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Los Angeles tops the charts as the country's #1 'Cookout Capital' *Blue Rhino Announces Annual List of Ideal Grilling Cities*

Winston-Salem, NC – May 2009 -- [Blue Rhino](#), the leading brand of [propane tank exchange](#), announces the ideal cities to grill in with the top 100 Cookout Capitals for 2009. This year, the nation's top Cookout Capital is Los Angeles.

Top 20 Cookout Capitals for 2009 (2008 rankings in parentheses):

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| 1. Los Angeles (3) | 11. Seattle-Tacoma, Wash. (11) |
| 2. San Francisco/Bay area (2) | 12. Las Vegas, Nev. (52) |
| 3. San Diego, Calif. (1) | 13. Portland, Ore. (13) |
| 4. San Jose, Calif. (-) | 14. Billings, Mont. (41) |
| 5. Sacramento, Calif. (6) | 15. Detroit, Mich. (40) |
| 6. Eugene, Ore. (5) | 16. Colorado Springs, Colo. (-) |
| 7. Spokane, Wash. (7) | 17. Lansing, Mich. (20) |
| 8. Fresno, Calif. (24) | 18. Midland-Odessa, Texas (75) |
| 9. Reno, Nev. (2) | 19. Albuquerque, N.M. (62) |
| 10. Salt Lake City, Utah (28) | 20. Denver, Colo. (78) |

Using the National Weather Service data from the previous grilling season, the list – now in its third year – ranks continental U.S. cities with populations equal to or greater than 99,000 based on the number of ideal grilling days. Ideal grilling days are defined as days during the months of May-August, under 90 degrees and having no precipitation.

"There are thousands of great places to grill, as our Cookout Capitals list shows," said Tod Brown, president of Blue Rhino. "In fact, in 15 years of partnering with the nation's best retailers to provide propane tanks for cooking out, we haven't come across a bad place to grill yet!"

To view Blue Rhino's complete list of Cookout Capitals, please visit www.bluerhino.com.

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