

**PROCESSED MEATS CHAMPIONSHIPS
2009 RULES
OKLAHOMA-TEXAS MEAT PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION**

ELIGIBILITY - Competition is open to all meat/food processors who are current (dues paid) members of the Oklahoma-Texas Meat Processors Association.

CLASSES OF ENTRIES:

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| A. Bone-in Hams | J. Fresh Sausage (other than pork breakfast sausage) |
| B. Boneless Hams | K. Jerky - Whole Muscle |
| C. Slab Bacon | L. Meat Snack Sticks |
| D. Specialty Bacon or Arkansas Bacon | M. Smoked Turkey |
| E. Summer Sausage | N. BBQ Ribs |
| F. Large Diameter Luncheon Meat | O. BBQ Beef |
| G. Smoked Sausage Links and Rings | P. BBQ Chicken |
| H. Smoked Hot Links | Q. BBQ Specialties |
| I. Fresh Pork Breakfast Sausage | R. BBQ Sauce |

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS - a.) Each member firm is limited to one production item entry in each class with the exception of Class G. b.) If your firm has more than one production location, you are limited to one production item entry per production location. c.) All entries must be manufactured in the plant of the entrant, must be entered whole, and their dues in the association must be current. d.) It is the exhibitor's responsibility to specify on the entry blank the category to which their entry belongs. e.) *If a class fails to show at least five entries for two consecutive years, the awards for those classes will only be Grand & Reserve champions.*

REMOVAL OF IDENTIFYING MARKS -Exhibitors are required to remove all identification marks branded or stamped on entries; any such marks found on any entry will be removed by the committee.

STANDARDS OF EVALUATION - Since judges change from year to year and there are differences of opinion as to the characteristics of the ideal or average product, OTMPA entries will be judged according to the following standards:

A. **BONE-IN HAMS.** This class consists of bone-in hams pumped and/or massaged with a curing solution, and requiring refrigeration.

Judging Criteria:

- External appearance before cutting..... 100 points
- Internal appearance and texture after cutting..... 100 points
- Texture of cut surface..... 100 points
- Inside color..... 150 points
- Aroma after cutting..... 150 points
- Flavor..... 400 points

B. **BONELESS HAMS.** This class consists of boneless hams made from whole muscle or sectioned and formed hams manufactured from chunked pieces no larger than 2" or ground or emulsified pieces of ham muscle. Hams may be shaped, formed or pressed. Incorporating of curing ingredients must be by either injection or massaging (tumbling). This product must contain the correct amount of restricted ingredients according to the FSIS Directive 7620.3. This product must be entered whole and shall not be cut nor sliced, minimum of 5 lbs.

Judging Criteria:

- External appearance before cutting..... 100 points
- Internal appearance and texture after cutting..... 100 points
- Texture of cut surface..... 100 points
- Inside color..... 150 points
- Aroma after cutting..... 150 points
- Flavor..... 400 points

C. **SLAB BACON.** Bacon shall be whole, not cut or sliced. It shall be of standard approved trim with skin on or off, and can be cured by any accepted method.

Judging Criteria:

- External appearance before cutting..... 100 points
- Appearance of cut surface fat to lean..... 100 points
- Texture of cut surface..... 100 points
- Inside color..... 150 points
- Aroma after cutting..... 150 points
- Flavor..... 400 points

D. **SPECIALTY BACON OR ARKANSAS BACON.** Bacon shall be whole muscle, not cut or sliced. It shall be of standard approved trim with skin off and be cured by any accepted method under regulation.

Judging Criteria:

External appearance before cutting..... 100 points
Appearance of cut surface fat to lean..... 100 points
Texture of cut surface..... 100 points
Inside color..... 150 points
Aroma after cutting..... 150 points
Flavor 400 points

E. **SUMMER SAUSAGE.** Product may be encased in colored casings. Sausage must be whole, not cut or sliced. Product shall have been cooked to a temperature of not less than 135 degrees Fahrenheit and shall have been subjected to one of the methods of eliminating trichina specified in section 318.10 of the Federal Meat Inspection Regulations.

