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GREEN CHILE CHEESEBURGER CHALLENGE COMPETITORS ANNOUNCED

ALBUQUERQUE—August 4, 2017—It wouldn't be the New Mexico State Fair without the tempting smell of green chile filling the air...as well as being a key ingredient in the annual Green Chile Cheeseburger Challenge!

In association with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, this year's challenge takes place on Monday, September 11, in the courtyard of the Agriculture Building on the west side of Main Street. The order to "Fire Up Your Grill" will be given at approximately 3:45pm allowing contestants time to "test cook" and prepare for the challenge. The green chile must be from a New Mexico "home-grown" location.

The event is so popular that the state fair expanded the footprint in the Agriculture Building Courtyard in order to meet the demand and accommodate even more participants.

This year there are 12 contestants and 2 alternates (selected by drawing):

1. El Bruno's Restaurant – Cuba
2. Sparky's Burgers, BBQ & Espresso – Hatch
3. The Eklund – Clayton
4. Starr Brothers Brewing – Albuquerque
5. Village Café – Los Lunas
6. Rockin' BZ Burgers – Alamogordo
7. Whole Foods Market – Sandia Saloon – Albuquerque
8. Oso Grill -- Capitan
9. Fat Sats Bar & Grill – Belen
10. Oak Tree Café – Albuquerque
11. Fuddruckers – Albuquerque
12. The Pointe Grill – Rio Rancho

Alternates:

- Sadie's of New Mexico – Los Ranchos
- Big Mike's Grill – Belen

For more information about this popular annual event, log onto www.exponm.com.

