DEPT. 22 SECT. 15 CLASS 1

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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

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THE 38TH ANNUAL BLUE RIBBON APPLE PIE CONTEST

SPONSORED BY
The PA State Association of County Fairs

Pies, <u>with the recipes for the crust and filling,</u> 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 <u>amateur</u> baker ***(youth or adult)*** who is a PA resident. One entry per person.
2. **Entrants may <u>NOT</u> have won 1st place in this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contest at any other fair in 2026.**
3. Butler Farm Show exhibitors must have an exhibitor's number. Call the office after July 1st to obtain a new number or retrieve your number from previous years.
4. **Entire entry must be made from "scratch" with edible ingredients.** <u>No</u> pre-packaged ingredients may be used *(ex: no pre-made mixes, pie crust, frosting, etc.)*. **Any decorations, if used, must be edible.**
5. Recipe **must include <u>at least 60% apples</u> in the filling.** It does not need to be a "traditional" two-crusted apple pie, and it can have a variety of fillings.
6. **The entire pie must be submitted for judging in a food safe disposable pie pan and PROPERLY COVERED. *The Farm Show will not provide covers for the baked goods.*** *(All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.)*
7. **The recipe(s) for the pie and the pie crust listing all the ingredients, quantities, and preparation instructions must be submitted with the entry (printed on one side of 8 ½" x 11" size paper). Entrant's name, address, <u>email</u>, and phone number must be printed on the <u>back</u> of all the pages.** *(All recipes and pies become the property of the Farm Show and will not be returned.)* **EMAIL ADDRESS IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO COMPETE IN THE 2027 PA FARM SHOW.**
8. **Any pie entry that requires refrigeration will NOT be accepted for food safety reasons.**
9. **Judging will be based on the following criteria:**

Flavor *(smell, taste, balance of flavoring)*	**35** points
Filling *(consistency, doneness, moistness, flavor)*	**25** points
Crust *(color, flavor, texture, doneness)*	**20** points
Overall Appearance *(surface, shape, size, color)*	**15** points
Creativity	<u>5</u> points
TOTAL	**100** points

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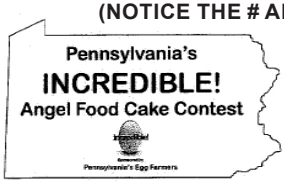

ANGEL FOOD CAKE CONTEST

SPONSORED BY PA's EGG FARMERS & PA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

Cake, <u>with the recipes for the cake and topping</u>, 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 **<u>amateur</u>** baker ***(youth or adult)*** who is a **PA** resident. **One entry per person.**
2. **Entrants may <u>NOT</u> have won 1st place in this Angel Food Cake contest at any other show in 2026.**
3. Butler Farm Show exhibitors must have an exhibitor's number. Call the office after July 1st to obtain a new number or retrieve your number from previous years.
4. **The Angel Food Cake and any fillings and frostings must be made from "scratch" with edible ingredients.** <u>No</u> pre-packaged ingredients may be used *(ex: no pre-made mixes, frosting, etc.)*. **Any decorations, if used, must be edible. No internal supports permitted** *(ex:dowel sticks, wire, glassware).*
5. **Pennsylvania produced & packed eggs are to be used, if possible**. Please look for the PEQAP or PA Preferred logo, or PA packaging dates on the carton.
6. **The whole cake must be submitted for judging <u>on cardboard or other food safe disposable setting</u> and PROPERLY COVERED.**
7. **Recipe(s) listing all the ingredients, quantities and preparation instructions must be submitted with the entry (printed on one side of an 8 ½" x 11" size paper). Entrant's name, address, <u>email,</u> and phone number must be printed on the <u>back</u> of all the pages.** *(All recipes and cakes will become the property of the Farm Show or PA State Farm Show and will not be returned.)* **EMAIL ADDRESS IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO COMPETE IN THE 2027 PA FARM SHOW.**
8. **Any cake entry that requires refrigeration after baking will NOT be accepted for food safety reasons.**
9. **Judging Criteria:**

Flavor *(aroma, taste, balance of flavoring)* **.....40 points**
Inside Characteristics *(texture & lightness)* **.....30 points**
Overall Appearance *(surface, shape, size, color)* **....20 points**
Topping, Icing, Decoration .....<u>10 points</u>
TOTAL 100 points

REMINDER

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 INSTEAD OF JESSICA).

