

## = Beat the Chefs =

Beat the Chefs is an American television cooking game show broadcast by Game Show Network and hosted by Matt Rogers . The series features contestants preparing a home @-@ cooked family recipe , while professional chefs Beau MacMillan , Antonia Lofaso and Jeff Henderson make the same recipe in an upscale restaurant version . The two dishes are then judged by a panel of food critics , who decide the winner . The series premiered on August 23 , 2012 , and aired its last episode on September 13 , 2012 .

## = = Format = =

The series features two families , one in each half @-@ hour of the episode , preparing their family recipe while the professional chefs cook a restaurant version of the same meal . The family begins by revealing the dish they have selected to cook to the chefs as well as how longer they think it will take to prepare it . The chefs are then given the same amount of time to create their own version . Once the first cook @-@ off is complete , the second family is brought out , and the procedure is repeated with their own meal . After the second cook @-@ off , the judges reveal the winning dish from each round . If the family 's home cooked meal beats the chefs ' professional version , the family wins \$ 25 @,@ 000 ; if the chefs win , the family receives \$ 1 @,@ 000 worth of kitchen supplies .

## = = Production = =

Production company RelativityREAL had pitched the series to CBS as early as March 2010 ; however , it was not until two years later that Beat the Chefs first appeared at GSN 's upfront presentation in New York City as an original green @-@ lit series on March 21 , 2012 . GSN later put out a one @-@ month casting call from May 25 to June 25 , looking for " great cooks " who had never been " formally trained " . On July 2 , 2012 , GSN announced the series ' premiere date as August 23 , 2012 , right after the premiere of The American Bible Challenge . GSN then released the cast for the series on July 24 , 2012 , announcing former American Idol contestant Matt Rogers as the host of the show . The press release also revealed Beau MacMillan , Antonia Lofaso and Jeff Henderson as the professional chefs , as well as Brad A. Johnson and Christy Jordan as judges . In addition , Johnson and Jordan were joined by a guest judge each episode ; these judges included Eric Roberts , Julie Powell , Richie Palmer , and Melissa Rycroft .

The series premiered on August 23 , 2012 immediately following the premiere of The American Bible Challenge . GSN continued to air one new episode a week until September 13 , 2012 . Although no official cancelation announcement was made , the series has not been seen since then . The show also was not mentioned or discussed in GSN 's most recent upfront presentation and is therefore assumed to be canceled .

## = = Reception = =

Beat the Chefs earned mixed reception from critics . Carrie Grosvenor of About Entertainment argued that Rogers was a good fit for the show as host and called the show " enjoyable " , but also claimed that there wasn 't " enough of a focus on the food and preparation " . Meanwhile , Hollywood Junket praised the series , calling it a " guaranteed winning show " while arguing that it had the potential to become " extremely successful " .

The series earned relatively average ratings for GSN 's standards . Despite The American Bible Challenge debuting to record ratings for GSN , Beat the Chefs maintained less than a third of the viewers that tuned in to its lead @-@ in . The series premiere averaged 521 @,@ 000 viewers , compared to the 1 @.@ 73 million viewers who watched The American Bible Challenge . The following week , Beat the Chefs dropped to 357 @,@ 000 viewers , while its lead @-@ out , a sneak peek of GSN 's upcoming revival of Pyramid , earned 443 @,@ 000 viewers .

