

2026 Clayton County Fair People's Choice Contest Registration Form

Clayton County Fairgrounds- Next to Floral Hall – Garnavillo, Iowa

Sunday, August 9th, 2026

Contestant Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

People's Choice Meat or Appetizer

Entry Fee: \$25

Check Number _____

Check Amount \$ _____

People's Choice Contest (80 Samples Crowd Taste Testers)

1 st Place	\$300
2 nd Place	\$200
3 rd Place	\$100

Registration: All contestants will be able to set up/start cooking at 6 AM or after on Sunday, August 9th, 2026. Contestants can register to be in **multiple contests**, for example, Farm Bureau Beef Cookout Contest, People's Choice Contest and the Battle of Baked Beans Cookout Contest.

Please mail this form to: **Clayton County Fair**, PO Box 366 Garnavillo, IA 52049 before July 28th.

Judging: People's Choice Crowd Tasting will be served at 2:00pm until all 80 tickets are sold out, awards will be following all the contests. Contestants must provide toothpicks, utensils, and/or napkins for 80 samples for the fairgoers/judges that have purchased a ticket for \$5 to visually see, smell and/or taste to vote for their favorite appetizer/meat sample. They will then place their ticket into a container that matches contestant's number.

Rules: All entries must be cooked on the official cookout contest grounds. Entries for the People's Choice category may be any meat or meatless product; for example, chicken wings, grilled shrimp, or jalapeno poppers. Cooking can only be done on a charcoal, wood, propane fired device or electrical pellet grills (no microwaves or toasters). The cookout contestant is responsible for observing acceptable and prudent temperature and sanitary requirements. Contestants cannot sell samples to the general public. Feel free to bring a tent to cook under. Need to provide an ingredient list to coordinators. Contestants should clearly identify common allergens (nuts, dairy, gluten) if present. People's Choice contestants need to bring a sanitation station (warm water container, soap, paper towels and a water catch pail).

Please select: _____ Yes, I DO need electricity _____ No, I do NOT need electricity

By signing this document, the contestant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations set forth or established by the Clayton County Fair Committee. I understand there are inherent risks in participating in any cookout. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby waive and release of myself, heirs, executor or anyone who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue the event directors, event officials, Clayton County Agricultural Society or volunteers from all claims or liability for death, personal injury, illness or personal damage of any kind arising out of the course of my participation in this event. I also grant full permission to the event directors and/or agents authorized by them, to have free use of my name and picture in any broadcast, telecast, videotape, print and/or social media or any other record of this event for any purpose. Entry fees are non-refundable due to weather or cancellation. If competing as a team, each team member must sign and date.

Signature: _____ Date: _____