

Department 15 – Home Products—Continued

37th Annual Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest

Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

Note: Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest at any other fair this year. If the exhibitor won 1st place at another Fair this year they are not eligible to enter this contest.

Rules:

1. Open to any individual amateur baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. The Apple Pie, including fillings and crust, must be made from scratch with edible ingredients. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used. Any decorations must be edible.
3. The entire pie must be submitted for judging in a food safe disposable pie pan. (*All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned*).
4. The pie entry and its recipes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.
5. The recipe for the pie and pie crust must be submitted with the entry. It should be submitted on one side of 8 ½"x11" paper. The recipe must list all the ingredients, quantities and the preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the **back side** of all the pages.
6. Recipe **must include at least 60% apples** in the filling. It does not need to be a "traditional" two-crust apple pie and it can have a variety of fillings.
7. Refrigeration is **NOT** available at the Fair 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.
8. The fair will certify the winning apple pie baker who will be eligible to enter their pie in the **2026 PA Farm Show** competition representing the South Mountain Fair.

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

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| • Flavor | 35 points |
| • Filling (consistency, doneness, moistness, flavor) | 25 points |
| • Crust (color, texture, doneness) | 20 points |
| • Overall Appearance (surface, shape, size, color) | 15 points |
| • Creativity | 5 points |

First place winner is eligible for the 2026 PA Farm Show competition.

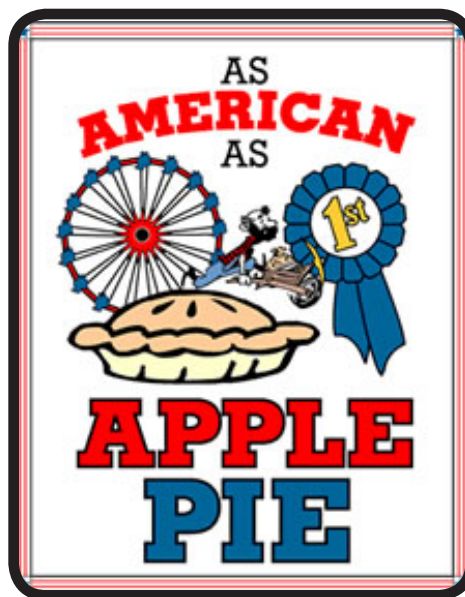
Premiums 1st Place \$25 2nd Place \$15 3rd Place \$10

Section 40 - Senior Class 1

At the PA FARM SHOW level, this contest is sponsored by:
The Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs

Premiums for the 2026 Farm Show competition:

1 st \$500	2 nd \$250	3 rd \$100
4 th Rosette Ribbon	5 th Rosette Ribbon	



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Angel Food Cake Contest

Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

**Sponsored by Pennsylvania's Egg Farmers and
Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs**

Note: Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Angel Food Cake Contest at any other fair this year. If the exhibitor won 1st place at another Fair this year they are not eligible to enter this contest.

Rules:

1. Open to any individual amateur baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. Entry must be an Angel Food cake made from "scratch". No pre-packaged ingredients may be used. All ingredients and decorations must be edible.
3. The recipe shall include eggs that were produced in Pennsylvania, if possible. Please look for the PEQAP or PA Preferred logo or PA packaging dates on the carton.
4. The entire cake must be submitted for judging on cardboard or other food safe disposable setting. *All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.*
5. **Recipe(s) listing the ingredients and the complete preparation instructions must be submitted with the entry, (printed on one side of an 8 1/2"x11" size paper). Entrant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the back of all pages. All recipes and cakes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.**
6. Refrigeration is NOT available at the Fair 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.

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

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| • Flavor(aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings) | 40 points |
| • Inside characteristics (texture and lightness) | 30 points |
| • Overall appearance (surface, shape, size, color) | 20 points |
| • Topping, Icing or Decoration | 10 points |

Premiums 1st Place \$25 2nd Place \$15 3rd Place \$10

Section 43-Senior

Class 1

First place winner is eligible for the **2026 PA Farm Show** competition.

Premiums for the **2026 PA FARM SHOW** competition

1st Place \$500 2nd Place \$250 3rd Place \$100

4th Rosette Ribbon 5th Rosette Ribbon



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Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest

Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

Sponsored by Judy Miller.

Note: Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest at any other fair this year. If the exhibitor won 1st place at another Fair this year they are not eligible to enter this contest.

