

2026 Galveston County Fair & Rodeo Inc.
“SPLIT THE POT” MYSTERY MEAT COOK-OFF
Superintendent: Brad Dillon (409) 770-7493
Chairman: Dan Moore (281) 723-2819

Location: Galveston County Fairgrounds, Jack Brooks Park, Hwy 6

Entry Fee: \$40.00 per Team, per Entry – Non-Refundable. You Must be in the BBQ Cook-off to enter Mystery Meat Division. There is NO limit on number of entries.

Entry Cut-off Time: Monday, March 23, 2026

Judging: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, 2026

Awards: Prize Money to be distributed as follows:

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| 1st Place | 30% of the Total Entry Fees |
| 2ndPlace | 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 of age or older.
3. The Mystery Meat will be provided to the entrants at the Chief Cook’s Meeting on Thursday, April 23,2026.
4. The Mystery Meat division can be a savory or sweet dish.
5. Entries must be cooked on the Cook-off grounds utilizing supplies/ingredients readily available within the team’s cookoff supplies. Teams should not purchase additional supplies after Mystery Meat is provided.
6. Mystery Meat Division samples will be requested at 6 :30 p.m. and shall be delivered to the designated Cook-off area by 6:45 p.m.
7. Judging
 - a. Category will be judged in a single (1) phase.
 - b. Entries will be judged on 3 criteria (Appearance (15%), Taste (50%), and Texture (35%))
 - c. 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)
 - d. The lowest score from the judges will be dropped with the remaining scores being used for category placement.
 - e. Enough samples for 8 judges must be placed in the container for judging
8. Non-food items are not allowed in the container.
9. Samples turned in with unsanitary inclusions will be disqualified (hair, bugs, plastic, dirt, etc.)
10. 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.
11. All other rules of the 2026 Galveston County BBQ Cook-Off apply.
12. All decisions of the Cook-off Committee and Judges are final.
13. Team Members may be asked to judge this event. (a team member with a wrist band only).