



PITMASTER OF THE YEAR

In 2015, Pitmaster of the Year was established. The Pitmaster of the Year will be awarded to the chief cook who accumulates the most points during the Whole Hog Barbecue season.

Points will be awarded to cooks for participating in and winning sanctioned N.C. Pork Council competitions.

Whole hog barbecue cooks will earn 100 points for every competition they participate in, and even more points for finishing in the top three.

Points awarded for top finishes will increase, based on the size and importance of the competition.

Contests with less than 20 entries:

1 st Place	300 Points
2 nd Place	200 Points
3 rd Place	100 Points

Contests with 20-34 entries:

1 st Place	400 Points
2 nd Place	300 Points
3 rd Place	200 Points

Contests with 35 or more entries:

1 st Place	500 Points
2 nd Place	400 Points
3 rd Place	300 Points

Whole Hog Barbecue Championship:

1 st Place	600 Points
2 nd Place	500 Points
3 rd Place	400 Points

The chief cook with the *largest number of points* at the end of the year will be named Pitmaster of the Year.

The Pitmaster of the Year will be presented at the first cookoff of the year..

If you have questions about the Pitmaster of the Year, please contact Brownie Futrell at futrellbrownie@gmail.com.



Q & A

Q: Will this replace the Whole Hog Barbecue Champion and Championship?

A: *Absolutely not! As a matter of fact, we believe this will enhance the Championship by awarding additional points for placing or winning at the Championship.*

Q: What contests are included in the series?

A: *A contest must be sanctioned by the NC Pork Council to be part of the series. They must also be an open-entry event and not a private cookoff. However, because of available space, fire marshal requirements and other factors, a contest is allowed to limit the number of entries they will allow.*

Q: How does someone earn the 100 participation points?

A: *This is as simple as it sounds: Enter the contest, pay all required fees and present a hog for judging. That will earn you 100 points.*

Q: How did you determine the points system?

A: *The goal was to benefit both small and large competitions. We want to encourage participation in smaller events, but recognize the added competitiveness at contests with more cooks. Also, please note, when a contest has more than one division, we define the number of entries as those that are entered in the professional/competition division, not the amateur/backyard division.*

Q: Why have a "Pitmaster of the Year?"

A: *In reality, a cook could participate in two contests and be the Champion; a qualifying contest and the Championship. That would be an amazing feat worthy of Champion title. The Pitmaster of the Year though, recognizes those cooks with sustained excellence over the calendar year for their participation and success.*

Also, in 2014 we rebranded the championship as the Whole Hog Barbecue Championship as part of the Whole Hog Barbecue Series. The Pitmaster of the Year will create a true "series" consistent with that branding.