

Arkansas's Best Burger Contest Official Rules

The Arkansas Beef Council is proud to announce the inaugural Arkansas's Best Burger Contest to promote 100% beef burgers prepared in Arkansas restaurants.

Anyone may nominate a hamburger from an Arkansas restaurant online at www.arkansasbeef.org. Nominations can be made once per day from individual emails. Click on "Best Burger Contest". Follow the on-screen directions to submit your nomination.

Official Rules

1. Nominations will be accepted online between Sunday, September 1, 2024 at 12:01 a.m. and Tuesday, September 30, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.
2. To qualify as a hamburger, the burger must be 100% beef. Other ingredients may be added to the patty (such as spices, vegetables, etc.).
3. All burgers must be composed of a formed ground beef patty/patties served on a bun or other bread product. Burgers may include any combination of condiments, sauces, cheeses, and toppings. Every component of the burger must be placed between the bun or bread pieces or served open-faced on a bread product.
4. Burgers must be available on the nominated restaurant's regular menu; burger may also be included on the special's menu. The winning burger must remain on the menu for the following calendar year.
5. Nominated restaurants must be open for business by the beginning of the nomination period, September 1, 2024, and must be open year-round.
6. The top two burgers, by number of nominations, will be selected and honored as finalists from each of the five regions within the state.
7. For restaurants with multiple locations, nominations will be counted separately for each location, not as a combined total.
8. The sponsor, Arkansas Beef Council, retains the discretion to make all decisions regarding the interpretation of these Official Rules. All decisions of the sponsor are final.

Judging Criteria

Selection of the 2024 Arkansas's Best Burger will be conducted by an **anonymous** judging panel in October. **Judges will not announce their presence at your restaurant or request a free meal.** The decision of the judges is final.

The judging panel will use the following guidelines for judging the top 10 burger nominations:

- Taste (of burger patty) – 50%
- Appearance and presentation – 30%
- Proper cooking / cooked as ordered – 10%
- Overall – 10%

Selection of Winner

Top 10 finalists will be announced on October 11, 2024, and the winner of the inaugural Arkansas's Best Burger Contest will be announced by October 31, 2024! The winner will receive the 2024 Arkansas's Best Burger award.

Contest Regions



Region 1:

Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Conway, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Pope, Scott, Searcy, Sebastian, Van Buren, Washington, Yell Counties.

Region 2:

Clay, Cleburne, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Fulton, Greene, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, Randolph, Sharp, Stone, White, Woodruff Counties.

Region 3:

Calhoun, Clark, Columbia, Dallas, Garland, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Sevier, Union Counties.

Region 4:

Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, Lee, Lincoln, Monroe, Phillips, Prairie, St. Francis Counties.

Region 5:

Faulkner, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, Saline Counties.