by Monday, November 8, 2021, 5PM
Cooks meeting will be at 5 PM, Friday November 12.
Meat Inspection will occur immediately following cooks meeting. Teams that cannot attend cooks meeting and meat inspection should call Derek Johnson at (912) 253-7528 or Robert Walker at (912) 278-5889 to schedule an alternate time.

Entry Fees: \$50/Category (Must enter all 3 categories (\$150) to be eligible for Grand Champion)
\$10 Best Sauce Competition (Limit 3 entries, \$10 per entry)
Limited Power is available at the site for an additional \$25 (see rules #5)
BBQ Cookoff takes place inside festival grounds. Two wristbands will be provided to each team. Additional wristbands may be purchased for \$5 each.
Circle F Meats has generously offered a 10% discount to BBQ cookoff contestants for contest meats. Once registered, please visit the Chamber of Commerce for your official coupon.

Please remit the application and payment (by check, or call to pay by credit card) to:
Appling County Festival-BBQ Cookoff
305 West Parker Street
Baxley, GA 31513

For questions about the competition, please contact Robert Walker at (912) 278-5889 or Derek Johnson at (912) 253-7528. For administrative questions, or to pay by phone, please call the Chamber office at (912) 367-7731

Prizes: Top 5 places overall and 1st place in each category will also receive a trophy. Sauce competition winner will receive a trophy and \$50 cash prize.

Grand Champion:	\$1000	1 st Place in each category:	\$250
Reserve Champion:	\$500	2 nd Place in each category:	\$150
3 rd Place Overall:	\$250	3 rd Place in each category:	\$100
4 th Place Overall:	\$150		
5 th Place Overall:	\$100		

This is NOT a GBC or KCBS qualifier contest. It is strictly a BACKYARD Competition. Chicken, ribs and Boston butt will be accepted and judged based on presentation, taste, tenderness and overall impression. Competitors will submit sauce at 11 AM, chicken at 12 Noon, ribs at 1 PM and butts at 2pm for judging.

Office Use Only: PAID _____ Space Assignment: _____ Number Assigned: _____

Team Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Contact Person Phone Number: _____

Space: Please choose one 20 x 20 20 x 30

Will you be parking a trailer in your space? Yes No

\$50 fee applies if more space is needed than one of the options above. Please call (912) 367-7731 to discuss additional space needs.

Please indicate (circle) below which categories you will enter:

Chicken (\$50) Ribs (\$50) Boston Butt (\$50) Sauce (\$10 each-Limit 3)

Does your operation need access to power(power is limited)? Yes(fee applies) No

Standard power(20 amp/110v) : \$25 Above Standard(indicate need): _____

T Shirt Size: Small Medium Large XL XXL XXXL

One complimentary shirt will be given to the team. Additional Shirts can be purchased for \$15 each.

Additional T Shirts: How Many? _____ Sizes: _____

Entry Fee: _____ **+ Sauce:**\$ _____ **+ Power:**\$ _____ **Additional Shirts:** \$ _____

+ Additional Wristbands: \$ _____ **= Total Fees** _____

Appling County Festival BBQ Cookoff Acknowledgement Agreement

Liability for Loss or Theft: The owner or custodian of property, of any kind, brought to the Appling County Festival grounds where the BBQ Cook-off takes place, either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the event, all risk of and responsibility for its loss, damage or theft. The Appling County Festival and its officers, employees, and volunteers cannot and will not accept responsibility or liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents, or other conditions of causes, whether to exhibitors, property of concessionaires, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein, or any property of any nature whatsoever. Exhibitors, concessionaires and others having property on the grounds during and after the Appling County Festival, should make their own arrangements for guarding and protecting their property. The undersigned agrees that Appling County Festival will not be liable for any damage, loss, or injury to the undersigned's property or any personal injury, which they or their employees may sustain while engaged at this festival, November 12-13, 2021.

By signing this waiver, I/we agree that I/we will not hold any business, entity, organization or person liable for any injuries or illnesses caused by the inherent risk associated with COVID-19 at public gatherings and/or events during the 2021 Appling County Festival event including event dates/times and setup and breakdown dates/times.

Acknowledgement: I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand and agree to abide by the General Rules, Liability for Loss or Theft, and Weather Policy as a BBQ Cook-off competitor at Appling County Festival scheduled for November 12-13, 2021. I understand by not abiding by these rules I will be ineligible to participate in future Appling County Festival Events.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Backyard BBQ Rules & Regulations Judging Procedures

The following rules, regulations and judging procedures will be used at The Baxley Pigs-N-Pickin Festival.

