RULES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE*****
THE FARM SHOW WILL NOT MAIL PREMIUM (PRIZE) CHECKS.
IF YOU CANNOT PICK UP AT THE DESIGNATED TIMES, PLEASE DROP OFF A LONG (#10) SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE IN THE FARM SHOW OFFICE BEFORE OR DURING SHOW WEEK.
CHECKS MUST BE CASHED BY SEPTEMBER 30 OR THEY BECOME NULL AND VOID.

If all goes well, premium checks will be available <u>when announced</u> Saturday of show week at the office and from 1 PM to 2 PM on Sunday near the Arts & Crafts Building. Checks and unclaimed items may be picked up at the Farm Show Office from noon to 6 PM, Tuesday, Aug. 18, or Wed., Aug. 19, or by appointment (call 724-482-4000). Items will only be kept until September 30.

1. The Board of Directors of the Butler Farm Show has the right to accept or refuse any entries.
2. All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of Butler Farm Show. The show management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine.
3. NO alcoholic beverages,firearms, drugs, dogs or pets permitted on the grounds. (Only registered service dogs are admitted.) Persons using alcohol or other controlled substances will be expelled from the grounds. Minors caught drinking will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
4. Exhibitors will comply with all directions given by a Director, Farm Show Official or any police or security officer. Failure to immediately comply with the directions will be cause for the exhibitor to be disqualified and be prohibited from entering any future Butler Farm Show exhibitions or shows.
5. All exhibits will be shown under the direction of the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors and the appointed representative or department superintendents. The Butler Farm Show reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations governing the show and will make decisions based on interpretation of the rules as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the show. All interpretations and decisions will be final.
6. The exhibitor agrees to and shall assume all risks of injury to people and/or animals and/or damage to any property.
7. Violations of the rules or conduct contrary to the best interest of the Butler Farm Show will not be permitted. Exhibitors or others who persist in such violations or conduct will be asked to remove their exhibits and to leave the grounds. No fees or charges will be refunded and premiums will not be paid in such cases.
8. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to present a plainly-marked entry tab showing the name of the exhibit they are entering. **Any item entered in the wrong category will be disqualified,** but the judges will mark the correct name of the entry on the tag for the benefit of the owner. **If there is a category listed for an entered item, the item may NOT be entered in "Other."** If award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate, free of charge, at the close of the show.

9. **Protests for any violation of the rules may be made to the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors by an exhibitor or their designated representative. All protests must be presented, in writing, to the Butler Farm Show Office within 24 hours of the alleged violation. A $100.00 cash deposit must accompany all protests. Following investigation into the alleged violation, the $100.00 deposit will be returned to the exhibitor if the protest is upheld. If the protest is denied, the $100.00 fee is non-refundable. The decision of the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors regarding a protest shall be final and considered accepted by all exhibitors. Video footage, recorded by individuals, will not be reviewed as evidence in a protest situation.**
10. LATE ENTRIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED in any department. NO EXCUSES - NO EXCEPTIONS. Check the entry time for each department you are entering and be on time.
11. Exhibitors must have an exhibitor's number. It starts with the initial of your last name and must be included when you write your number on entries. Call the office by the Friday before the show to obtain a new number or to retrieve your number from previous years. Use the same exhibitor's number for everything you enter in every department. Entries may be disqualified if the exhibitor's number, name and city are not on the tag.
12. All exhibits and exhibitors will be ready at 9:00 AM on the first day of show, except where judging is occurring.
13. Every precaution will be taken to protect the exhibits on display from injury and damage, but the Farm Show cannot, in any way, be held responsible for accidents, damage to or loss of property by water, fire, theft, or whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss.
14. **Exhibits and/or exhibitors leaving the show early without permission will NOT receive premium checks; they will FORFEIT all award money, and next year's participation will be at the discretion of the board.**
15. Premiums as listed may be given for meritorious exhibits. In cases where there is no competition, judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit is worthy to receive. Same rule applies where there are fewer entries in any class than the number of premiums offered. The judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the exhibit deserves. Placement and premium on single entries in a class will be determined by the judge.
16. **Premium cards or ribbons have no value as to the payment of premiums. Premiums are paid only by the records in the judge's book. The office has that information after the show closes.**
17. The show and superintendents reserve the right to determine how many entries they will accept from any exhibitor in the same class and/or in the same livestock species.
18. **Committees reserve the right to refuse any entry.** Furthermore, the committees reserve the right to bar from competition animals, vegetables, flowers, poultry products and farm/home-produced articles of decidedly inferior quality and/or those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition.

RULES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS (CONT.)

