

# NM State Fair

## High School Culinary Competition

**Competition Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024**

**Agriculture Courtyard**



Hospitality  
Industry  
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Foundation



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**WHAT: The New Mexico State Fair High School Culinary Competition**  
**WHEN: Thursday, September 12, 2024 - 10:00 am- 1:00 pm**  
**WHERE: The Agriculture Building Courtyard – New Mexico State Fair - ABQ**  
**WHO: Participants from the ProStart High School Culinary Arts Program**

### **Guidelines and Procedures**

1. High School teams are chosen from the top Eight (8) placed teams that participated in the Pro Start Hospitality Industry Education Foundation competition.
2. High School teams shall participate in a Green Chili Stew Cook Off. Additionally, teams will be required to make both flour and corn tortillas as an accompaniment to their stew.
3. Students will arrive at the Fairgrounds at 7:30 am for check-in. All teams will enter the Fairgrounds via Gate 6 (Lomas and San Pedro). Credentials will be sent to each team prior to competition date.
4. Teams must provide cooking equipment, utensils and coolers.
5. NM State Fair will provide tables, sanitary equipment (3 tub sink for use during cooking), ice and access to refrigeration.
6. NM State Fair Sponsors will provide all green chili and beef products for use in each team's recipe.
7. NM State Fair will provide banners for each team at their stations.
8. Participants will be judged on the following categories: Product check-in, Teamwork and organization, Knife skills, Safety and Sanitation and Tasting; these categories are the mainstay of the Pro Start program.
9. Final dishes will be judged at 12:00 noon by a panel of Eight (8) judges. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes of \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively, will be awarded to winners upon the judge's announcement. Additionally, the other 5 participating teams will receive \$250 each for their participation.
10. All Judges' decisions are final.