

2026 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.

Split the Pot Beef Fajita Cook-Off
Superintendent: Brad Dillon (409) 770-7493
Chairman: Dan Moore (281) 723-2819

Location: Galveston County Fairgrounds, Jack Brooks Road, Hwy6

Entry Fee: \$35.00 per Team, per Entry – Non-Refundable. You Must be in the BBQ Cook-off to enter Fajitas. There is NO limit on number of entries.

Entry Cut-off: Monday, March 23,2026

Judging: 4:15 p.m. Friday April 24,2026

Awards: Prize Money to be distributed as follows:

1st Place	30% of the Total Entry Fees
2nd Place	20% of the Total Entry Fees
3rd Place	10% of the Total Entry Fees

Chief Cook's Meeting/ Container Pick up: Thursday April 23, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.

1. Entries will be submitted via the BBQ Cook-Off Entry Form. Number of Entries are unlimited.
2. All team members must be 21 years pf age or older.
3. Fajita division samples must be beef skirt or flank steak only.
4. Do not include garnish of any kind, foil or plastic/paper containers in the sample container. Only meat is allowed in the container. Fajitas must be cooked on the grounds.
5. Fajita Division samples will be requested at 4:00 p.m. and shall be delivered to the designated Cook-off area by 4:15 p.m.
6. Judging
 - Category will be judged in a single (1) phase.
 - Entries will be judged on 3 criteria (Appearance (15%), Taste (50%), and Tenderness (35%))
 - A table with a minimum of 5 judges will score the equally allocated samples. (Each team may be required to provide a judge who is not the Chief Cook)
 - The lowest score from the judges will be dropped with the remaining scores being used for category placement.
 - EXACTLY 8 samples must be placed in the container for judging (no more, no less or the sample will be disqualified)
7. Protests of any team, equipment, or meat (any division) must be turned into the cook-off committee no later than one (1) hour after judging of that division with the \$100.00 non-refundable fee.
8. All other rules of the 2026 Galveston County Fair BBQ Cook-off apply.
9. All decisions of the Cook-off Committee and the Judges are final.
10. Team members may be asked to judge this event (a team member with a wrist band only).