19. If the show management believes that any exhibits were made in previous years or not made by the exhibitor, those exhibits may be refused or disqualified.
20. The decision of the judges will be final in all cases except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of judging, is proven. In that case, such person(s) as the Board of Directors may appoint will make the decision.
21. **The show management may, at any time, order the removal of any exhibit or part of exhibit in bad condition, and any article unfit to show may be excluded.** Exhibits may NOT be removed at any time before the close of the show except by consent of the management. Removal of an exhibit without consent of the department superintendent will forfeit all premiums and next year's participation will be at the discretion of the board.
22. **During the judging, buildings, except livestock arenas, are closed to everyone except fair officials, judges, and necessary attendants.** An exhibitor or his/her agent shall NOT communicate with the judge during time of determining the awards, except to answer questions proposed by the judges. Any exhibitor interfering with the judge while making awards shall forfeit any premiums to which he/she would otherwise be entitled. **Buildings for Departments 11 - 23 will be opened by approximately 4:30 on Monday.**

The Premium Book serves as a guide and is subject to change. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy, the Board of Directors reserves the right to add, alter or change this information as necessary.

AUCTIONS

Have you ever attended a real, live auction? Here are 4 chances to enjoy the experience and fun of a bidding sale.

4-H & ADULT BAKED GOODS AUCTION

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, AT 7:00 PM
in the Dairy Pavilion
Buy the Best that Butler County Brings!

CHEESE AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12,
AT 8:00 PM
in the Dairy Pavilion
Choice Cheese
from Contented Cows!

ANNUAL JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13,
AT 6:00 PM
(Opening Ceremonies start at 5:30)
in the Livestock Barn
Feed your Family;
Fill your Freezer!
Sale Order: Benefit Shawl, Charity Animal, Goats, Lambs, Rabbits, Beef, Poultry, & Hogs

ANNUAL 4-H BENEFIT AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, AT 6:00 PM
at the East Butler Fire Hall.

DEPARTMENT 11
YOUTHS UNDER 19
ONLY FOR YOUTHS 18 YEARS OLD & UNDER

ENTRIES MUST BE MADE OR GROWN BY THE EXHIBITOR AGE 18 AND UNDER - NOT BY PARENT OR ADULT.

CO-SUPERINTENDENTS – BETH WERNER & DAN RISTITY in Honor of Laura Kriley Ristity

~ NEW FOR 2026 ~

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST FOR YOUTH AGE GROUPS **(Section 20 on Page 149)**

CHECK OUT THESE EXTRA, STATE CONTESTS:
Youth Contest of Cookies, Brownies, Bars
Poster Contest - "Growing A Nation"

ENTRY DROP OFF: SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
at the Farm/Home Products Building.
Late entries NOT accepted.
Use the Pit Gate (Buttercup Rd.) for drop off / pick up.
ENTRY PICK UP: SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 - 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Premium checks will be available at pick up on Sunday.
(Checks are not mailed unless you previously dropped off a self-addressed stamped envelope.)
Anyone removing their exhibits before Sunday will forfeit their premiums (cash awards), and participation in next year's show is at the discretion of the Board.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Age on tag is to be the exhibitor's age on the day of entry.**
2. **Refer to *Rules for All Exhibitors* (page 25).**
3. **ONE ENTRY PER CLASS PER EXHIBITOR.**
4. **PERSONS PICKING UP ITEMS MUST HAVE THE CLAIM CHECKS. NO EXCEPTIONS. Premium checks will be available when you pick up your items on Sunday. Unclaimed items may be picked up at the Farm Show Office from 12 to 6 PM, Tuesday, Aug. 18, or Wed., Aug. 19, or by appointment (call 724-482-4000)**. Those not claimed by September 1 will be disposed of at the discretion of the committee. **Butler Farm Show cannot be held responsible for damage or loss of items not claimed at pick up time.**
5. Exhibitors must have an exhibitor's number. Call the office by Friday before the show to obtain a new number or retrieve your number from previous years. It starts with the initial of your last name. **Use the same name on all entries. Do not use initials, nicknames, or shorten your name (i.e., Danny or Daniel instead of Dan, Jess or Jessie = Jessica, Liz = Elizabeth). Entries may be disqualified if the exhibitor's number, name & city are not on the tag.**
6. **Produce must be current year crop and grown by the exhibitor.** If the Farm Show management believes that any of the entries were not home-grown or were shown in previous years, those entries may be refused or disqualified.
7. **DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.** Judges are permitted to open & sample all products as necessary for competent judging. Judges may refuse to make any award if, in their judgement, the exhibit is unworthy, or they may make an award according to the merit of the exhibit. Placement/premium on a single entry in a class will be determined by the judge.
8. **The Building is closed during judging and set-up on Monday.** It will open approximately 4:30 PM.

