

2025
ARKANSAS DAIRY FOODS
CONTEST





Arkansas Dairy Foods Contest

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

The 68th 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 4th through 12th 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 20, 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

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 68th 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	Main Dish
First Place.....\$150	First Place \$150
Second Place.....\$125	Second Place \$125
Third Place.....\$100	Third Place..... \$100
Fourth Place.....\$75	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

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

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

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **County:** _____

ZIP Code: _____ **Signature:** _____