The Baxley Pigs-N-Pickin Festival Backyard BBQ Rules and Regulations

- 1) The decision and interpretations of The Baxley Pigs-N-Pickin Festival BBQ Rules and Regulations (hereafter known as The Pigs-N-Pickin Festival BBQ Rules) are at the discretion of the Pigs-N-Pickin Contest Representatives and the Baxley-Applying County Festival Committee. Their decisions and interpretations are final to the extent consistent with the rules.
- 2) Each team shall consist of a chief cook and as many assistants as the chief cook deems necessary. A team shall not compete in more than one contest under the same team name, on the same date. Chief cooks and/or assistant cooks may only cook for their designated team at the contest they are attending.
- 3) Each team will be assigned a cooking space. Pits, cookers, props, trailers, motor homes, vehicles, tents, or any other equipment (including generators) shall not exceed the boundaries of the team's assigned cooking space. All seasoning and cooking of the product shall be done within the assigned cooking space. Teams shall not share an assigned cooking space or cooking device.
- 4) Contestants will be able to set up on site Friday, November 12, 2021 between the hours of 9AM – 5PM. Once the festival gates open at 5PM on Friday, NO Contestants will be permitted to drive on festival grounds. Saturday morning, contestants can set up starting at 5AM, until festival gates open at 9AM. During open festival hours there are no vehicles permitted into the festival site. Official festival hours are from 5pm- 10pm Friday evening and 9am – 10pm Saturday.
- 5) Contestants shall provide all needed equipment and supplies except as arranged for in advance. Generators are preferred, but a limited number of spaces are available with power hookup of 20/110 or 50 amp for a fee of \$25. Please bring generator for backup power. Contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire and other codes. A fire extinguisher shall be near all cooking devices.
- 6) It is the responsibility of the contestant to see that the team's assigned cooking space is clean and orderly following the contest. All fires must be put out and all ashes placed in ash cans in designated areas and all equipment removed from the site. It is imperative that clean-up be thorough. Any team's assigned cooking space left in disarray or with loose trash, other than at trash containers, may disqualify the team from future participation at The Baxley Pigs-N-Pickin Festival.
- 7) Fires shall be of wood, wood pellets, charcoal, or gas. Electric heat sources are also permitted. Electrical accessories such as spits, augers, or forced draft are permitted. No open pits or holes are permitted. Fires shall not be built on the ground.
- 8) All competition meats shall be inspected by the Official Meat Inspector during the times established by the contest organizer but not prior to the day before judging. Once the competition meat has been inspected, it shall not leave the contest site. Cooking shall not begin until the competition meat has been inspected by the Official Meat Inspector. All competition meat shall start out raw. No pre-seasoned meat is allowed other than manufacturer enhanced or injected products, as shown on label EXCLUDING but not limited to: teriyaki, lemon pepper or butter injected. Competition meat not meeting these qualifications shall be disqualified; given one (1) on all criteria by all six judges.
- 9) Parboiling and/or deep-frying competition meat is not allowed.
- 10) No Garnishing

11) Meat shall not be sculptured, branded or presented in a way to make it identifiable. Violations of this rule will be scored a one (1) on all criteria by all six judges.

12) The Three Backyard BBQ Meat Categories:

CHICKEN: Chicken includes Cornish Game Hen and Kosher Chicken.

PORK RIBS: Ribs shall include the bone, spare ribs or baby backs. Country style ribs are prohibited.

BOSTON BUTTS/PORK BUTT:

13) Judging is Saturday. The three (3) Backyard BBQ categories will be judged in the following order:

Chicken 12:00 Noon

Pork Ribs 1:00 pm

Boston Butts 2:00 pm

Turn-in times will be confirmed at the Cooks Meeting. An entry will be judged only at the time established by the contest organizer. One cook from each team is required to attend the Cooks Meeting at 5:00 PM on Friday, November 12, 2021 at the designated location. The allowable turn-in time will be five (5) minutes before five (5) minutes after the posted time. A late turn-in time will receive a one (1) in all criteria.

14) Sauce contest is optional. Turn-in time is 11:00 AM. Sauce cups will be provided by the contest organizers.

15) If sauce is applied directly to the meat, it must not be pooled or puddled in the container. No side sauce containers will be permitted in the turn-in container.

16) Entries will be submitted in an approved backyard BBQ container provided by the contest organizer. The contestant number will be given to the contestant at the turn-in table and a matching number will be placed on top of turn-in box.

17) The container shall not be marked in any way so as to make the container unique or identifiable. Aluminum foil, toothpicks, skewers, foreign material, and/or stuffing are prohibited in the container. Marked entries or containers with the above-listed material will receive a one (1) in all criteria from all Judges.

18) Each contestant must submit at least six (6) portions of meat in an approved container. Chicken may be legs, thighs, breasts or any other portion of the chicken and it may be chopped, pulled, sliced, or diced as the cook sees fit, as long as there is enough for six (6) judges. Ribs shall be turned in bone-in only. Boston Butts may be chopped, pulled or sliced as the cook sees fit. Judges may not cut, slice or shake apart to separate pieces. If there is not enough meat for each judge to sample, the shorted judge(s) will score a one (1) on all criteria, and the judges having samples will change the appearance score to one (1).