~ NEW IN 2026 ~
CREATIVE WRITING
DEPT. 11 SECTION 20

JUDGING: Each entry will be judged on Content, Age-Appropriate Grammar/Spelling, Neatness/ presentation, and creativity.

1. **The entry must be printed or written by hand - not word processed (typed).**
2. **It must be original and created by the exhibitor (not the parent) without using AI.**
3. **For Class 1, draw a picture and handprint at least one sentence, using the theme "What I Like about America."**
4. **For Classes 2 and 3, draw a picture and handprint a paragraph, using the theme "How I Celebrate America."**
5. **For Classes 4, 5, 6, and 7, prepare a handwritten essay on "What America Means to Me." (No picture.) LENGTH - Classes 4 & 5: 200 - 250 words. Classes 6 & 7: 250 - 300 words.**

PREMIUMS: .....1st – $5. 2nd – $4. 3rd – $3.

CLASS

1. **AGES 6 & UNDER (Kindergarten & Under)**
2. **AGES 7 - 8 (1st & 2nd grades)**
3. **AGES 9 - 10 (3rd & 4th Grades)**

PREMIUMS: .....1st – $10. 2nd – $8. 3rd – $6.

4. **AGES 11 - 12 (5th & 6th Grades)**
5. **AGES 13 - 14 (7th & 8th Grades)**
6. **AGES 15 - 16 (9th & 10th Grades)**
7. **AGES 17 - 18 (11th & 12th Grades)**

DEPT. 11 SECTION 1 YOUTH VEGETABLES

EXHIBITOR'S AGE MUST BE WRITTEN ON ENTRY TAG.

The BEST OF SHOW rosette winner for Sections 1 & 2 will be selected by the judge from the blue ribbon winners.

The market demand is for vegetables of medium rather than extreme size. Over-grown vegetables are likely to be woody or pithy. The specimens should be **clean,** uniform in size and shape, and free from blemishes, insect injury, or disease.

CLASS ..... 1st – $6. 2nd – $5. 3rd – $4.

1. **BEANS**, GREEN SNAP – 20 specimens
2. BEANS, YELLOW SNAP – 20 specimens
3. **BEETS,** TABLE – 5 specimens, trimmed to 2" of tops
4. **BROCCOLI** – 1 primary head
5. **CABBAGE** – 1 head untrimmed, no roots, keep on outer leaves
6. **CARROTS** – 5 specimens, leaving 2" tops
7. **CORN, SWEET** –- 5 ears, husks on
8. **CUCUMBERS,** PICKLING UNDER 5" – 5 specimens
9. CUCUMBERS, SLICING OVER 5" – 5 specimens
10. **EGGPLANT** – 1 specimen
11. **GOURDS** – 5 specimens
12. **HERBS**, any variety – 3 stalks, less that 14", in water
13. **MOST UNUSUAL VEGETABLE**
14. **ONIONS** – 5 bulbs, top removed, unpeeled, clean
15. **PEPPERS,** HOT – 5 specimens
16. PEPPERS, SWEET – 5 specimens
17. **POTATOES** – 5 tubers
18. **PUMPKIN** – Any variety, 1 specimen
19. **SQUASH** – Any other summer variety(not zucchini), 1 spec.
20. **ZUCCHINI** – 1 specimen, **not over 2 lbs.**

DEPT. 11 SECT. 1 YOUTH VEGETABLES (CONT.)

21. TOMATOES, GREEN – 5 specimens, stems removed
22. TOMATOES, RIPE – 5 specimens, stems removed
23. TOMATOES, SMALL, FRUITED – 10 specimens, stems off
24. ANY OTHER VEGETABLE
25. PENNSYLVANIA GROWN FANCY BASKET – 5 or more kinds of home-grown vegetables attractively displayed.

DEPT. 11 SECT. 2 YOUTH FRUIT

EXHIBITOR'S AGE MUST BE WRITTEN ON ENTRY TAG.

CLASS ..... 1st – $6. 2nd – $5. 3rd – $4.

1. **APPLES** – 5 specimens
2. **BERRIES** – 1 pint
3. **PEACHES** – 5 specimens
4. **PEARS** – 5 specimens
5. **MELON** – 1 specimen

DEPT. 11 YOUTH FOOD SECTIONS
SECTION 3 - AGES 12 AND UNDER
SECTION 4 - AGES 13 THRU 18

EXHIBITOR'S AGE MUST BE WRITTEN ON ENTRY TAG.

The BEST OF SHOW rosette winner will be selected by the judge from the blue ribbon winners of the baking classes.

ENTRY MUST BE MADE BY THE EXHIBITOR - NOT BY PARENT OR ADULT.

