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Call for BBQ Entries- Deadline August 27, 2009

Salem, Ore., August 26, 2009 - Is the secret in the spices, the sauce or the smoke?

Foster Farms is giving amateur backyard grillers the chance to "strut their stuff" during the Foster Farm's Big Cluck Grill-Off, scheduled for September 10, 2009 at Harney County Fair. Grilling teams will be provided with Foster Farms chicken for grilling, team gifts, and great prizes. 1st place prize is a Traeger Lil Tex Wood Pellet Grill and ribbon; second place prize is a Kershaw Knife Set and a ribbon and third place prize is a grill accessory kit and a ribbon!

Painted Hills Beef is providing amateur backyard grillers an opportunity to show off their skills during the 2nd annual Painted Hills Beef Backyard Grill-Off scheduled for September 9, 2009 at Harney County Fair. Grilling teams will be provided with Painted Hills Natural Beef for grilling, team gifts, and great prizes. 1st place prize is a Traeger Lil Tex Wood Pellet Grill and ribbon; second place prize is a Kershaw Knife Set and a ribbon and third place prize is a grill accessory kit and a ribbon!

The deadline for applications for Foster Farm's Big Cluck Grill-Off and Painted Hill's Beef Backyard Grill-Off is August 27. Time is running out so hurry and sign up for a competition by going to the Oregon State Fair website: www.oregonstatefair.org for official rules and registration form.

2009 OREGON STATE FAIR DATES:

August 28 to September 7, 2008 (Labor Day)

LOCATION:

Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem

HOURS:

Sundays-Thursdays: 10 AM-10 PM

Fridays and Saturdays: 10 AM-11 PM

About the 2009 Oregon State Fair

With more than 9,000 things to do, see and taste, the 2009 Oregon State Fair is too big to miss. It truly has something for everybody, with events and activities that are classic and cutting-edge, wholesome and hip, rockin' and refined, and uniquely Oregon. The Fair is also Oregon's big birthday bash and the culmination of the nine-month long sesquicentennial celebration. More than 365,000 people attended last year's Fair, turning the fairgrounds into the fourth largest city in Oregon for eleven days.

To find out more about Oregon State Fair events too big to miss, visit www.oregonstatefair.org.

About Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department manages more than 200 state parks and the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center, plus programs for Oregon's ocean shores, scenic waterways, the Willamette River Greenway and recreation trails. The department provides grants to local governments, and oversees state heritage preservation efforts through the State Historic Preservation Office, Oregon Heritage Commission and Oregon Commission for Historic Cemeteries.

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