

4-H BROILER BBQ ACTIVITIES DISTRICT AND STATE

Each year, four District Broiler BBQ Activities are held prior to the state contest that is held in June at the Annual Poultry Festival. The District activities are held at Batesville, Fayetteville, Little Rock and Arkadelphia.

Each county may register prior to the event and send five 4-H participants (Any combination of Juniors or Seniors) to any one of the four District competitions. Three winners (one Junior and two Seniors) will be selected at the District level to compete in the state contest held at the Annual Poultry Festival. All contestants from a county must participate at the same District activity.

Any 4-H'er who has previously been a first-place (Senior) winner at the state contest is not eligible for participation in any future District or State 4-H Broiler BBQ competition.

Specific details and information on County qualifications may be obtained through the county extension or state office.

At both District and State levels of competition, 4-H'ers will BBQ two broiler halves and turn in the one of their choice for judging competition. Broiler halves for competition weighing approximately 1½ pounds each will be provided at the District and State activities. Contestants are allowed 1 hour and 30 minutes cooking time. One point for each 5 minutes over the allowed time will be deducted. There is a 30-minute time limit to obtaining your poultry product once the grills are allowed to be lit. 4-H'ers should bring their own grills, sauce, charcoal and starter to the District activities, along with other necessary barbecuing items. The same applies to the State activities; however, grills are provided, and 4-H'ers need bring only the other items mentioned above.

These activities are sponsored by The Poultry Federation, among other members of the allied industry. Ribbons and prize money are provided to each contestant participating in District competition. Each District winner and a chaperon are provided lodging and a festival ticket to participate in The Poultry Federation activities at the Annual Poultry Festival. State contestants also receive a BBQ grill. State winners will receive plaques and a monetary award.

The State Senior winner will represent Arkansas at the National contest held during November at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference held in Louisville, Ky.