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### **SD State Fair to Host Chili Challenge and Pork Butt Battle**

HURON, S.D. – The South Dakota State Fair is seeking entries for the Jack’s Campers Chili Challenge and the Pork Butt Battle sponsored by Advanced BioEnergy and South Dakota Pork Producers.

The Jack’s Campers Chili Challenge takes place Friday, Sept. 1, at Horticulture Park. Cooking begins at 8 a.m. with the people’s choice tasting and judging beginning at 1 p.m. The first place team will receive \$225, with \$150 going to second place and \$75 for third place. People’s choice winner will receive \$50. Participants come from all over to compete for the title of best chili.

The Pork Butt Battle, sponsored by South Dakota Pork Producers and Advanced BioEnergy, will also take place Friday, Sept. 1. Cooking begins at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31. Competitors will cook through the night and the following morning. The people’s choice tasting and judging will take place at 3 p.m. on Friday. Top prize is \$500, with \$225 for second place and \$125 for third place. The people’s choice winner will receive \$100. All winners will receive a trophy.

“These two cook offs are part of the many special events that the State Fair has. The fair offers a fun, competitive, atmosphere and provides added value to fairgoers because the people’s choice judging is open and free to all fairgoers,” said Peggy Besch, State Fair manager.

Rules and entry forms for both cook offs can be found on the South Dakota State Fair website, [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com), under the Special Events section.

The 2017 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 31, through Monday, Sept. 4. Channel Seeds preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 30. This year’s theme is “Seriously Twisted Fun.” For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit <http://www.sdstatefair.com> or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

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