1. Any product needing refrigeration will not be accepted.
2. Products must be displayed on disposable ware.
3. DO NOT use box mixes, canned frosting or fillings. Judges CAN tell the difference.
4. **All baked goods should be properly covered for display.**

JUDGING: Entry will be judged on color, texture, taste, flavor and overall visual presentation.

CLASS ..... 1st – $6. 2nd – $5. 3rd – $4.

QUICK BREADS

1. FRUIT OR NUT BREAD – 1 reg. size loaf in plastic bag
2. MUFFINS – 5 specimens

YEAST BREADS & ROLLS

3. BREAD, WHITE OR WHEAT – approx. 4" x 8" x 5" loaf
4. CINNAMON ROLLS – 5 specimens
5. ROLLS, WHITE OR WHEAT – 5 specimens

CAKES – Iced (Not a box mix)

6. CAKES – 2 layers
7. CUP CAKES – 5 specimens
8. CAKE POPS - 5 specimens

CANDY – 5 specimens, weighing at least 1/2 lb.

9. FUDGE
10. PEANUT BRITTLE
11. ANY OTHER CANDY

COOKIES – 5 Cookies

12. BAR COOKIES
13. CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES
14. COOKIE CUTTER COOKIES
15. DROP OR MOLDED COOKIES
16. FILLED COOKIES
17. MOLDED COOKIES (Shaped by hand)
18. NO BAKE COOKIES
19. PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES ***NEW***
20. THUMBPRINT COOKIES ***NEW***
21. ANY OTHER COOKIE

PIES – Disposable pan (NO CREAMS OR CUSTARDS)

22. ANY SINGLE-CRUSTED FRUIT PIE
23. ANY TWO-CRUSTED FRUIT PIE

DEPT. 22 SECT. 15 CLASS 1

(NOTICE THE # ABOVE - NOT A MISTAKE!)

2026 PA PREFERRED® JUNIOR BAKING CONTEST COOKIES, BROWNIES OR BAR

SPONSOR: PA PREFERRED®

The goal of the PA PREFERRED® Junior Baking Contest is to encourage young people across the Commonwealth to participate in Pennsylvania's agricultural fairs by showcasing PA grown and produced products in their contest entries.

Baked goods, with the recipes for the cake and topping, and PROPERLY COVERED must be brought to the Farm/Home Products Building between 1 PM and 4 PM on Sunday, August 9, ONLY.

FARM SHOW PRIZES: 1st - $30. 2nd - $25. 3rd - $20.

First Place Winner is eligible for the 2027 PA Farm Show competition.

Prizes for the 2027 PA Farm Show Winners:

1st = $500.; 2nd = $250.; 3rd = $100.; 4th = Rosette; 5th = Rosette

1. Open to any individual **amateur** baker (ages 8 through 18 at the time of the show's contest) who is a PA resident. **One entry per person.**
2. **Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this PA Preferred® Junior Baking contest at any other fair in 2026.**
3. Farm Show exhibitors must have an exhibitor's number. Call the office after July 1 to obtain your number.
4. **Entry must be of six (6) individual sized portions of the baked entry item (cookies, brownies, or bars).**
5. **The entire entry, including any fillings and frostings, must be made from "scratch" with edible ingredients.** No pre-packaged ingredients may be used *(ex: pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.)*. **Any decorations, if used, must be edible.**
6. **At least two (2) PA Preferred® ingredients or locally produced items must be used** in the recipe. Some examples of qualifying ingredients are PA Preferred® grains *(such as oats or flour)*, butter, milk, eggs, fruits and/or vegetables.
7. **A PA Preferred® logo is not required** because not all PA Preferred® products carry the label. The name of the ingredient and the source is sufficient. Contact RA-AGPAPreferred@pa.gov for any assistance with qualifying ingredients.
8. Entry must be submitted for judging **on a food safe disposable setting**.
9. **Recipe(s) listing all the ingredients, quantities and the preparation instructions must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of an 8 ½" x 11" size paper. The name of each PA Preferred® ingredient or locally produced ingredient must be listed clearly with the words "PA PREFERRED" and the source that made/grew the product** *(ex: PA Preferred Milk - Marburger Farm Dairy)*. **Entrant's name, age, address, email and phone number must be printed on the back of all the pages.** ***(All recipes, cakes, and pans become the property of the Show and will not be returned.)*** **EMAIL ADDRESS IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO COMPETE IN THE 2027 PA FARM SHOW.**
10. Refrigeration is not available at the Farm Show or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
11. **Judging Criteria:**

Flavor *(aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)*	**40** points
Inside Characteristics *(texture, even grain, evenly baked)*	**30** points
Overall Appearance *(surface, shape, size, color)*	**20** points
Topping, Icing, Decoration	**10** points
Total	**100** points

PA Preferred Products include and are found at Marburger Farm Dairy, Metrick's Harvest View Farm, Deener's Farm Market, Sutton Farms, Bryner's Classic Hot Sauce, McElhinny Farm, Soergel Orchards, Brenckle Farm & Greenhouse, Vogel Valley Farms.

