



## Foothills Smoke-Off Challenge 2026

The Caldwell County Agricultural Fairgrounds is excited to announce that it will be hosting a Kansas City Barbecue Society sanctioned competition, "Foothills Smoke-Off Challenge" October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This is the only KCBS event being held in Caldwell County. KCBS sanctions barbecue and grilling competitions across the US and promotes barbecue as America's cuisine. KCBS has an extensive certified barbecue judging program and is the largest society of barbecue enthusiasts in the world with over 20,000 members worldwide.

The "Foothills Smoke-Off Challenge" will consist of up to 36 competitors from all over the southeast region of the United States. Our goal is to promote not only the Caldwell Agricultural Fairgrounds, but Lenoir and Caldwell County as a great place to spend a weekend and enjoy some great tasting barbecue. The event will be a Master Series Sanctioned Contest that requires each team to cook 4 types of meat (Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork Butt, and Brisket).

The public is invited to come and join in on the fun as we will have vendors and +other activities for a fun-filled event. Make plans now to bring the entire family and attend.