Judging Criteria:

External Appearance: uniformity of color.....75 points
uniformity of shape.....75 points
lack of defects100 points
Internal Appearance: uniformity of texture.....50 points
uniformity of color.....75 points
fat to lean ratio50 points
lack of defects100 points
Edibility: aroma75 points
texture/mouthfeel100 points
flavor300 points

F. **LARGE DIAMETER LUNCHEON MEAT.** To be eligible for this class, large diameter luncheon meat may be coarse ground, fine ground, emulsified or a combination of particle sizes. This product cannot be a summer sausage in a large diameter casing. This product must contain the correct amount of restricted ingredients (i.e. sodium nitrite (or other curing agents), sodium erythorbate (or other cure accelerators), phosphate, binders and extenders) according to the FSIS Directive 7120.1. Product may be encased in clear or colored casings, and the casings must be at least 4 inches in diameter. Sausages must be whole, not cut or sliced. Product shall have been cooked to a temperature of not less than 135 degrees Fahrenheit and shall have been subjected to one of the methods of eliminating trichina specified in section 318.10 of the Federal Meat Inspection Regulations.

Judging Criteria:

External Appearance: uniformity of color.....75 points
uniformity of shape.....75 points
lack of defects100 points
Internal Appearance: uniformity of texture.....50 points
uniformity of color.....75 points

fat to lean ratio50 points
lack of defects100 points
Edibility: aroma75 points
texture/mouthfeel100 points
flavor300 points

G. **SMOKED SAUSAGE LINKS AND RINGS.** To be eligible, sausages must be cooked to a temperature of not less than 135 degrees Fahrenheit and shall have been subjected to one of the methods of eliminating trichinae specified in section 318.10 of the Federal Meat Inspection Regulations. Each entrant may enter one link entry and one ring entry.

Judging Criteria:

External Appearance: uniformity of color.....75 points
uniformity of shape.....75 points
lack of defects100 points
Internal Appearance: uniformity of texture.....50 points
uniformity of color.....75 points
fat to lean ratio50 points
lack of defects100 points
Edibility: aroma75 points
texture/mouthfeel100 points
flavor300 points

H. **SMOKED HOT LINKS.** Sausages must be cooked to a temperature of not less than 135 degrees Fahrenheit, and shall have been subjected to one of the methods of eliminating trichinae specified in section 318.10 of the Federal Meat Inspection Regulations. Product may be entered in clear or colored casings.

Judging Criteria:

External Appearance: uniformity of color..... 75 points
uniformity of shape..... 75 points
lack of defects 100 points
Internal Appearance: uniformity of texture..... 50 points
uniformity of color..... 75 points
fat to lean ratio 50 points
lack of defects 100 points
Edibility: aroma 75 points
texture/mouthfeel 100 points
flavor 300 points

I. **FRESH PORK BREAKFAST SAUSAGE.** Can be submitted in bulk, patties, or stuffed in casings not over 24 mm in diameter.

Judging Criteria:

Sausage before cooking: texture 100 points
ratio of fat to lean..... 100 points

Sausage after cooking:	color	100 points
	dimensional changes	75 points
	aroma	75 points
	flavor	350 points
	pleasant aftertaste	200 points

J. **FRESH SAUSAGE (other than pork breakfast sausage).** This product can be in bulk or stuffed in casings 28mm or larger.

Judging Criteria:

Sausage before cooking:	texture	100 points
	ratio of fat to lean	100 points
	color	100 points

Sausage after cooking:	dimensional changes	75 points
	aroma	75 points
	flavor	350 points
	pleasant aftertaste	200 points

K. **BEEF JERKY - WHOLE MUSCLE.** Jerky must be formed from whole muscle meat. It may not be ground and formed. TOTAL ENTERED PRODUCT WEIGHT SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 1/4 POUND. Product may be seasoned according to the discretion of the entrant. Jerky must be processed so that it does not require refrigeration and may be eaten without further processing.

Judging Criteria:

Appearance:	uniformity	300 points
	color	150 points
Edibility:	aroma	75 points
	texture/mouthfeel	200 points
	flavor	200 points
	pleasant aftertaste	75 points

L. **MEAT SNACK STICKS.** To be eligible for this class, the product must consist of beef, pork, buffalo, or any combination of the three. Product is to be manufactured in a casing, and is to be processed so it does not require refrigeration and is ready to eat without further processing.

