0-400 Chicken Wings (Pellet Grill, Crispy and Lightly Smoky)

Prep: 12 hours (optional skin-drying) + 15 minutes to season • Cook: 30 minutes, then 10–25 minutes more to desired doneness + 5 minutes to tack up sauce

Crispy, lightly smoky chicken wings cooked from a cold pellet grill to 400°F, then finished with a glossy BBQ sauce tack. Juicy inside, shatter-crisp skin outside with balanced sweet-heat from the rub and sauce.

Ingredients

- as needed chicken wings (rinsed and patted dry; optional 12-hour uncovered chill to dry skin)
- to taste Meat Church Hail Mary BBQ Rub
- to taste Meat Church Holy Cola BBQ Sauce

Instructions

- 1. Optional but recommended: Rinse the chicken wings, pat them very dry with paper towels, place on a wire rack, and refrigerate uncovered for at least 12 hours to dry the skin.
- 2. Prepare the pellet grill: Fill with pellets (oak/hickory recommended; mesquite, hickory, or pecan also work). Do not preheat—the 0–400 method starts from a cold grill.
- 3. Season the wings liberally on all sides with Meat Church Hail Mary BBQ Rub (or your favorite BBQ rub). Let the seasoning adhere for 15 minutes. Keep wings on a wire rack if using.
- 4. Place the wings in the pellet grill while it is off. Turn the grill on, set it to 400°F, and ignite.
- 5. Cook for 30 minutes, then flip all wings. Rotate positions as needed to account for hot spots. (In the reference cook, wings were ~162°F at 30 minutes.)
- 6. Continue cooking until the wings reach your desired doneness: safe at 165°F, but for extra crisp skin take them closer to 190–200°F.
- 7. Remove wings to a metal bowl and toss with Meat Church Holy Cola BBQ Sauce (or your favorite BBQ sauce).
- 8. Return sauced wings to the grill for 5 minutes to tack up the glaze.
- 9. Remove, rest briefly, and serve (optional: with ranch). For a visual walkthrough, see: https://youtu.be/O87JjvFddp8

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