



All entries and product must be received by April 11, 2025

Winners will be announced at the ZestFest 2025 Awards Ceremony the evening of May 23, 2025. Winners not in attendance will be notified by Spicy Food Productions and awards will be shipped.

Please type or print carefully. Photocopies are acceptable.

Name of company as it should appear on award

Contact Person

Address (physical address for award shipment)

City State Zip Phone Fax

E-mail Web Address

Please fill out the following product category pages to submit your product names.

(Write the names of the products very carefully: No changes will be made once entry is accepted.)

The 28th Annual FIERY FOOD CHALLENGE winners will be listed on zestfest.net for one year with website links, and acknowledged in social media and email blasts throughout the year. In addition to Golden Chile and ribbon awards, winners receive 1,000 labels to place on awarded products to promote their achievements.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT – 10% OFF ENTRY FEE

Form MUST be received no later than March 7, 2025

Consumer Ready, Best New Product and Marketing categories

1 - 3 entries \$85 each
4 or more entries \$75 each

Cook-Off, Best New Product Cook-Off categories

1 - 3 entries \$85 each
4 or more entries \$75 each

of entries _____ x \$ _____ each = \$ _____ Total \$ less 10% discount = \$ _____

Total payment enclosed \$ _____ (payable to *Spicy Food Productions, LLC.*)

Sales Rep June DeRousse
june@zestfest.net **210-882-0952**

Check one: ___ Company Check ___ Visa ___ Master Card ___ Amex

Card Number Exp. Date Security Code

I hereby agree that I have read and understand the rules of the Fiery Food Challenge and agree to abide by the rules. I understand that all information provided above is accurate. I attest that the company and product names I have used are as they should appear on a potential award and in contest and press materials. The contest rules have been established for the best interest of all concerned. In the event of necessity, any rule may be altered at the discretion of *Spicy Food Productions*. All interpretation of rules and final decisions will rest with the judges. The decisions of the judges are final.

Signature – ENTRY FORM MUST BE SIGNED

Spicy Food Productions, LLC is not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen product. Winners agree to allow Spicy Food Productions to publish product name, image, and/or logo. The decisions of the judges are final. No entered product or company representative will be allowed at the blind-judging event.

***SUBMIT ALL ENTRY FORMS AND PAYMENTS TO: Spicy Food Productions, Attn: Greg Bagarozzy,**

21 Cimarron Road, Putnam Valley, NY. 10579. Or fax to (845) 528-1090.

MAIL PRODUCT SAMPLES TO: GEMS Warehouse, Attn: Tonya July, FFC, 12684 International Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75228

Include hard copy of entry form in shipping box. DO NOT SEND PAYMENT WITH PRODUCT.



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Categories / Subcategories

You may enter several products in each category. **Each product counts as one entry.** You may enter as many categories as you desire. The examples next to subcategories are provided as a guide of what may be entered in that specific subcategory. Please refer to rules for official eligibility requirements. Please print the name of your product beside the subcategory as you would want it printed on the award and return this sheet with your entry form, samples, and fee.

Each product may be entered into only One Category but may be entered in as many subcategories as it fits within category. The same product may be additionally entered in Best New Product and Best New Product Cook-Off and Marketing categories based upon eligibility. Each product entered counts as a separate entry.

The Fiery Food Challenge reserves the right to determine the eligibility of a product in a category / subcategory.

A copy of your canning license or Federal registration will be required upon entry into the contest. If your product is packaged by someone else, you must submit a copy of your manufacturer's license or registration. No "home packed" products may be entered. Labels must meet FDA guidelines.

