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Farm Bureau Cookout Contest – **Saturday, July 15, 2017**

Sponsored by Monona County Farm Bureau and Monona County Cattlemen

An outdoor cooking contest designed to promote Iowa meat is being planned by the Monona County Farm Bureau. Contest chairman Sharyl Bruning says that you **don't have to be an expert chef to participate; you just need to enjoy cooking outdoors with quality Iowa meat.**

Farm Bureau's cookout contest is open to any Iowa resident age 13 years or older. Farm Bureau or affiliated company employees are not eligible.

Contestants can compete in one of the following four categories: beef, pork, poultry/turkey and combo/specialty. Combo is a recipe combining two or more meats from the eligible meat categories. Specialty includes IOWA domestically raised meats including venison, goat, and fish etc. excluding wild game.

There will also be a **People's Choice** category: Entrants MAY choose to use the same meat recipe or a different one for this category.

An overall Cookout Champion will be named, and awards will also be given to winners in each cooking category. The Cookout Champion, along with all first place category winners will have the chance to compete in the state finals at the Iowa State Fair on August 15, 2017.

The county contest will be held on **Saturday, July 15 at the Monona County Fairgrounds** (*in conjunction with the annual county fair*). On Saturday July 15th contestants should go to the Monona County Fair Board Office, on the Fairgrounds, in Onawa, to determine cookout location. Grillers may check in and begin any time after 6:00 am. Judging begins at 1:30 pm. Fan tasting and the 'People's Choice' voting begins at 2:00 pm. Awards will be given at 2:30 pm in the 4-H Exhibit Building.

Please register by Friday, July 7, 2017 by calling Chrystina at the Monona County Farm Bureau Office at: 712-423-2742 or by emailing Chrystina.Thoreson@ifbf.org . Include your name, phone number, and meat category(s). Rules, forms, and food safety information may be found at <http://www.mononacountyfair.com>