19) The following cleanliness and safety rules will apply:

a. No use of any tobacco products while handling meat.

b. Cleanliness of the cook, assistant cooks, cooking device(s) and the team's assigned cooking space is required.

c. Shirt and shoes are required to be worn at all times during the event.

d. First aid is not required to be provided by the contest, except at the election of the contest organizer.

e. Prior to cooking, meat must be maintained at 40° F or less.

f. After cooking, all meat: Must be held at 140° F or above.

20) There will be no refund of entry fees. Contest is rain or shine.

21) Results and prizes will be awarded on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 3PM. Prizes are based on minimum entry of 30 teams and are subject to change.

CAUSES FOR DISQUALIFICATION & EVICTION of a team, its members and/or guests: A cook team is responsible jointly and severally for its head cook, its team members, and its guests.

- a. Use of alcoholic beverages or public intoxication with a disturbance.
- b. Serving alcoholic beverages to the general public.
- c. Use of illegal controlled substances.
- d. Foul, abusive, or unacceptable language or any language causing a disturbance.
- e. Excessive noise, including but not limited to that generated from speakers, such as radios, CD players, TVs, public address systems or amplifying equipment, will not be allowed during the event, designated to start at 5:00 p.m. on contest, day and will last until 10:00 p.m. unless otherwise determined by the event.
- f. Fighting and/or disorderly conduct.
- g. Theft, dishonesty, cheating, use of prohibited meats, or any act involving moral turpitude.
- h. Violation of any of The Pigs-N-Pickin BBQ Rules above will result in disqualification.

Excessive or continued complaints from teams on any of the above rule infractions shall be considered grounds for immediate disqualification from the contest by Contest Representatives, Organizers and/or Security. In addition, any violation of the above rules shall be reported to the Baxley-Applying County Festival Committee who may in addition to the above disqualification

impose additional penalties upon the team, the head cook, and its members including but not limited to disqualification from competing in future events for a period of time not to exceed five years. All complaints of disturbance or violations shall be reported to the Directors.

CLARIFICATION: If the product is turned in and is disqualified, it receives a one (1) in all criteria. If the team does not turn in a product or is disqualified and not allowed to turn in, that team's category is not judged and receives no score. If a product is turned in and then disqualified for a late turn in, no bone in ribs, etc., it is not judged and will receive a one (1) in all criteria.

JUDGING PROCEDURES:

Judging Meeting will be at 9:30 AM, Saturday, November 13, 2021.

Baxley Pigs-N-Pickin Festival judging allows for blind judging only. Entries will be submitted in an approved container provided by the contest organizer.

Judges may not fraternize with teams on turn-in day until the conclusion of judging.

Judging will be done by a team of 6 persons. Only Judges, Contest Reps and necessary support staff are allowed in the judging area during the judging process. No other activities are permitted in the judging area, during the judging process.

Each judge will first score all the samples for the presentation of the meat. The turn-in containers will then be passed around the table and each judge will place a sample or samples from the turn-in container in the appropriate plate on the judging table. The judge will then score each entry for taste and tenderness, and overall impression before moving on to the next entry.

The scoring is from 10 to 5 and will be circled on score sheet.

10 excellent, 9 very good, 8 good, 7 average, 6 below average, 5 bad.

A score of one (1) is a disqualification and requires approval by a Contest Representative: Grounds for disqualification:

All judges will give a one (1) in presentation for less than 6 samples of meat. All judges will give a one (1) in all criteria for sculptured meat, a marked turn-in container, foreign object in the container, incorrect meat. All judges not receiving a sample will give a one (1) in all criteria.

The weighting factors for the point system are as follows: Overall Impression – 0.5714 and Taste – 2.2858, .

The low score will be thrown out. Results will be tallied. If there is a tie in one of the categories, it will be broken by the computer, as follows: The scores will be compared (counting all five judges) for the highest cumulative scores in overall impression, then taste, then tenderness, then presentation. If still tied, then the low score, which was thrown out, will be compared and the higher of the low scores will break the tie. Total points per entry will determine the champion within each meat category.

Cumulative points for only the three (3) Backyard BBQ categories will determine the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, and 3rd through 5th.

Note: The Baxley Pigs-N-Pickin Festival Official Backyard BBQ Rules and Regulations are based on the Official Rules and Regulations also allowing for use of gas and electric heat sources. The Official Contest Representatives for The Baxley Pigs-N-Pickin Festival will preside over the Judging for the Backyard BBQ Contest.

Pigs-N-Pickin Festival

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