Judging Criteria:

Appearance:	uniformity	300 points
	color	150 points
Edibility:	aroma	75 points
	texture/mouthfeel	200 points
	flavor	200 points
	pleasant aftertaste	75 points

M. **SMOKED TURKEY.** To be eligible for this class, turkey shall be brine cured by any approved method, smoked, and fully cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit and must be whole and may not be boneless.

Judging Criteria:

External Appearance:	general overall appearance	200 points
Internal Color:	white meat	75 points
	dark meat	75 points
Texture/Cut Surface:	white meat	50 points
	dark meat	50 points
Palatability/Flavor:	white meat	200 points
	dark meat	200 points
	aroma	150 points

N. **BBQ RIBS.** To be eligible for this class, ribs must be pork, whole slab, or whole baby back slab. The ribs must be fully cooked. Seasoning is at the discretion of the entrant.

Judging Criteria:

General Appearance:	.....	200 points
Aroma:	.....	100 points
Flavor:	.....	300 points
Pleasant Aftertaste:	.....	200 points
Lack of Defects:	.....	50 points
Tenderness	.....	150 points

O. **BBQ BEEF - WHOLE MUSCLE.** To be eligible for this class, beef must be cooked according to Appendix A of the USDA-FSIS Lethality Standards. Entries must consist of whole muscle meat (brisket, rounds, insides, goosenecks, etc.) No cut beef will be accepted. Seasonings are left to the discretion of the entrant.

Judging Criteria:

General Appearance:	.....	200 points
Aroma:	.....	100 points
Flavor:	.....	300 points
Pleasant Aftertaste:	.....	200 points
Lack of Defects:	.....	50 points
Tenderness:	.....	150 points

P. **BBQ CHICKEN.** To be eligible for this class, chicken must be uncured and cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit . Entrants may be whole chicken, half chicken, whole breast, or boneless breast. Chicken, cut after cooking, will not be accepted. Seasonings are left to the discretion of the entrant.

Judging Criteria:

General Appearance:200 points
Aroma:100 points
Flavor:300 points
Pleasant Aftertaste:.....200 points
Lack of Defects:50 points
Tenderness:150 points

Q. **BBQ SPECIALTIES.** This class is open for any BBQ item that is not eligible in classes N, O, or P. Examples would be products such as chopped pork or beef BBQ sandwich meat. BBQ ham, pork, loin, turkey, lamb, goat, etc. This class is for new marketing concepts, experimentation, and FUN.

Judging Criteria:

General Appearance:200 points
Aroma:100 points
Flavor:300 points
Pleasant Aftertaste:.....100 points
Lack of Defects:50 points
Tenderness:150 points
Uniqueness of Product:100 points

R. **BBQ SAUCE.** To be eligible for this class, entrant must submit a minimum of one pint of sauce. Sauce must be original, and completely manufactured at plant of the entrant.

Judging Criteria:

General Appearance:200 points
Aroma:250 points
Flavor:250 points
Pleasant After-Taste:250 points
Lack of Defects: 50 points

JUDGES - Entries will be judged by judges selected by the Contest Superintendent.

WINNERS - Entries scoring the highest number of points in each class shall be declared the Grand Champion. The next highest number of points will be declared Reserve Grand Champion. Entries scoring the third highest point total will be declared Champion. Plaques will be awarded to those three entries.

REGISTRATION - Each cured meat product shall be registered by filling out a separate registration form. The registration will be handled exclusively by OTMPA Board members or assisting personnel, and shall not be performed by any of the judges.

A registration fee of \$8.00 shall be paid for each registered meat product entry.

REFRIGERATION - The product show committee will arrange for product refrigeration space for all entries.

DISPLAY - Products will be displayed for all who attend the convention for their own evaluation. Individual product score sheets will be returned to the exhibitor for their records.

CHECK-IN of ENTRIES - Friday, May 29, 2009, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. at FAPC
Saturday, May 30, 2009, 7 a.m.-8 a.m. at FAPC if prior arrangements have been made with Jake Nelson