Rules:

1. Open to any individual **amateur** baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. Entry must be a layered chocolate cake and the cake and all fillings and frostings must be made from “scratch” (no mixes). **All ingredients and decorations must be edible. The finished overall size of the cake, including decorations, shall not exceed 12” high by 12” wide by 12” deep.**
3. Cake recipe must feature chocolate or cocoa as a main ingredient.
4. The entire cake entry must be submitted for judging on cardboard or other food safe disposable setting. All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.
5. Recipes must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8 ½”x11” paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the complete preparation instructions for the cake entered. Entrant’s name, address and phone number must be printed on the **back** side of all the pages. All recipes and cakes will become the property of the Fair or PA FarmShow and will not be returned.
6. Refrigeration is **not** available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold or auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
7. 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

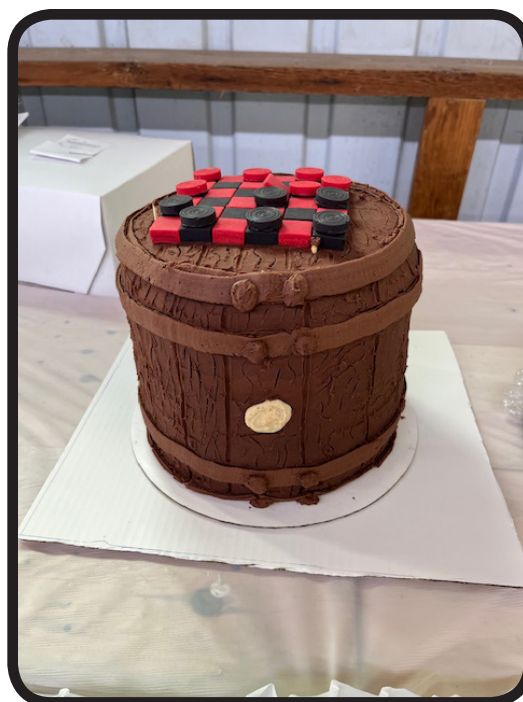
Premiums	1 st Place \$25	2 nd Place \$20	3 rd Place \$15
Section 44-Senior		Class 1	

First place winner is eligible for the 2026 PA Farm Show competition.

At the PA FARM SHOW level, this contest is sponsored by:
The Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs

Premiums for the 2026 Farm Show competition:

1 st \$500	2 nd \$250	3 rd \$100
4 th Rosette Ribbon	5 th Rosette Ribbon	



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PA Preferred™ Junior Baking Contest Cookies, Brownies and Bars

Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

Sponsored by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's PA Preferred™ program.

Note: Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Junior Baking Contest at any other fair this year. If the exhibitor won 1st place at another Fair this year they are not eligible to enter this contest.

Rules:

1. Exhibitor must be an individual amateur baker (ages 8 through 18 at the time of the fair's contest. One entry per person.
2. This contest is not just a chocolate brownie contest. Any PA Preferred™ fruits or vegetables may be used in the cookies brownies or bars. Be creative!
3. Entry must be a plate of six (6) individual sized portions of the baked entry item (cookies, brownies or bars).
4. **At least two (2) PA Preferred™ or locally produced ingredients must be used in the recipe. A PA Preferred™ logo is not required** because not all PA Preferred™ products carry the label. **The name of the ingredient and source is sufficient. Some examples of qualifying ingredients are PA Preferred™ grains such as oats or flour, butter, eggs, fruit and/or vegetables.** Contact RA-AGPAPreferred@pa.gov for assistance with qualifying ingredients.
5. Entry must be submitted for judging **on a food safe disposable setting**. All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.
6. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of an 8 ½"x11" paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the complete preparation instructions. **The name of each PA Preferred ingredient or locally produced ingredient must be clearly listed along with the source that made/grew the product** (*ex: PA Preferred Milk - Galliker's brand or Apples - McDannell's Farm Market*). **Entrant's name, age, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages.** All recipes and cookies/brownies/bars will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.
7. Refrigeration is **not** available at the Fair 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.

Judging criteria:

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| • 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 |

Premiums 1st Place \$20 2nd Place \$15 3rd Place \$10

Section 120 - Junior Class 1

First place winner is eligible for the 2026 PA Farm Show competition.

Premiums for the 2026 Farm Show competition:

1 st \$500	2 nd \$250	3 rd \$100
4 th Rosette Ribbon	5 th Rosette Ribbon	



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Gingerbread House Contest

Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

Rules:

1. Open to all youths, ages 8 through 17 years of age.
2. All exhibitors must secure an exhibitor number for a fee of \$2.00. This fee is waived if the entry is pre-registered by July 14. The General Entry Form can be found at the back of this book or on the Premium book web page at www.southmountainfair.com.
3. Houses must be presented on aluminum foil covered cardboard or thin plywood (sturdy enough to hold the display) that is no larger than 12 by 18 inches.
4. House and all decorations must be edible.
5. Judging will be based on overall appearance, construction and creativity.
6. Gingerbread Houses will **not** be sold at the auction.

Section 121 - Junior - Gingerbread House

Class	Premiums		
1 Ages 8-10	\$8.00	5.00	3.00
2 Ages 11-13	\$8.00	5.00	3.00
3 Ages 14-17	\$8.00	5.00	3.00
4 Elaine Ecker Best Gingerbread House Award	\$10.00		