DEPT. 11 SECT. 5 CANNED PRODUCTS

EXHIBITOR'S AGE MUST BE WRITTEN ON ENTRY TAG.

The BEST OF SHOW rosette winner will be selected by the judges from the blue ribbon winners of the canned products.

1. **Standard canning with self-sealing lids and NEW bands (rings) must be used for all products.** Rusted rings will NOT be accepted. Cloth jar lid covers will NOT be accepted.
2. Metal rings on two piece lids will be removed for judging. Exhibitors should loosen NEW rings upon entry.
3. Canned food will be eliminated if the liquid is lower than 1 inch from the top of the jar.
4. **The judges are permitted to open and sample canned goods if necessary in making a decision.**

JUDGING: Canned products will be judged on color, quality of food and general appearance including arrangement of food.

1. CANNED FRUIT - any variety
2. CANNED VEGETABLES - any variety
3. JELLIES OR JAMS
4. CANNED PICKLES
5. SALSA ***NEW***

DEPT. 11 SECT. 6 YOUTH FLORAL EXHIBIT

EXHIBITOR'S AGE MUST BE WRITTEN ON ENTRY TAG.

The BEST OF SHOW rosette winner will be selected by the judge from the blue ribbon winners.

1. All flowers are judged on quality and perfection of growth. They should be of one color and size with no addition of fern or other greens. They must consist of the specified number of blooms, spikes or stems in good condition when judged.
2. **Exhibitors must supply their own containers. UNBREAKABLE, standard, vase-like containers or baskets which will hold the specimens securely and will NOT tip or fall easily are strongly recommended.** Containers may be weighted as necessary. **Glass containers may be required to hold up heavy specimens; however, we cannot be responsible for broken vases.** Do not use over- or undersized containers. **Entries in unsuitable containers(i.e. recycled water bottles weighted with gravel) will be rejected.**

CLASS ..... 1st – $5. 2nd – $4. 3rd – $3.

ANNUALS – CUT FLOWERS

1. ASTERS – 3 blooms
2. BACHELOR BUTTONS – 3 blooms
3. CALENDULA – 3 blooms
4. COSMOS – 3 blooms
5. DAHLIAS – 3 blooms
6. GAILARDIA – 3 blooms
7. GLADIOLA – 1 spike
8. MARIGOLD – 3 blooms
9. NASTURTIUM – 3 blooms
10. PANSY – 3 blooms
11. PETUNIA – 3 blooms
12. SNAPDRAGONS - 3 spikes
13. STRAWFLOWERS –3 blms
14. SUNFLOWER – 1 head
15. MINI SUNFLOWER – 1 stm
16. SWEET PEAS – 3 stems
17. ZINNIA, under 2" – 3 blooms
18. ZINNIA, 2" & over – 3 blooms
19. ANY OTHER ANNUALS

DEPT. 11 SECT. 6 YOUTH FLORALS (CONT.)

PERENNIALS – CUT FLOWERS

20. AGERATUM – 3 stems
21. CHRYSANTHEMUM–3 stem
22. DAISIES – 3 blooms
23. DELPHINUM – 1 spike
24. DIANTHUS - 3 blooms
25. HYDRANGEA – 3 blooms
26. LILY – 1 stalk
27. ROSES - 1 bloom
28. ANY OTHER PERENNIALS

FOLIAGE PLANTS – POTTED

29. BEGONIA
30. CACTI
31. COLEUS
32. FERNS
33. GERANIUM
34. IVY
35. PHILODENDRON
36. SUCCULENT
37. ANY OTHER FLOWERING PLANT
38. ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENT – Arrangement of either fresh flowers and/or other plant.

FUN CONTEST
DEPT. 11 SECTION 7
YOUTH FLOWER POT DECORATING CONTEST
EXHIBITOR'S AGE MUST BE WRITTEN ON ENTRY TAG.

1. Entry is a decorated flower pot (clay or plastic) CRITTER, CREATURE or FACE **done by the child.**
2. No identifying pictures or marks with and/or on the pot.
3. It can be fuzzy, furry, or whatever the child decides. Just have fun!
4. Use no larger than an 8" pot. Pot only - **NO PLANTS.**
5. No props or supports permitted.
6. **Butler Farm Show is not responsible for broken pots.**

CLASS ..... 1st – $5. 2nd – $4. 3rd – $3.

