

# The Football Foodie: Wings Edition

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## Rooster's Ohio State



- Number of televisions: 17
- Buckeye Capacity: 266 seats, 300 fans
- Patio: Yes
- Continuous Game Sound: Yes
- Game Day Special: Sunday shot to win two tickets to the Superbowl (Actual winners from Ohio locations!)
- Wings to Have: **Carolina Gold** (special mention: **Hot**)

Known as the “Official Wing Sponsor of The Ohio State University”, Rooster’s Ohio State is a smart choice for those who seriously love their Buckeyes. The atmosphere on game day is electric, exciting, fun, loud, and inviting (except to wolverines).

With 10 locations in Columbus and its environs, Rooster’s has long been the place for wings. Theirs are never frozen, larger than the standard, and tossed in one of 12 signature house sauces. Rooster’s varies from the Anchor Bar, and a lot of other places around town, in one major way though: they bread their wings, unless requested naked, which can affect the final flavor of the product.



It matters little though when it comes to the Carolina Gold Wings: meaty, well-cooked morsels glazed in a mustardy-sweet sauce with pleasant spice and seasoning. It's what I call "the family wing", as everyone of all ages and preferences would enjoy these bites.

There's a real unctuousness to this recipe; it makes the wings taste meatier. You can almost forget about the breading, which you can't with the Hot Wings, as the coating contributes directly to texture and flavor. They're more garlicky than the original buffalo, and the breading adds an underlying nuttiness. There's also a great mounting heat in the Hot Wings, a constant regardless of breading.

Rooster's Ohio State may also serve the crispest, freshest celery in all the wing joints, making the nominal fee to add it totally worth it. They open at 11am every game day, so if you want the campus experience without the campus hassle, head on down to 3370 Olentangy River Road this weekend, and many other weekends after that.

*Photos by Craig Ferance.*