

ALABAMA JR. & SR. HIGH SCHOOL STATE BEEF COOK-OFF

Rules

- Students must register for the cookoff prior to the event on www.bamabeef.org.
Deadline is Friday, March 13, 2026.
- On the day of the Jr. & Sr. High State Beef Cook-off, each contestant should prepare his/her beef dish *before* arriving to the contest. DISHES CAN **NOT** BE COOKED IN THE BUILDING.
- Turn in time for prepared dishes is 9:45 AM the morning of the cookoff. By arriving early, you will have ample time to make your final preparation to your dish before sending to the judges' table.
- The recipe must be cooked and ready to serve when contestants turn in by 9:45 AM.
- A portion of the prepared dish will be heated during judging, if appropriate, prior to being presented to the judges.
- The recipe must list BEEF as the main ingredient.
- The recipe must include **only fresh beef products** that are found at your supermarket.
- Limit sodium and fat in the recipe.
- The recipe used **must be the same recipe prepared for the county contest**.
- Student must have competed and won at the county contest coordinated by the Family and Consumer Science/Alabama Cattlemen's Association/Alabama CattleWomen's Association/Alabama Cooperative Extension County contest coordinators.
- **Student must be enrolled in a home school program or attending a public or private Middle/ High School in the county they won their county Beef Cookoff contest.**
- Student must abide by proper ServSafe food preparation rules while preparing their dish for the beef cookoff. Any product that is not deemed safe or edible by the cookoff chairmen will be automatically disqualified from the contest.

Your dish will be judged on:

Appearance — 10%

Flavor Intensity— 50%

Palatability—20%

Healthfulness & Nutritional Balance—20%

Judges' decisions are final

Directions to Riverchase Career Connections Center

**853 Willow Oak Dr
Birmingham, AL 35244**

Coming From North on I-65:

Stay on 1-65 South through Birmingham

Take Exit 247 for Co Rd 17/ Valleydale Rd to merge right onto Valleydale Rd toward US-31/Riverchase Pkwy

Continue on AL-261 S/Helena Rd

Turn right on Co Rd 275

Turn left on Willow Oak Dr

Turn left into destination parking

Coming from the South on I-65:

Stay on 1-65 North into Montgomery

Take Exit 247 for Co Rd 17/ Valleydale Rd to merge left onto Valleydale Rd toward US-31/ Riverchase Pkwy Continue on AL-261 S/Helena Rd

Turn right on Co Rd 275

Turn left on Willow Oak Dr

Prizes

Each participant will receive a Participant Packet at check-in which will include:

- \$10 Beef Gift Certificate
- Participation Certificate
- Cookbook of all the recipes entered in the cook-off

<u>Jr. Division</u> <u>Grades 7th –9th</u>	<u>Sr. Division</u> <u>Grades 10th –12th</u>
1st Place—\$150	1st Place—\$150
2nd Place—\$125	2nd Place—\$125
3rd Place—\$100	3rd Place—\$100

“Best in BEEF” Winner

This winner will be chosen from the 1st place winners of each division.

Overall Winner Receives Additional \$200.00 and his/her FACS classroom will receive \$100.00