1. AGES 5 & Under
2. AGES 6 - 7
3. AGES 8 - 9
4. AGES 10 - 11
5. AGES 12 - 13
6. AGES 14 - 15
7. AGES 16 - Under 19

ANOTHER FUN CONTEST
DEPT. 11 SECTION 8
YOUTH ROLLING PIN DECORATING CONTEST
EXHIBITOR'S AGE MUST BE WRITTEN ON ENTRY TAG.
ENTRY MUST BE MADE BY THE EXHIBITOR - NOT BY PARENT OR ADULT.

1. Entry is a decorated, **standard** ROLLING PIN (wood or plastic).
2. Be creative. It might be a CRITTER, CREATURE or FACE - whatever is done by the child. It can be fuzzy, furry, or whatever the child decides. Just have fun!
3. There should not be any identifying pictures or marks with the rolling pin.
4. **Butler Farm Show is not responsible for any breakage.**

CLASS ..... 1st – $5. 2nd – $4. 3rd – $3.

1. AGES 5 & Under
2. AGES 6 - 7
3. AGES 8 - 9
4. AGES 10 - 11
5. AGES 12 - 13
6. AGES 14 - 15
7. AGES 16 - Under 19

DEPT. 11 SECTION 9
YOUTH CLOTHING/NEEDLECRAFT
EXHIBITOR'S AGE MUST BE WRITTEN ON ENTRY TAG.
The BEST OF SHOW rosette winner will be selected by the judge from the blue ribbon winners.

ENTRY MUST BE MADE BY THE EXHIBITOR - NOT BY PARENT OR ADULT.

JUDGING: Entry will be judged on workmanship, neatness, difficulty of project and overall appearance.

PREMIUMS: ..... 1st – $6. 2nd – $5. 3rd – $4.

DEPT. 11 SECT. 9 YOUTH CLOTHING (CONT.)

Items in classes 1-12 must be fabric & sewn by the exhibitor.

1. BACK PACK/PURSE/TOTE BAG
2. BLOUSE/SHIRT/T-SHIRT
3. DRESS - ANY STYLE
4. HAT OR CAP
5. JACKET
6. PILLOW - Sewing Only
7. PILLOW - NEEDLECRAFT
8. POTHOLDERS
9. SHORTS
10. SLACKS/SKIRT - Any material
11. SEPARATES – 2 or more pieces
12. USEFUL ARTICLE – Sewing only, no crafts

KNITTING AND CROCHETING

13. KNITTING – SCARF
14. KNITTING – USEFUL ARTICLE
15. CROCHETING – USEFUL ARTICLE
16. NEEDLECRAFT / ANY CROSS STITCH
17. NEEDLECRAFT / EMBROIDERED
18. NEEDLECRAFT / NOVELTY (including plastic canvas)

QUILTING ..... 1st – $9. 2nd – $8. 3rd – $7.

19. KNOTTED - Usable Size
20. WALL HANGING

QUILTING ..... 1st – $12. 2nd – $10. 3rd – $8.

21. HAND-STITCHED - Usable Size
22. MACHINE-STITCHED - Usable Size

DEPT. 11 SECTION 10
YOUTH HANDSPUN NEEDLECRAFT CONTEST
SPONSORED BY THE
BUTLER SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD

CONTACT: LINDA GROSS ■ 724-445-3418 ■

PREMIUMS:.....1st – $15. 2nd – $10. 3rd – $5.

Class 1. Any item **knitted or crocheted** using yarn that has been hand spun by the exhibitor.

2. Any item **WOVEN** using yarn that has been hand spun by the exhibitor.

The Butler Spinners and Weavers are willing to help any of the youth exhibitors learn to spin the yarn.

THANK YOU TO THE GUILD!

DEPT. 11 SECT. 11 YOUTH HANDCRAFTS
LOOK FOR AGE DIVISION CLASSES
EXHIBITOR'S AGE MUST BE WRITTEN ON ENTRY TAG.
****The BEST OF SHOW rosette winner will be selected by the judge from the blue ribbon winners.***

ENTRY MUST BE MADE BY THE EXHIBITOR - NOT BY PARENT OR ADULT

If an article is hanging, it MUST be framed.

JUDGING: Entry will be judged on quality of construction, degree of skill required, neatness and originality.

PREMIUMS: ..... 1st – $5. 2nd – $4. 3rd – $3.

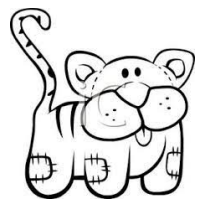
1. BASKET with 3 home-made, molded SOAPS
2. ALL BEAD WORK - AGES 12 & UNDER (Other than jewelry)
3. ALL BEAD WORK - **AGES 13 - 18**
4. CALLIGRAPHY, Sentence or poem
5. CERAMICS (See Classes 23 & 24 for Pottery)
6. CAD DRAWING - AGES 12 & UNDER
7. CAD DRAWING - **AGES 13 - 18**
8. DIAMOND DOTZ - No larger than 16" x 20"

DEPT. 11 SECT. 11 YOUTH HANDCRAFTS (CONT.)

