The most popular holidays for barbecuing are, in order, July 4th (71 percent), Memorial Day (57 percent), and Labor Day (55 percent).

May 16th and July 4th are both National Barbecue Days.

The most popular flavors of barbecue sauce are hickory, followed by mesquite, honey, and then spicy-hot.

May 28th is National Brisket Day.

The American Royal BBQ Competition in Kansas City is considered the World Series of BBQ.

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