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2026 HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE BAKING CONTEST

SPONSORED BY THE PA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

Cake, 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 ***(youth or adult)*** who is a PA resident. **One entry per person.**
2. **Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Homemade Chocolate Cake contest at any other show in 2026.**
3. Butler Farm Show exhibitors must have an exhibitor's number. Call the office after July 1st to obtain a new number or retrieve your number from previous years.
4. **Cake recipe must feature chocolate or cocoa as a main ingredient.**
5. Entry must be a **frosted, layered chocolate cake.** ***(A "layered" cake must be 2 or more individual cake layers, stacked vertically, with the layers separated by an edible filling after baking.)*** **The finished overall size of the cake, including decorations, must not exceed 12" high by 12" wide by 12" deep.**
6. **The cake and any fillings and frostings must be made from "scratch" with edible ingredients.** No pre-packaged ingredients may be used *(ex: no pre-made mixes, frosting, etc.)*. **Any decorations, if used, must be edible. No internal supports permitted** *(ex:dowel sticks, wire, glassware).*
7. **The whole cake must be submitted for judging on cardboard or other food safe disposable setting and PROPERLY COVERED. The Farm Show will not provide covers for the baked goods.**
8. **Recipe(s) listing all the ingredients, quantities, and preparation instructions must be submitted with the entry (printed on one side of an 8 ½" x 11" size paper). Entrant's name, 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 Farm Show and will not be returned.)* **EMAIL ADDRESS IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO COMPETE IN THE 2027 PA FARM SHOW.**
9. **Any cake entry that requires refrigeration after baking will NOT be accepted for food safety reasons.** *(Ex: no whipping cream, cream cheese, custards, etc.)*
10. **Judging Criteria:**

Flavor *(aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)*	**35** points
Inside Characteristics *(texture, moist and tender crumb; not soggy or dry)*	**25** points
Frosting *(taste, texture, even color)*	**20** points
Overall Appearance *(surface, shape, finished size, color)*	**15** points
Creativity	**5** points
TOTAL	**100** points

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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.

NEW FOR 2026
SPECIAL STATE CONTEST
AMERICAN 250 PA APRON CONTEST
CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT 22 SECTION 250 CLASS 1

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BUTLER FARM SHOW PRIZES:

1st - $50. 2nd - $40. 3rd - $30.
4th and 5th places will receive ribbons only.

The First Place Winner is eligible for the 2027 PA Farm Show competition.
Prizes for the 2027 PA Farm Show Winners:
1st = $250.; 2nd = $150.; 3rd = $100.;
4th = Rosette; 5th = Rosette

ENTRY DROP OFF: SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 - 1 PM - 4 PM
at the Art & Crafts/Quilts Buildings.
Late entries NOT accepted.
Use the Pit Gate (Buttercup Rd.) for drop off / pick up.

ENTRY PICK UP: SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 - 1 PM - 2 PM
Premium checks will be available at pick up
or Saturday evening, 6 - 8 PM.
(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. **Exhibitor must be a resident of Pennsylvania. One entry per person.**
2. **Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in the PA Apron Contest at any other fair in 2026.**
3. **Primary fabric should be themed material showcasing farm shows and carnivals (fair foods, contests, tents, etc.).**
4. **Apron may be a BIB apron or a HALF apron. All will be judged in one class with the winner eligible for the 2027 PA State Farm Show.**
5. **Apron must have been made in 2026.**
6. **Entries will be judged on workmanship, worth of article, appropriateness of material and design, based on the following point system:**

Overall Appearance	**25 points**
Creativity	**25 points**
Worksmanship/Suitability	**30 points**
Design/Color	**20 points**
TOTAL	**100 points**