9. **DOLLS**
10. **EMBELLISHED** Ready-Made WEARABLE Item
11. **FURNITURE** - Must weigh less than 30 lbs. & no bigger than 18"wide x 24"high x 24" long.
12. **JEWELRY** (must be homemade) - **AGES 12 & UNDER**
13. JEWELRY (must be homemade) – **AGES 13 - 18**

CLASSES 14 - 17 LEGO CREATIONS - NOT MADE FROM A KIT
Must be built on a Lego base, no larger than 2 square feet.
No longer than 2 linear feet in any direction.
Use a secure(sturdy), box base for transport and display.

14. **LEGO CREATION - AGES 7-9**
15. LEGO CREATION - **AGES 10 - 12**
16. LEGO CREATION - **AGES 13 - 15**
17. LEGO CREATION - **AGES 16 - 18**
18. **METALCRAFT**
19. **PAPIER MACHE - AGES 12 & UNDER** - No larger than 2 sq. ft.
20. PAPIER MACHE - **AGES 13 - 18** - No larger than 2 sq. ft.
21. **PAPER CRAFT** - **AGES 12 & UNDER** - Origami, Quilling, etc.
22. PAPER CRAFT - **AGES 13 - 18** - Origami, Quilling, etc.
23. **POTTERY - AGES 12 & UNDER**
24. POTTERY - **AGES 13 - 18**
25. **PUPPETS**
26. **ROPE WORK** - **AGES 12 & UNDER**
27. ROPE WORK - **AGES 13 - 18**
28. **SAND ART** - **AGES 12 & UNDER**
29. SAND ART - **AGES 13 - 18**
30. **SHELL WORK** - **AGES 12 & UNDER**
31. SHELL WORK - **AGES 13 - 18**
32. **STUFFED ANIMALS**
33. **STAINED GLASS**
34. **WEAVING**
35. **WOODCRAFT** – AGES 12 & UNDER
36. WOODCRAFT – AGES 13 - 18
37. **WOOD CARVING**
38. **ANY OTHER CRAFT** – AGES 12 & UNDER
39. ANY OTHER CRAFT – AGES 13 - 18



DEPT. 11 YOUTH PAINTINGS/DRAWINGS

EXHIBITOR'S AGE MUST BE WRITTEN ON ENTRY TAG.
ENTRY MUST BE MADE BY THE EXHIBITOR - NOT BY PARENT OR ADULT.

SECTION 12 - AGES 6 AND UNDER
SECTION 13 - AGES 7 - 12
SECTION 14 - AGES 13 THRU 18

The BEST OF SHOW rosette WINNER for each section (13, 14, & 15) will be chosen by the judge from blue ribbon winners.

1. **NO LARGER THAN 16" x 20", <u>including frame</u>.**
2. **All paintings & drawings must be framed & ready for hanging with a substantial hanger; no tape.**

JUDGING: Entry will be judged on composition, technique and overall effectiveness.

PREMIUMS: ..... 1st – $6. 2nd – $5. 3rd – $4.

1. **DRAWING / PENCIL / ONE COLOR**
2. **DRAWING / PENCIL/ MULTICOLOR**
3. **DRAWING / PEN & INK**
4. **ACRYLICS**
5. **AIRBRUSH**
6. **CHARCOAL & PASTELS**
7. **MIXED MEDIA**
8. **OIL PAINT / ORIGINAL**
9. **SCRATCH ART**
10. **WATER COLORS**

DEPT. 11 YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHS

EXHIBITOR'S AGE MUST BE WRITTEN ON ENTRY TAG.

PHOTO MUST BE TAKEN BY THE EXHIBITOR - NOT BY PARENT OR ADULT.

SECTION 15 - AGES 6 AND UNDER (COLOR)
SECTION 16 - AGES 7 - 12 (COLOR)
SECTION 17 - AGES 13 THRU 18 (COLOR)
SECTION 18 - ALL AGES (BLACK & WHITE)

The BEST OF SHOW rosette WINNER for each section (16, 17, 18, & 19) will be chosen by the judge from blue ribbon winners.

1. Photos are not to be framed or matted. Photos with any type of frame or matting will NOT be accepted. (The committee will place photo in a page protector.)
2. **ONLY 8" x 10" photos on photograph paper will be accepted.** NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. Photos must be kept in their original shape. In order to present each photo in a standard design, only rectangular-shaped photos will be accepted.

JUDGING: Entry will be judged on print clarity and quality, interest of subject, composition of picture and technique.

PREMIUMS: ..... 1st – $5. 2nd – $4. 3rd – $3.

