

2025 Colorado County Fair Eddie Orange Barbecue Cook-off

Rules and Regulations

- Each team will consist of one chief cook at least **18 years of age**, and no more than four (4) members. Chief cook is responsible for their team and clean up of their cooking area. Only **ONE TEAM PER PIT**. Multiple entries from the same cook and multiple entries from the same piece of meat **will not** be allowed.
- **TEAMS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE GROUNDS THROUGH THE BBQ GATE AT THE HOURS LISTED BELOW!!** (NO OTHER GATE WILL BE OPEN FOR BBQ!!)
 - Wednesday from 4 p.m.-8 p.m
 - Thursday from 6 a.m.-12 p.m
 - **NO Friday or Saturday Check-in.**
- Cookers may check in and leave their pit on Friday and return on Saturday
- **EVERYONE, INCLUDING COOKERS, MUST PAY ADMISSION TO FAIR GROUNDS!** All cookers will be asked to show a **SEASON PASS** to enter the **BARBECUE CONTESTANT** entry gate. Season passes are available from any fair queen, at various businesses around the county, or may be included in your entry fees, and called for at the gate upon arrival. Teams will be assigned a **BARBECUE SITE** on a first come basis upon payment of entry fees. Entry fees paid after September 1st must be paid in cash, money order or cashier's check.
- **CAMPING SITES for 4 Nights are available FOR A FLAT FEE!**
 - **ELECTRICAL SITES ARE LIMITED**
 - **YOU MUST CALL 979-732-7571 FOR AVAILABILITY.**
 - **ELECTRIC SITES are \$160.00 for ONE 30 amp breaker.**
 - **NON-ELECTRIC CAMPSITES are \$60.** and will be restricted to an area allowing the use of generators.
- Holes, open pits or ground fires are **NOT** permitted.
- **Meat and Beans MUST be cooked on site.** All preparation and completion must be within the confines and time limits of the cook-off.
- Teams are required to prepare and cook food in a sanitary manner. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the barbecue committee. Infractions identified by such representatives shall be immediately corrected or the team will be subject to disqualification.
 - Each team will be required to submit for each category entered:**
 - ★ 2 chicken halves, fully jointed (must consist of wing, breast, thigh & drumstick **NO Cornish Game Hens**)
 - ★ 9 whole pork spare ribs(no baby backs)
 - ★ 9 full slices of brisket(1/4" to 3/8" thick)
 - ★ 1 – 16 oz. cup of beans(nothing larger than the bean in the cup)
 - ★ 1 - 16 oz. cup Bloody Mary(containers will be provided)
- **NO garnish** of any kind or sauce is allowed in the tray at turn-in.
- **NO** public intoxication, loud music or unruly behavior will be tolerated.
- Alcoholic beverages are **NOT** to be distributed to the general public by contestants. **BEER is NOT** to be brought onto the fairgrounds after check-in. Any team caught doing so **WILL be DISQUALIFIED!** Beer may be purchased by the case for a reduced rate from the Beer Bar. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED.**
- **NO ANIMALS** allowed in the cook-off area, with the exception of Seeing Eye dogs.
- **NO VEHICLES** will be allowed in cooking areas other than motor homes. **NO EXCEPTIONS! ALL OTHER VEHICLES MUST BE MOVED TO THE BARBECUE PARKING AREA.** (The Barbecue entry gate will be locked at all times except check-ins. Exit other than check-in times must be made through the livestock gate, and there will be **NO VEHICLE RE-ENTRY thru that gate WITHOUT A PARKING STICKER.** (All other parking must be in the general parking lot.)
- **NO BICYCLES, GOLF CARTS or ATVs** are allowed due to insurance restraints except for Fair Directors.
- **All decisions of Judges are final.**
- The Colorado County Fair, the Barbecue committee and officials will **NOT** be responsible for accidents, theft, or mishaps, and reserve the right to amend the rules as necessary

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NON SANCTION EVENT

Date: September 13, 2025

Location: Columbus, Texas – Colorado County Ag. Complex, Hwy 71 North (Follow Signs)

Check-in: Wednesday, Sept. 10th - 4:00 -8:00 pm & Thursday Sept. 11th -6:00 a.m - 12 p.m.

NO EARLY CHECK IN

Meat categories:

Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs, Brisket. (Meat is subject to inspection)

Mandatory Head Cook Meeting Friday 7:00 pm

Turn in Times:

Bloody Mary	Beans	Chicken	Pork Spare Ribs	Brisket
9:00am	11:00am	12:00pm	1:30pm	3:00pm

Awards @ 4:30pm

Prizes:

1 st Place \$500.00 + Trophy
2 nd Place \$300.00 + Trophy
3 rd Place \$150.00 + Trophy
Jackpot Beans 50% payback – 1 st (50%) 2 nd (30%) 3 rd (20%)
Bloody Mary: 1 st (50%) 2 nd (30%) 3 rd (20%)
Overall Cooker Prize
**Campsite Showmanship Gift Prize*

TEAM NAME- _____

CHIEF COOK- _____

TEAM MEMBERS- _____

ADDRESS- _____

PHONE- _____

EMAIL- _____

- **ALL MEAT CATEGORIES** \$125.00
- **Jackpot Beans - \$30.00 ea** \$
- **Bloody Mary- \$10.00 ea** \$
- **1- 30 amp Electric campsite (up to 4 nights)** _____ Nights X \$40=\$
(some 50 amps may be available)
- **Non-electric campsite (up to 4 nights)** _____ Nights X \$20=\$
- **_____ season passes @ \$25.00 per person (pre-registration only)** \$
- TOTAL OWED** \$

Make checks payable to Colorado County Fair Barbecue

I HAVE READ the COLORADO COUNTY FAIR-EDDIE ORANGE COOK-OFF RULES and agree to abide by these rules.

Signature _____

****Prior to Sept.1 entries may be mailed to Colorado County Fair Barbecue Cook-off, P.O. Box 506, Columbus, TX 78934**

Cash _____ Check # _____ TOTAL \$ _____

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