



# 2023 ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

## BEEF IS KING COOKOUT & DUTCH OVEN CONTEST ENTRY GUIDE

Entry Fee:  
\$2.00 per entry  
*Click [HERE](#) to enter!*

**Entry Deadlines:**  
*Dutch Oven Cooking Contest: Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>*  
*Beef Is King Cookout: Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>*

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# **BEEF IS KING COOKOUT CONTEST**

**Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – Judging begins at 12:00 p.m.**  
**Bernal Greens**  
***Sponsored by the Alameda County CattleWomen***

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry

**Entry Limit:** One Entry Per Exhibitor

**Entry Deadline:** Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

**Special Rules:**

- Contest is limited to the first 20 entries. Any amateur or adult team may enter.
- Contestants will enter the fairgrounds between 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. through Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue.
- Upon check-in, each contestant will receive 2 admission tickets and 1 parking pass.
- Contestants must bring their own BBQ equipment, fuel or charcoal, and all ingredients for their entry.
- No preparation is allowed before coming to the competition. All dicing, slicing, chopping, mixing, etc. must be done on site during the competition. This includes garnishes and marinades.
- A legible copy of the recipe, naming the cut of beef, must be provided to the organizers at the time of judging. It must include all ingredients of the prepared dish as well as the contestant's name, email, and phone number. Recipes become property of the Alameda County fair and the Alameda County CattleWomen. Recipe may be used by media or for publication.
- Judging will be based on: Taste (30%), Appearance (25%), Tenderness/Texture (20%), Ease of Preparation (15%), and Originality (10%).
- Prizes:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$100.00
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$50.00
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$25.00

# DUTCH OVEN COOKING CONTEST

**Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> -- Judging begins at 12:30 p.m.**

**Bernal Greens**

***Sponsored by the Alameda County CattleWomen***

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry

**Entry Limit:** One Entry Per Class Per Exhibitor

**Entry Deadline:** Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

## **Available Classes:**

1. Dutch Oven Beef Dish
2. Dutch Oven Side Dish
3. Dutch Oven Dessert

## **Special Rules:**

- Contest is limited to the first 20 entries. Any amateur or adult team may enter.
- Contestants will enter the fairgrounds between 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. through Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue.
- Upon check-in, each contestant will receive 2 admission tickets and 1 parking pass.
- Contestants may enter a maximum of three dishes with a limit of only one entry per class.
- Contestants must provide all necessary ingredients, cooking utensils, charcoal, coolers, ash container, shade tent, etc.
- All cooking must be done in a factory-made Dutch oven. The use of battery operated or electric appliances, camp stoves, etc. to assist in cooking the food is not permitted.
- No preparation is allowed before coming to the competition. All dicing, slicing, chopping, mixing, etc. must be done on site during the competition. This includes garnishes and marinades.
- Please use good fire safety practices. One team member must be in the cooking area at all times. Keep yourself and the public safe.
- All foods submitted for judging should be displayed in the Dutch oven or on the lid.
- A legible copy of the recipe, naming the cut of beef, must be provided to the organizers at the time of judging. It must include all ingredients of the prepared dish as well as the contestant's name, email, and phone number. Recipes become property of the Alameda County fair and the Alameda County CattleWomen. Recipe may be used by media or for publication.
- Team members should be willing to share cooking techniques and tips with spectators.
- Judging will be based on: Appearance (40% visual appeal/wow factor), Quality (40% aroma, taste, uniformity of doneness, temperature appropriate for dish), and Difficulty of Recipe (20% preparation techniques, originality).
- Prize Per Class:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$50.00