PHOTO, 8" X 10" ONLY ON PHOTO PAPER

1. **ANIMALS / FARM, PETS**
2. **ANIMALS / WILDLIFE**
3. **BUILDINGS**
4. **DOWN ON THE FARM**
5. **NATURE**
6. **PORTRAIT (1 PERSON)**
7. **PEOPLE (MORE THAN 1)**
8. **SCENIC / SCAPES**
9. **SPORTS / ACTION**
10. **OTHER**

DEPT. 11 SECT. 19 PRESCHOOL CRAFTS - AGES 6 & UNDER

JUDGING: Each item will be judged on quality of construction, degree of skill required, neatness and originality.

Any entry must not exceed 2 ft. by 3 ft.

PREMIUMS: .....1st – $5. 2nd – $4. 3rd – $3.

1. **FINGER PAINTING**
2. **FOAM ART CREATION - LARGE**
3. **FOAM ART CREATION - SMALL**
4. **HANDMADE ANIMAL**
5. **HOLIDAY CREATION**
6. **LEGO CREATION - LARGE** (Not a kit)
   No larger than 2 sq. feet.
   Lego creations must be built on a Lego base.
7. **LEGO CREATION - SMALL** (Not a kit)
   No larger than 1 sq. foot.
8. **NATURAL CREATION** (Rocks, Seeds, Sticks, Etc.)
9. **NOVELTY ITEM - SMALL**
10. **ORNAMENT - CHRISTMAS**
11. **PAINTED OR COLORED ITEM**
12. **POPSICLE STICK CRAFT**
13. **SHELL WORK**
14. **USEFUL ITEM**
15. **WOOD CREATION**

REMINDER

USE THE SAME NAME ON ALL ENTRIES. DO NOT USE INITIALS, NICKNAMES, OR SHORTEN THE NAME (I.E., DANNY OR DANIEL INSTEAD OF DAN, JESS OR JESSIE = JESSICA, LIZ = ELIZABETH).

DEPT. 22 SECTION 11

(NOTICE THE # ABOVE - NOT A MISTAKE!)

2026 STATE POSTER CONTEST

Sponsored by the Butler Farm Show
and the PA Department of Agriculture

2026 THEME: "GROWING A NATION"

Contestants are to submit artwork that depicts the important role Pennsylvania agriculture played in providing innovative processes and solutions that helped to grow our nation.

ENTRY DROP OFF: SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
at the Farm/Home Products Building.
Late entries NOT accepted.

ENTRY PICK UP: SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 - 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Premium checks will be available at pick up on Sunday.
(Checks are not mailed unless you previously
dropped off a self-addressed stamped envelope.)
Anyone removing their exhibits before Sunday
will forfeit their premiums (cash awards), and participation in next year's show is at the discretion of the Board.

1. **Refer to *Rules for All Exhibitors* (page 25).**
2. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
3. **Persons picking up a poster MUST have the claim check. NO EXCEPTIONS. Unclaimed items may be picked up at the Farm Show Office from noon to 6 PM Tuesday, Aug. 18, or Wed., Aug. 19,** or by appointment (call 724-482-4000). Those not claimed by September 1 will be disposed of at the discretion of the committee. Butler Farm Show cannot be held responsible for damage or loss of any items.
4. Exhibitors must have an exhibitor's number. Call the office by Friday before the show to obtain a number or retrieve your number.
5. **One poster per exhibitor per listed age class.** Work must be done by contestant. Parents may advise only.
6. **Poster size must be either 14" x 22" or 14 1/2" x 22", equivalent to one-half of a standard poster board.**
7. Posters will be evaluated on use of theme, visual appearance and creativity in relation to exhibitor's age group.
8. **On the back of the poster in upper left corner, print your name, exhibitor's number, address, phone, date of birth, age as of June 1 of this year, and email address of parent.**
9. Premiums for the Butler Farm Show level will be paid on the last day of the Farm Show, if possible.
10. **The first-place poster per age groups 1. (15-18), 2. (12-14), and 3. (8-11) will be retained by the Farm Show and forwarded to the Department of Agriculture for judging at the state level.** Others will be returned to contestants.
11. Classes (age groups) 4, 5 and 6 will be judged only at the Butler Farm Show and not taken to the state contest.

FARM SHOW PREMIUMS:..... 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th
$20. $17. $14. $11. $8.

CLASS: (Age as of June 1, 2026)

1. AGES 15 - 18	**4. AGES 6 - 7**
2. AGES 12 - 14	**5. KINDERGARTNER**
3. AGES 8 - 11	**6. PRESCHOOL**

Prizes for the PA State Farm Show Winners in Classes 1 - 3:
1st $100. 2nd $75. 3rd $50.