

# **Zearing Days "BBQ Battle" 2025**

## **BBQ Competition & People's Choice "Anything Pork" Contest**



**Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Zearing, IA**  
**East Main Street – City Park**

**Over \$1000 in Cash & Prizes!!!**

**BBQ Competition: Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork Loin/Pork Butt**

**People's Choice Category: "Anything Pork"**  
**Samples judged by the public – try your favorite pork recipe!**

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### **Contest Prizes:**

BBQ Grand Champion: \$300 & Trophy  
BBQ Reserve Champion: \$100 & Trophy  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chicken, Ribs, Pork Butt/Loin: \$75, \$50, \$25 & Plaque  
People's Choice Winner: \$200 & Trophy  
People's Choice Runner-Up: \$50 & Plaque  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place People's Choice: Plaque

Pork Bucks to be provided by Story County Pork Producers!

\*\*Cash prizes subject to change based on number of participating teams\*\*



*Thank You BBQ Contest Sponsors!*

For more information: Call Dave at #515-290-3478 or email: [info@zearingdays.com](mailto:info@zearingdays.com)

## **Contest Entry Fees:**

BBQ Competition- \$25 per Category – Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork Loin/Butt

People's Choice "Anything Pork" Category: \$10

Contest limited to first 12 BBQ teams

Note: Pork Ribs (St. Louis style) & Pork Loin will be provided to Teams

Must enter in all BBQ categories to be eligible for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion

## **Contest Times:**

Team Check In: Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 6am-8am

BBQ Turn-In Times: 3:30 Chicken, 4:00 Pork Ribs, 4:30 Pork Loin/Pork Butt

People's Choice Tasting 1-3pm @ Teams' Site (\$5.00 per person/vote)

Awards 5:30pm – Park Stage

## **2025 BBQ Battle Rules:**

1. KCBS like rules will be used. With some exceptions as listed below.
2. NO GARNISH IS ALLOWED. Each turn in container must contain at least 6 individual portions of the competition meat per category. Sauce is optional, but must be applied directly to the meat, no pooled sauce allowed.
3. Teams are responsible for keeping the cook area clean during the contest and cleanup upon completion of contest required.
4. Fires shall be of wood, wood pellets, charcoal, gas or electric. Fires will not be built on the ground.
5. Meats shall be inspected by the official meat inspector prior to any preparation or cooking. Meat must start out raw, un-seasoned, no pre-marinated or injected meat and in the original sealed package. Once the meat(s) have been inspected it shall not leave the contest site.
6. Numbered turn in containers will be provided by the contest organizer. Double blind judging will be used.
7. Meat shall not be sculptured, branded, or presented in a way to make it identifiable; violations will be scored a 1 on all criteria.
8. KCBS weighted scoring will be used for Appearance, Taste and Tenderness.
9. Allowable turn in times as posted per meat category. Within (5) minutes before or (5) minutes after.
10. The head cook is responsible for understanding and following all contest rules.

Other Contest Information: Each registered team will receive a goody bag and a complimentary bag of ice. Pork Ribs (St. Louis Style) and Pork Loin will be provided to each team. Not required to use for competition.

## **2025 People's Choice "Anything Pork" Contest Rules**

1. The People's Choice category is an open category. Teams or individuals may compete.
2. Product must be prepared and cooked on site. Can be cooked on fires using wood, wood pellets, charcoal, gas or electric. No fires on the ground.
3. Any pork product can be used for the "Anything Pork" entry. Pork must be the primary meat ingredient in the recipe. This is a people's choice category. Be creative and appeal to the people!
4. KCBS rules DO NOT APPLY!!!!
5. Must provide enough samples for 100 people (minimum). Bite size is ok. Tasting times 1pm to 3pm
6. \$5.00 per person for tasting/judging people's choice. \$5.00 includes 1 sample from each participating team, plate/napkin and 1 voting chip.
7. The People's Choice winners will be the contestant/team who receives the most votes cast by the public. Voting chip, plates & forks are contained in the tasting kits sold the day of the event.

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## Contestant Registration Form



Head Cook \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee will include use of your site (10'x20'). Electricity available by request. Access to water and restrooms on site. Ash dump site available. Teams will provide all other necessary supplies for the contest. Early setup times encouraged due to the parade.

### Competition Categories (Check each category you want to enter)

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Pork Ribs \_\_\_\_\_ Pork Loin/Pork Butt \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 per category

(Must enter in all categories to be eligible for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion)

### People's Choice "Anything Pork" Category

\$10 \_\_\_\_\_

(Must provide at least 100 bite size samples. Prepare anything pork of your choice. Pork must be the primary meat in the recipe)

Electricity Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Space Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Entry Fee Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

All Fees must accompany this form. No Refunds unless contest is cancelled by the Zearing Days Committee. Certified Judges will be used as available. KCBS-like rules apply

Signature of Head Cook \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to ZEARING DAYS. Mail to: ZEARING DAYS CELEBRATION  
Attn: BBQ Contest, PO BOX 262, Zearing, IA 50278. Email questions to [info@zearingdays.com](mailto:info@zearingdays.com)