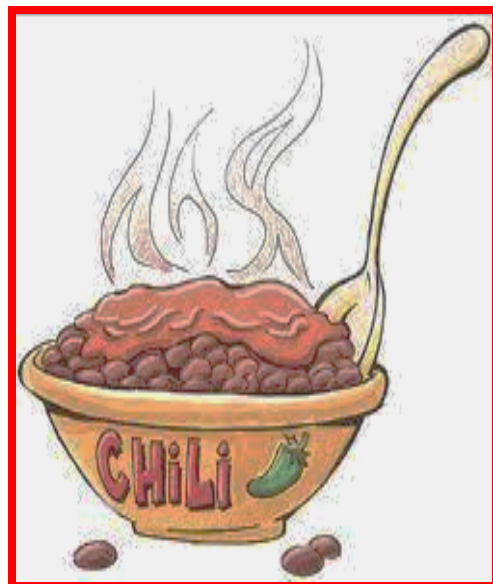


23rd Annual Chili Cook Off

Sunday, August 23, 2026
12 PM - 5 PM

Deadline for Entry is Wed. August 19th



Entry Fee: Chili Competition \$20

Categories and Prizes:

1st place Best Overall-\$200 and traveling trophy

2nd place - \$100

3rd place - \$50

People's Choice - \$75

Showmanship - \$50

Hottest - \$25

Schedule:

10:00 am-12:00 pm	Set up
12:00 pm	Cooking may begin
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Showmanship judging
3:45 pm	Turn in chili for judging
4:00 pm	Judging and clean-up
5:00 pm	Winners announced

Fairbury Fair Chili Cook-off Rules

1. Competition is limited to the first 12 entries received.
2. Chili contest may be entered by individuals or a team of people.
3. Competition is open to anyone.
4. Chili must be prepared from scratch (no commercial chili mixes).
5. Chili must be cooked on site the day of the cook-off. NO precooked meat or ingredients.
6. Chili may be prepared with beans or without beans.
7. Chili must be prepared in a sanitary container.
8. You must be willing to taste your own chili.
9. Chili must be prepared in the open. (Not in motor homes or enclosed areas.)
10. To be eligible for the People's Choice prize, contestants must provide an extra TWO gallons.
11. Each head cook must bring their tasting cup to the judges by the designated time of judging.
12. Bring your own drop cords and power plugs for electricity. (See additional electricity information section)
13. Each contestant/team is limited to one electrical appliance plugged in at a time.

Judging Criteria for Chili:

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| 1. Aroma | 2. Taste | 3. Aftertaste | 4. Consistency |
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Showmanship Rules:

1. All above rules apply.
2. Must enter the chili cook off competition.
3. Must enter showmanship on entry form. (NO entry fee)
4. Must have a sign identifying your chili team name.
5. Teams/individuals may not use nudity, profanity, firearms, explosives or pyrotechnics in their shows.
6. If you use music, you must provide your own player.
7. Team/individual activities may not interfere with other contestants.
8. Showmanship will be judged at a specific time during the competition.
9. Bring your own drop cords and power supplies if needed.
10. Teams/individuals will be judged both at their cooksites and while traveling around the cookoff, if applicable, during the judging period.

Judging Criteria for Showmanship:

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| 1. Theme | 2. Costume | 3. Booth set-up | 4. Action | 5. Audience Appeal |
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What to Bring:

1. Cooking stove or fuel-grills or coleman-type stoves. Burning anything on the ground will not be allowed.
2. All of your utensils you will need for preparation: pots, cutting boards, a knife, water, coolers for meats, paper towels, spoons, can opener, matches, etc.
3. All of your ingredients (NONE precooked)
4. Table and chairs for cooking and sitting. You will have a space 10'x10' for your cooking and showmanship.
5. If you are competing in showmanship, bring all of your props, costumes, etc.
6. **IMPORTANT TO NOTE!** Parking by the competition is not available. You will be able to park outside of the west gate (1st street gate). You may drive in the gate and unload, then take your vehicle back outside of the gate.
7. Drop cord if you want to plug into electricity. (See additional electricity information)

Additional Electricity Information

-Each entry will be allowed to have ONE 20 amp 120 volt circuit that will be available along the outside of the competition tent.

-All drop cords need to be in good condition, 3 wire/grounded style and nothing over 50 foot in length will be allowed to be used.

-We prefer cords to be no smaller than 16 gauge and if participants will have a larger load like a roaster, then 14 gauge cord would be suggested.

2026 Annual Fairbury Fair Chili Cook-off Entry Form

Competition is limited to the first 12 entries received.

_____ **Chili Competition** \$20

_____ **Showmanship** (NO entry fee)

Name of Team or Individual

Team Captain

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ **Email** _____

Team Members

There is electricity available on a limited basis to the North of the contest. If you wish to use it, you must bring all of your own cords and power supplies. You may only have one major electrical appliance running in your area at a time. **SEE RULES**

**ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY
5:00 PM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026**

Please fill out the form and mail with check to:

Fairbury Fair
% Chili Cook off

P.O. Box 74
Fairbury, Illinois 61739

RULES, TIMES & PRIZES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please consult the website at :

www.thefairburyfair.com
Any changes will be made by Aug 19th, 2026

OR

Drop off at the fair office NO LATER than August 20th