MYRON MIXON

Pitmaster Category

Myron Mixon is a three-time world barbecue champion and has come to be known as the "winningest man in barbecue." He is the chief cook of the Jack's Old South Competition Bar-B-Que Team and stars in Destination America's "Barbecue Pitmasters." Myron has also authored bestselling cookbooks Smokin' with Myron Mixon: Recipes Made Simple, from the Winningest Man in Barbecue and Everyday Barbecue.

In 1996, Myron entered his first competition in Augusta, Georgia, where he took first-place in Whole Hog, first-place in Pork Ribs and third-place in Pork Shoulder. Since then, he's won more barbecue accolades than anyone else in the world, including more than 180 grand championships resulting in more than 1,700 total trophies, 30 state championships, eight Team of the Year awards and 11 national championships. Myron's team has taken three first-place Whole Hogs at the Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational Barbecue; has won Grand Champion at the Memphis in May World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest three times in 2001, 2004 and 2007; and has won first-place in the Whole Hog category at Memphis in May in 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2007. In addition, the Jack's Old South Bar-B-Que Team is the only team to have won Grand Championships in Memphis in May, Kansas City Barbeque Society and Florida BBQ Association in the same year.

Myron has several products in the marketplace, including sauces, rubs, custom-built smokers for professionals and a line of backyard smokers. He also runs a barbecue school out of his cooking pavilion in Unadilla, Georgia. In addition to starring in "BBQ Pitmasters" and "BBQ Kings," Myron has made numerous national television appearances, including "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Late, Late Show with Craig Ferguson," "Conan," ABC's "Good Morning America" and NBC's "TODAY." He has also been featured on several television networks, including Food Network, Discovery Channel, History Channel, Travel Channel and Versus Network.