



**McCormick® Names First-Ever 'Grill Mates®' of the Year® America Goes On-Line to Vote for \$10,000 Grand Prizewinner**

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**HUNT VALLEY, Md., Sept. 12 (PRNewswire) -** Twelve barbecue bulls from across the country have proven they are the best of their grill. They have been selected as the first-ever Grill Mates® of the Year, and will have their photos included in the McCormick® Grill Mates® of the Year 2003 calendar. Each of the 12 finalists won a \$200 cash prize. Now through October 1, 2002, people all across America can log onto <http://www.mccormick.com> to view the 12 finalists and cast their votes for the \$10,000 grand prizewinner, who will be announced on or about October 11, 2002.

A panel of judges, including a professional photographer, selected the 12 finalists. The winners were judged on: creativity and originality of the grilling technique depicted in the photograph; use of McCormick® Grill Mates® product in photo; description of the winner; and quality of the photo.

The 12 Grill Mates® of the Year are: Matt Bagley, Dallas, Texas; Terry Baker, Woodbine, Calif.; Anwarul Karim, Blue Bell, Pa.; Kevin Harrison, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.; Jack Herbig, Woodville, Wash.; Jason Howard, Methuen, Mass.; Jerome Jenkins, Dallas, Miss.; Scott Lacy, Houston, Texas; Henry Steinhilber, Lebanon, Ohio; and Mike Starbuck, St. Petersburg, Fla.

People are grilling more than ever before," said Laurie Hansen, Grill Mates spokesperson. "Adding Grill Mates® spice blends, marinades, and grill sauces to your foods is a delicious way to savor grilled foods. We believe the Grill Mates® of the Year contest and 2003 calendar is a fun way to celebrate the people who are so passionate about grilling as we are."

The Grill Mates family of flavors includes seasoning blends, marinades and sauces, and can be found in the spice and seasoning aisles of grocery stores nationwide.

McCormick & Company, Inc. was founded in 1889 in Baltimore, Maryland and today is the largest spice company in the world. McCormick chooses the finest ingredients from around the globe to bring the highest quality flavors to consumers.

To learn more about the McCormick Grill Mates® of the Year contest or for official contest rules, please visit <http://www.mccormick.com> or call 1-800-MEAL-TIP (1-800-632-2847).

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