

RICE DISH ROUND-UP CONTEST

for Matagorda County Residents only

Contest Date: October 20, 2026

(Typed Recipes emailed by September 22, 2026)

DUE DATE: THE ENTRY FORMS (INCLUDING TYPED RECIPE) ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026** by 5:00 P.M. THERE IS NO PARTICIPATION FEE. **COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE EMAILED TO crpage@ag.tamu.edu**. PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE TO HAVE A FILLABLE FORM EMAILED TO YOU. OFFICIAL RULES AND CURRENT YEAR ENTRY FORMS MAY ALSO BE FOUND AT MATAGORDA.AGRILIFE.ORG > FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH>RICE DISH ROUND UP

FOOD CHECK-IN: BRING YOUR DISHES TO ENTER FROM 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026 AT THE MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS.

JUDGING: 10:45 AM – 12 PM
PUBLIC VIEWING: 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM
AWARDS CEREMONY: 5:00 PM

STUDENTS ARE NOT EXCUSED FROM SCHOOL TO BRING YOUR DISHES.

WHO CAN ENTER:

- JUNIORS - GRADES K-4
- INTERMEDIATES - GRADES 5-8
- SENIORS - GRADES 9-12
- ADULTS, 18+, OUT OF GRADE SCHOOL

WHERE:

MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS.
THE MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING FACILITIES ARE ACCESSIBLE FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED.

ENTRIES:

YOU MAY ENTER ONE RICE DISH IN EACH CATEGORY IF DESIRED.

- MAIN DISH
- SIDE DISH
- SNACK OR APPETIZER
- BREAD
- DESSERT

JUDGING:

ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED ON:

- TASTE AND FLAVOR
- TEXTURE
- SUITABILITY OF RECIPE

PUBLIC VIEWING:

OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD ON **OCTOBER 20, FROM 4:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**
(ONLY PREDESIGNATED HELPERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN BEFORE THIS TIME)

RECOGNITION:

RIBBONS AND PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT 5:00 P.M.; YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.

PURPOSES:

1. TO TEACH NEW AND DIFFERENT WAYS TO PREPARE RICE DISHES
2. TO TEACH ECONOMY IN MEAL PLANNING - WAYS TO EXTEND MEAT DISHES BY USING RICE.
3. TO PROMOTE THE VALUE OF RICE IN THE COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM.
4. TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND RECOGNITION FOR COUNTY'S YOUTH AND ADULTS.

GENERAL RULES FOR ENTERING RICE DISH ROUND-UP

1. THE RICE DISH CONTEST IS OPEN TO ONLY RESIDENTS OF MATAGORDA COUNTY. ALL ENTRY FORMS (INCLUDING TYPED RECIPE) MUST BE EMAILED TO crpage@ag.tamu.edu ON OR BEFORE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026, BY 5:00 P.M. PLEASE BE SURE YOU ARE USING MOST CURRENT RULES AND ENTRY FORM AS RULES HAVE CHANGED.
2. RECIPES: WE DO NOT RE-TYPE ANY RECIPES FOR THE RICE DISH RECIPE BOOK. PLEASE CHECK YOUR TYPED RECIPES FOR ANY TYPING MISTAKES OR INGREDIENTS LEFT OUT BEFORE YOU TURN IN YOUR RECIPES.
3. ANY RECIPE THAT HAS WON FIRST PLACE IN THEIR CATEGORY OR GRAND CHAMPION OVERALL IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, MAY NOT BE ENTERED THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
4. CHECK-IN OF FOOD DISHES WILL BE BETWEEN 9:00 – 10:30 A.M. ON TUESDAY **OCTOBER 20, 2026**, AT THE MULTI- PURPOSE BUILDING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS, BAY CITY. A PERSON MAY ENTER ONE DISH IN EACH OF THE FIVE CATEGORIES IF DESIRED, FOR A MAX OF FIVE RECIPES ENTERED: MAIN DISH, SIDE DISH, SNACK OR APPETIZER, BREAD, OR DESSERT.
5. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE EXCUSED FROM SCHOOL TO BRING THEIR ENTRIES TO THE MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING ON OCTOBER 20. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR AN ADULT TO TAKE YOUR FOOD DISHES TO ENTER BETWEEN 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. ON OCTOBER 20.
6. EACH RECIPE MUST HAVE ATLEAST 1/2 CUP COOKED RICE, 2 CUPS RICE CEREAL PRODUCTS, 1 CUP RICE FLOUR, OR 1/2 CUP COOKED RICE PASTA.
7. TO PREVENT FOOD WASTE, ONLY AN EQUIVELENT OF 3 SERVINGS OF YOUR DISH SHOULD BE ENTERED IN A DISPOSABLE CONTAINER, COVERED WITH CLEAR WRAP FOR PUBLIC VIEWING PURPOSES, NO LIDS. ALL ITEMS WILL BE DISCARDED AT THE END OF AWARDS.
8. GARNISHES USED MUST BE FOOD GRADE AND EDIBLE.
9. EACH DISH CAN HAVE ONLY ONE OWNER (NO PARTNERSHIP DISHES).
10. WRITE YOUR NAME, GRADE, AND CATEGORY ON MASKING TAPE WITH PEN OR PERMANENT MARKER AND TAPE UNDERNEATH YOUR DISH FOR IDENTIFICATION.
11. NO HEATING OR COOLING DEVICES MAY BE USED WITH ENTRIES AT THE RICE DISH ROUND-UP. ALL DISHES ARE TASTED AT ROOM TEMPERATURE.
12. DUE TO FOOD SAFETY REASONS, ALL DISHES WILL BE DISCARDED AFTER THE AWARDS CEREMONY.
13. DUE TO FOOD SAFETY REASONS, NO FOOD SHOULD BE SHARED.

RICE DISH ROUND-UP IS SPONSORED BY THE BAY CITY LIONS CLUB. THE CONTEST IS COORDINATED BY THE MATAGORDA COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 979-245-4100