March 25, 2020

To: County Women’s Leadership Committee Chairmen

From: Brandy Carroll, Director, Commodity Activities and Market Information

RE: Rice is Nice Youth Cooking Contest

As we all work to find some consistency during this difficult time of social distancing due to Covid-19, we at ArFB are working to find opportunities to help you to conduct your commodity promotion programs in a different way.

Since schools are closed and 4-H and other youth activities are suspended for a few more weeks, I’d like to encourage you to select your county winners in the Rice is Nice Youth Cooking Contest based solely upon their written entry. The state will provide prizes for the winners as promised, all you need to do is send in the form provided in the official rulebook or email me at [brandy.carroll@arfb.com](mailto:brandy.carroll@arfb.com).

I have created the attached scoresheet as a potential guide for selecting your county winners to enter into the state contest, but as always, you are certainly welcome to use whatever criteria you wish to select your county winners.

As for the state contest, it is currently scheduled for July 21, 2020. There is no way to know yet if we will be able to hold an in-person state contest or if we will also have to hold a virtual contest, but that will be determined in due course. For now, please know that whatever form it takes, we will have a state contest.

The official rulebook for the contest were mailed to you a few weeks ago and are always available to you on our website: arfb.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 501.607.4268 or by email. I will be happy to assist your rice promotion efforts in any way.

**ARKANSAS RICE IS NICE SCORE SHEET**

DATE: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** ENTRY NO.:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **SCORING POINTS** | **POSSIBLE SCORE** | **SCORE** |
| Ready availability of ingredients | 20 |  |
| Clearness and accuracy of recipe | 20 |  |
| Enhancement of recipe by use of rice | 25 |  |
| Appropriate Serving Ideas | 10 |  |
| Degree of Difficulty | 15 |  |
| Creative Use of Ingredients | 10 |  |
| **Total Score** | 100 |  |

**GENERAL COMMENTS**: