



"SALSA SHOWDOWN" SALSA CHALLENGE

Each day of the N.C. State Fair presents a new cooking challenge for our contestants who dream up their own recipes, prepare them at home and bring them to the N.C. State Fair for critique by a panel of judges...but only one can take home the coveted blue ribbon.

Sweet, Mild, Spicy or Hot let's see what you got! We are looking for your best fresh salsa. Be sure to bring the dipping tool (chips, bread, baggetts) that will help set your salsa apart.

Entry Deadline:

Monday, September 15, 2025

Cash Prizes

1st Prize: \$500

2nd Prize: \$300

3rd Prize: \$200

Home Chef Challenge is held in the Dorton Arena North Lobby. Check-in at contest site at least 30 minutes prior to contest start time. Each contestant will receive a Parking Pass for Lot C off Trinity Rd. at Carter-Finley Stadium. There is a free shuttle service to the fairgrounds. You will want to get off the shuttle at the second stop (Gate 3) which is the closest stop to the competition.



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11 a.m. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25