

Minnesota State Fair Processed Meats Championship

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The contest will be held Wednesday, August 20th, 2025 (the day before the first day of the Minnesota State Fair) at the Andrew Boss Laboratory of Meat Science. Categories will be snack sticks, cooked summer sausage, bacon, and cooked & smoked pork. All MAMP processors are eligible to enter one product in each category. Each product category will be evaluated by a panel of judges consisting of academic and industry professionals. Within each of the four categories, the top four placed entries will receive Minnesota State Fair ribbon rosettes and will then be displayed at the MAMP booth at the Minnesota State Fair for the entire duration of the fair. In addition to the category awards for each product within the four categories, a Best in Show Award will be determined by the judges from the top products in each category. No additional registration is required to be eligible for Best in Show. Each product will be judged against the standard for its category. For the product chosen, an additional Best in Show ribbon will also be awarded and displayed with the product at the State Fair booth.

All entries to participate in the contest MUST be received by the Andrew Boss Laboratory of Meat Science by 11:00 am on Wednesday, August 20th, 2025 to be eligible for consideration of evaluation and award. Entries may reach the laboratory by hand delivery, shipment or by way of designated drop-off location. All entries must be accompanied by registration form (please see attached entry form) as well as entry fee of \$20 per entry. Winners will be notified immediately after the contest.

Product Drop-Off on Wednesday, August 20th will be from 8am to 11am at the Andrew Boss Lab of Meat Science (1354 Eckles Ave, Room 36, St. Paul, MN 55108).

Cooked Summer Sausage

Must be fully cooked (Refer to USDA/FSIS Appendix A). Entries must be a whole stick, not cut or sliced. Entries may consist of beef, pork, buffalo, lamb, veal, poultry, or any combination of these. No colored or printed casings allowed.

Snack Sticks

May consist of beef, pork, bison, lamb, veal, or poultry. Skinless, clear or colored casings allowed. Product must be fully cooked, (Refer to USDA/FSIS Appendix A). Traditional products allowed (no cheese, fruit, vegetable inclusions). Entry must include 6 links.

Slab Bacon

Must be standard approved trim, skin on or off, not cut or sliced and weigh a minimum of 7lbs.

2025 Rotating Category: Cooked & Smoked Pork

Open to fully cooked whole muscle pork products (Refer to USDA/FSIS Appendix A). Examples are Canadian Bacon, Smoked Pork Loin, Cottage Butt, etc. No ground, chunked, formed, glazed or seasoned products are allowed. Entries must not be cut after cooking and smoking. Pork bellies are not allowed.

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Name(s) _____ Business Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Snack Sticks Summer Sausage Bacon Cooked & Smoked Pork

Total for Check Enclosed \$ _____ (Please Make Checks Payable to the University of Minnesota)

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