

CLINTON COUNTY BACKYARD BBQ COOK-OFF

JUDGING PROCEDURE

1. Judging will be done by equal (6 person) teams.
2. Your sample will be judged by all members of a judging team.
3. Each judge will rate the sample for APPEARANCE, TASTE, and TENDERNESS and score from 9 to 1 points for EACH. The TASTE score will be doubled. The lowest score will be dropped but will be used to break ties.
4. Results will be tallied. If there is a tie, it will be broken as follows: the low score that was thrown out (as mentioned above): if still tied the judging slips will be compared for the highest cumulative scores in TASTE, then TENDERNESS, then APPEARANCE.
5. Total points per entry will determine the Category Winner within each classification.
6. Cumulative points for all classifications will be determine the Grand Champion. Second place in cumulative points for all classifications will determine the Reserve Grand Champion.
7. Meat maybe cooked on wood, charcoal, or gas.
8. All meat must be checked in a raw state – No precooked or marinated meat will be allowed prior to check-in. Any marinating can only start following meat check-in. Loin category may use any cut from the pork loin area including pork tenderloin.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING SAMPLES FOR JUDGING

1. Judging will start at 2:00 pm on Saturday (July 18th) afternoon.
2. Judging will be done on a category basis in the following order: 1. Appearance 2. Taste 3. Tenderness. Judging times are: Chicken: 2:00, Loin: 2:30, Ribs: 3:00, Open: 3:30.
3. Turn in your sample on time. You have a ten minute window, 5 minutes prior and 5 minutes after the scheduled judging time. No entries will be accepted outside of this time frame.
4. Submit enough of your entry to feed 6 judges and place in official container provided by BBQ officials. Remember, appearance is one of the judging criteria.
5. If you cover your meat with sauce, it will be judged that way. If you submit it dry (no sauce) it will be judged that way. No pooling or cups of sauce allowed.
6. Garnish is limited to green leaf (no red tipped) lettuce and common curly parsley only. Any embellishment and your entry will be given 1 point on APPEARANCE. This means NO Aluminum Foil!
7. Samples for judging must completely fit in the provided container with the lid closed for judging

HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE

The Clinton County Fair Board and Shoups Country Food shall not be responsible or liable in any way for any loses, costs, damages, liabilities, debts or expenses incurred by the participants of the 2008 Clinton County Backyard BBQ, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors or assigns as a result of any acts, omissions or negligence of any person, firm, partnership or corporation attending or participating in the 2008 Clinton County Backyard BBQ whether or not the act, omission or negligence occurs prior to, during or following the 2008 Clinton County Backyard BBQ.

THE CONTEST

1. The Clinton County Backyard BBQ will be Saturday, July 18 Clinton County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, IN.
2. The Clinton County Backyard BBQ is sponsored by the Clinton County Fairboard & Shoups Country Foods.
3. Competition is open to everyone, professionals and amateurs. There is a limit of 4 cooks on a team.
4. Shoup's Country Foods employees and Fair board members are not eligible to participate.
5. Shoup's Country Foods will provide a centralized hand washing station for everyone to use, however we encourage all contestants to have a hand washing area at their individual booth set ups.

CONTESTANT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Set up will begin on Saturday July 18 with check in 6:00am to 10:00 am.
2. Chef's meeting (Required) at 9:00am.
3. No electricity will be available.
4. Booth space will be assigned and ready to cook no later than 10:00am.

ACCEPTANCE

1. The DEADLINE to enter is Saturday, July 11th or until all available contestant places are filled.
2. Late entries accepted for \$20 per category, with no entries accepted after July 17.

Mail to: Shoups Country Foods
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If you have any questions call: 765-479-0457 (Cindy) or 765-479-0460 (Amy) leave a message.

REFUNDS WILL NOT BE MADE. Office 765-654-5626 mail@shoupscountry.com