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Ozark Restaurant Named Home to 2018 Bama's Best Burger

MONTGOMERY, AL— Our Place Diner in Ozark, Ala. has been named the winner of the 2018 Bama's Best Burger contest with its dish, the Big Bopper Burger. The contest is sponsored by the Alabama Cattlemen's Association and funded by the Alabama Beef Checkoff Program.

A burger patty topped with bacon, multiple types of cheese, fried-to-perfection onion rings and all the fixings, the Big Bopper Burger was stout competition for contest finalists. One contest judge, who wishes to remain anonymous, touted midway through judging, "Our Place is gonna be hard to beat."

The Bama's Best Burger contest began July 23 on the [Alabama Cattlemen's Association Facebook page](#) with a nominations round that earned over 500 burger nominations from restaurants across Alabama. The most-nominated burger from each of contest's eight regions moved on to compete in Facebook poll challenges that put competing regions head-to-head as fans voted for their favorite restaurant's burger.

Contest finalists were Bentley's (Hartselle) Cheeseburger; R & R Burgers (Springville) T-Rex Burger; Heards BBQ & Soul Food (Maplesville) Signature Burger and Our Place Diner's (Ozark) Big Bopper Burger.

Finalist restaurants were then visited anonymously by a panel of industry judges who secretly taste tested the burgers throughout the month of September.

"The Bama's Best Burger contest is a fun and unique way to highlight Alabama restaurants who are doing big things with beef," Alabama Cattlemen's Association President Jack Batts said.

"We are excited for Our Place Diner and its accomplishment and appreciate each restaurant that participated for the role they play in selling beef across Alabama."

Our Place Diner owners will receive a plaque presentation and media conference from the Alabama Cattlemen's Association, bragging rights for one year and an influx of customers looking to try Alabama's best burger. The announcement of the winning burger acts as the kickoff of October Beef Month in Alabama.

The Bama's Best Burger contest is sponsored by the Alabama Cattlemen's Association and the Alabama Beef Checkoff. For questions regarding the contest or the winner, contact Kayla Greer at kgreer@bamabeef.org or (334) 265-1867. For quotes, contact Tyler Wright at (334) 445-2777 or email at ourplace36360@gmail.com.

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The Alabama Cattlemen's Association is a service based non-profit organization founded in 1944 and headquartered on Capitol Hill in Montgomery. Producer and member driven, the ACA's mission is to enhance the business climate of the state's beef cattle industry, promoting a positive image while educating consumers that beef is a safe, wholesome and nutritious food product. The Association has county chapters in all 67 counties and represents over 10,000 members statewide. The ACA also serves as the qualified state beef council in Alabama.