

2019 Rules for the Cookout contest:

Eligibility – Any Iowa Resident 13 years or older is eligible to participate in the Cookout contest. Past cookout champion and Farm Bureau or affiliated company employees are not eligible.

How to enter:

Interested grillers should contact the county Farm Bureau office for contest information. In order to compete in the Iowa State Fair contest, participants must have competed at the county level and won their category. The county office will submit those winners interested in competing at the state level.

Entry Categories:

Each county may send one entrant per category:

Individual –

Pork

Beef (no brisket due to time constraint)

Lamb

Poultry

Turkey

Combo/specialty (a recipe combining two or more meats from the eligible meat categories.)

Specialty Iowa – Domestically raised meats including venison, goat, fish, etc. excluding wild game.

Youth - 13-18 years old as of 8-1-19

Showmanship

Team

Contest rules:

The State entry must be the same recipe that won the local contest.

The delivery and loading/unloading of all equipment including meat and grill is the responsibility of each contestant.

Good food handling and preparation guidelines must be followed.

Individual Category Rules:

Refer to the Iowa meat scorecard for judging criteria

Only individual category winners are eligible to win the title of cookout champion.

Youth Category Rules:

Refer to the Iowa meat scorecard for judging criteria

Youth entries will compete in both the Individual category and the Youth category.

Showmanship Category Rules:

Showmanship will be judged on these categories:

Taste- taste/ flavor, juiciness/ tenderness, overcooked/ undercooked, pleasing texture

Appearance- appetizing color, is the garnish suitable and attractive? Does the prepared product have eye appeal?

Originality- Is the recipe suitable for outdoor cooking? Is it an original idea, or a good adaptation?

Team Category Rules:

- Refer to the Iowa Meat and Showmanship Score-cards for judging criteria.
- A team must consist of 2-4 members
- Team members are NOT eligible to compete in the individual category.
- Teams are encouraged to have a coordinated theme.
- Team members are NOT eligible to win the title of Cook-out Champion or the showmanship Award.

The date will be July 27th – Starting as early as 7 am – Judging will be at 3:00 pm.

For more information/ to sign up for the contest contact the county office 515-832-4381 or Hamilton.county@ifbf.org