

2025  
**ARKANSAS DAIRY FOODS**  
CONTEST







## Arkansas Dairy Foods Contest

P.O. Box 31 | Little Rock, AR 72203

The 68<sup>th</sup> annual Arkansas Dairy Foods Contest will be conducted as an **in-person contest**. This annual event is sponsored by Arkansas Farm Bureau and the Arkansas Dairy Cooperative Association.

The contest is divided into two categories: Main Dish and Party Ideas. Each county may enter one recipe in each of the two categories.

Students enrolled in 4-H aged 9-19 or in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades as of Jan. 01, 2025, and living in Arkansas may enter. Home-schooled students may also enter. Entries must be approved by the county dairy committee or by the county Extension agent.

Each contestant **must** agree to participate in the in-person state cook-off if his or her recipe is selected for the semifinals.

**Local entries must be received for selection of state finalists by June 12, 2025.**

To keep consistent with previous year's rules, contestants will have a maximum of 3 hours to prepare their dish.

# Official 2025 Entry Form - Arkansas State Dairy Foods Contest

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## All Questions Should be Answered

Name of Recipe: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you prepared the recipe before? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, for how many people? \_\_\_\_\_

What were some of the groups? \_\_\_\_\_

Source of recipe: \_\_\_\_\_

What changes did you make to recipe? \_\_\_\_\_

## Please answer the following with 50 words or less:

Why I like my recipe: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the occasion and other menu items you would serve with this recipe: \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATION

(By County Dairy Committee or Extension Agent)

I certify on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (contestant) that this is the official entry of  
\_\_\_\_\_ County in the \_\_\_\_\_ Division for the 2025 State Dairy Foods Contest.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Certification must be completed on entries submitted for the State Dairy Foods Contest.

**Mail Entry to:** Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Attn: Jake Cartwright, PO Box 31, Little Rock, AR 72203.

**Email Entry to:** [jake.cartwright@arfb.com](mailto:jake.cartwright@arfb.com)

**DO NOT FORGET:** Please attach a copy of your recipe (written or typed) on a single sheet of paper with your name and address at the top. **DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS: June 20, 2025**

# Announcing the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Arkansas Dairy Foods Contest

## Prizes:

**Local** – Arkansas Farm Bureau will provide two appropriate prizes for county contest winners.

**State** – Cash prizes provided by Arkansas Farm Bureau will be awarded to each of the four finalists in the Main Dish and Party Ideas categories who participate in the state cook-off.

## Cash Prizes in Each Category Are:

First Place.....\$150

Second Place.....\$125

Third Place.....\$100

Fourth Place.....\$75

## Local Contest:

Each county is responsible for holding its own Dairy Foods Contest to select county winners in the Main Dish and Party Ideas categories. **The person responsible for conducting the county contest should return the prize request form.** The manner in which the county contest is conducted is left up to the county.

## Things to Do:

Encourage county youth to develop dairy recipes or improve upon existing recipes in the county recipe contest.

## Organizing a Contest:

1. Plan date for contest judging.
2. Publicize contest in newspaper, local radio, social media, schools and 4-H Clubs.
3. Select judge(s).
4. Conduct judging of written recipes or have recipes prepared for judges at a cook-off. Keep in mind, the state contest only allows 3 hours to include preparation to serving the finished dish.
5. Award recipe winners with specially selected prizes provided by Arkansas Farm Bureau.
6. Submit winning recipe in each category to State Dairy Foods Contest (**Remember – entry deadline is June 20, 2025**).