Consumer Ready - Packaged for resale, ready to eat. *Three (3) samples per entry required.*

Barbecue Sauce – No Extracts of Capsicum

- Alcohol Infused _____
- Exotic _____
- Fruit Based _____
- Mustard Based _____
- Carolina Style (Vinegar Based) _____
- Mild _____
- Medium _____
- Hot _____
- X-Hot _____

Condiments – No Extracts of Capsicum

- Asian _____
- Exotic _____
- Jam/Jelly/Honey Mild/Medium _____
- Jam/Jelly/ Honey Hot/X-Hot _____
- Cocktail Sauce, Ketchup/Steak Sauce _____
- Latin (Taco, Chimichurri) _____
- Mustard Mild/Medium _____
- Mustard Hot/X-Hot _____
- Relish (Relish, Chow-chow, Chutney, Kimchi) _____
- Salad Dressing _____

Hot Sauce – No Extracts of Capsicum

- American Style Mild/Medium _____
- American Style Hot/X-Hot _____
- Asian Style Mild/Medium _____
- Asian Style Hot/X-Hot _____
- Caribbean Style Mild/Medium _____
- Caribbean Style Hot/X-Hot _____
- Chipotle Style Mild/Medium _____
- Chipotle Style Hot/X-Hot _____

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Exotic Mild/Medium _____
Exotic Hot/X-Hot _____
Fruit Based Mild/Medium _____
Fruit Based Hot/X-Hot _____
Latin Style Mild/Medium _____
Latin Style Hot/X-Hot _____
Pepper Blend Mild/Medium _____
Pepper Blend Hot/X-Hot _____
Spicy Sweet Sauce Mild/Medium _____
Spicy Sweet Sauce Hot/X-Hot _____
Ghost Pepper Sauce _____
Reaper Pepper Sauce _____
Trinidad Pepper Sauce _____
Mild _____
Medium _____
Hot _____
X-Hot _____
Ultra Hot _____

Salsa – No Extracts of Capsicum

Chipotle _____
Exotic _____
Fresh (samples ONLY received between May5-15) _____
Fruit _____
Verde/Tomatillo _____
Mild _____
Medium _____
Hot _____
X-Hot _____
Ultra Hot Pepper (Ghost, Scorpion, 7 Pot, Reaper) _____

Snack – No Extracts of Capsicum

Pickled Products (beans, cucumbers, peppers, etc.) _____
Salty Snack (chips, crackers, nuts, popcorn, pretzels, snack mix) _____
Zesty Sweets (spicy candy/chocolate/desserts) _____

Cook-Off Three (3) samples per entry required.

Food – No Extracts of Capsicum

Chili, Soup/Stew Mix (wet or dry) _____
Cooking Sauce (Asian, Italian, Mexican, comfort food) _____
Pasta Sauce _____
Dry Seasoning/Rub Beef _____
Hot/X-Hot _____
Dry Seasoning/Rub Fruit/Vegetable _____
Hot/X-Hot _____
Dry Seasoning/Rub Fowl _____
Hot/X-Hot _____
Dry Seasoning/Rub Pork _____
Hot/X-Hot _____
Dry Seasoning/Rub Seafood _____
Hot/X-Hot _____

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Marinade _____
Seasoned Salt _____
Table Seasoning _____

Wing Sauce

Wing Sauce Exotic _____
Wing Sauce Mild/Medium _____
Wing Sauce Hot/X-Hot _____

Beverage – No Extracts of Capsicum

Cocktail Mix (Bloody Mary, Margarita, etc.) _____
Other Prepared/Cocktail Mix _____
Beverage Enhancer _____

Best New Product *Marketed after January 1, 2025*

The Best New Product award is based on taste and a marketing statement provided by the contestant. The marketing statement should describe the product, but should not state the company or product name, or appear on company letterhead, as it will be judged as blind tasting. The marketing statement must be Fifty (50) words or less.

Consumer Ready Food – No Extracts of Capsicum *Three (3) samples per entry required.*

Best New Product Cook-Off *Marketed after January 1, 2025*

The Best New Product Cook-Off award is based on tasting and a marketing statement provided by the contestant. The marketing statement should describe the product, but should not state the company or product name, or appear on company letterhead, as it will be judged as blind tasting. The marketing statement must be Fifty (50) words or less.

Food/Beverage – No Extracts of Capsicum *Three (3) samples per entry required.*

Marketing *One (1) sample per entry required.*

One sample per entry is required. All labels and logos must be mounted on a white art board, no larger than 8.5”x11”, with the company name and entry category clearly printed on the back. Labels and logos provided on products will not be judged.

Packaging entries are entered as freestanding pieces. Samples in the marketing division will not be returned.

Label _____
Logo _____