# Rules for the 2025 Arkansas Dairy Foods Contest

1. The 2025 Arkansas Dairy Foods Contest is sponsored by Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation.
2. The contest will be divided into two categories:
  - A. Party Ideas
  - B. Main Dish
3. Each Arkansas county may enter one recipe in each category; the person entering the recipe must meet the following requirements:
  - A. Students enrolled in 4-H ages 9-19 or in the 4th through the 12th grade of any Arkansas school as of Jan. 01, 2025. Home-schooled students are also eligible to participate.
  - B. Contestants agree to participate in the state cook-off if their recipe is selected for the semifinals.
  - C. They must be certified by the county dairy committee or, in counties with no committee, by the county extension agent. All recipes should be sent to: Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Jake Cartwright, P.O. Box 31, Little Rock, AR 72203-0031. **Recipes must be received no later than June 20, 2025.**
  - D. **Former first place winners in a category are not eligible for competition in that category but may enter the other category.**
4. County winners may be selected in a manner deemed most suitable to each county.
5. The recipe and completed entry form must be received by **June 20, 2025**. The recipe must be written clearly or typed on **ONE SIDE** of a sheet of paper. The name of the recipe, the contestant's name, address and telephone number must be written/typed at the top of the page.
6. Entries will be judged as follows:
  - A. A panel of food authorities will prejudge written recipes and they will select the top four entries in each category using the following standards:
    1. Ready availability of ingredients in food stores.
    2. Clearness and accuracy of the recipes (exactness of measurements, blending and mixing instructions, ingredient list in order of usage, correct temperature and cooking time where needed).
    3. Serving suggestions and other ideas on entry blank. Original ideas for serving and other ideas given on entry blank will receive consideration.
    4. Enhancement of recipe by use of dairy products - Use of pasteurized milk and dairy foods (eggs, margarine, nondairy creamers, and nondairy whipped toppings are **NOT** dairy foods). Look for the "**Real**" seal on dairy packages. The "**Real**" seal is your assurance of a real dairy food.
    5. Degree of Difficulty and Creativity - Technique and creativity involved in production of dish.
  - B. The top four entries in each category will prepare and serve the recipes at the State Contest, **July 24, 2025**, in Little Rock. The contestant must follow the recipe entered in the contest. Each cook-off contestant is responsible for the ingredients and equipment necessary for preparing and serving the recipe, except major appliances, which will be provided.
  - C. Judging will be done by a panel in accordance with these rules.
  - D. The top four entries in each category will be announced on or about June 30, 2025. Finalists will be notified of the place and time of the state cook-off.

**Prizes Will be Awarded as Follows:**

**Party Ideas**

First Place.....\$150  
Second Place.....\$125  
Third Place.....\$100  
Fourth Place.....\$75

**Main Dish**

First Place..... \$150  
Second Place..... \$125  
Third Place..... \$100  
Fourth Place..... \$75

***All recipes and entries become the property of Arkansas Farm Bureau and may be used by them in any manner. The decision of the judges is final.***



# Arkansas Dairy Foods Score Sheet

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Taste Comparison: \_\_\_\_\_

| Scoring Points                                     | Possible Score | Score |
|--|----------------|-------|
| Ready Availability of Ingredients                  | 10             |       |
| Clearness and Accuracy of Recipe                   | 10             |       |
| Neatness & Tidiness of Work Area                   | 10             |       |
| Correct Preparation & Craftsmanship                | 10             |       |
| Presentation & Layout of Dish                      | 10             |       |
| Taste  | 10             |       |
| Serving Suggestions and Other Ideas on Entry Blank | 10             |       |
| Enhancement of Recipe by Use of Dairy Products     | 20             |       |
| Degree of Difficulty & Creativity                  | 10             |       |
| Total Score  | 100            |       |
| Bonus: Serving Technique                           | 5              |       |

**General Comments:**



# For County Dairy Foods Contest Prizes

Please mail or email this page to:

Jake Cartwright  
Dairy Foods Contest  
Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation  
P. O. Box 31  
Little Rock, AR 72203

**Voice:** (501) 228-1475

**Email:** [jake.cartwright@arfb.com](mailto:jake.cartwright@arfb.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my county will conduct a Dairy Foods Contest!  
Please send two county prizes.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIP Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_